

**Maine Board of Dental Practice  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2017**

The Board meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Drs. Geraldine Schneider; Lisa Howard; Paul Dunbar; Glen Davis; Stephen Morse; Rowan Morse, Public Member; and Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA

**Board Members Absent:** Ms. Kathryn Young, LD; and Ms. Catherine Kasprak, RDH

**Also Present:** Lorraine Klug, RDH, Maine Dental Hygiene Association; Steve Collins, Lewiston Sun Journal; Adam Lee; Bonnie Vaughan, RDH, Maine Dental Hygiene Association; Dave Steuer, DMD; David Wicks, DDS; Lauren LaRoche, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

**Letter from Attorney General RE: Response to Board's Request for Re-assignment of Legal Counsel:** Attorney General Janet Mills responded to the Board's request for reassignment of legal counsel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. Morse made a motion to extend an invitation to the Attorney General to come to a meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. Dunbar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board voted to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 at 8:17 a.m. to receive legal advice from its counsel on pending complaints, and previous disciplinary action. The Board came out of executive session at 8:24 a.m.

**Complaint 16-117 - Review of Continuance Order and Amended Continuance Order:** Hearing Officer Smith was available by telephone to answer any questions the Board had. A continuance was granted to the licensee upon request, by hearing officer Rebekah Smith. The emergency suspension order that was issued to the licensee has now expired. A new notice of hearing will be issued, unless all parties can agree to a proposed consent agreement.

**Review and Approval of Practice Monitor Pursuant to Consent Agreement - Complaint Nos. 15-37, 16-46, and 16-70:** Dr. David Steuer is submitting the following names for possible practice monitors which is a requirement of his consent agreement:

- Justin Griffiee
- Nathan Oakes

**Review and Approval of Practice Monitor Pursuant to Consent Agreement -**

**Complaint Nos. 15-37, 16-46, and 16-70 (Cont'd):** Dr. Davis made a motion to accept Dr. Justin Griffiee as the practice monitor pursuant to the consent agreement. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Dunbar recused as the Complaint Officer. Letters will be sent to the licensee and practice monitor.

**Compliance/Non Compliance with Consent Agreement - Complaint Nos. 15-37, 16-46, and 16-70:** An update on this licensee's current amended consent agreements:

- 1<sup>st</sup> amendment consent agreement was entered into in order to correct an unachievable part of monitoring (i.e. nitrous oxide testing);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment consent agreement was to clarify the practice monitor requirement, and addressed non-compliance with issues involving the licensee's reporting requirements for November and December 2016 as it relates to counseling;

The licensee again failed to provide notification to the Board in advance of an appointment that could not be made for the month of January 2017. The licensee is requesting an amendment to the consent agreement regarding the frequency of his meetings with his counselor. The agreement currently reads that he is required to meet at least once per week with his counselor.

- Counseling Meetings – Dr. Davis made a motion to amend the consent agreement to require a minimum of two meetings per month with his counselor, and any decrease in that amount would require pre-approval by the Board. The licensee is still obligated to notify the Board in advance if he is unable to meet this requirement, and not doing so would result in an immediate license suspension. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Dunbar recused as the Complaint Officer. The Board also requested that the amended agreement allow for the Board to request certain patient records for review at its discretion.
- Continuing Education – Dr. Steuer submitted documentation showing that he completed several courses regarding prescription writing for pain management in order to comply with his consent agreement dated November 18, 2016. Dr. Morse made a motion to approve the courses taken in compliance with the consent agreement. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Dunbar recused as the Complaint Officer.

**NPDB Report – Revocation of Clinical Privileges – Date of Action 1/25/2017:** The information was accepted as an FYI.

**Eastern Maine Medical Center Notification Pursuant to 24 M.R.S. § 2506:** The information was accepted as an FYI.

**Application for Dental License – Dr. Romani Nashid:** Following review of the application materials, Dr. Davis made a motion to grant a dental license to Dr. Nashid. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Application for Dental License – Dr. Angela Hastings:** The Board entered executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 at 9:58 a.m. to discuss confidential information regarding the application for licensure. They came out of executive session at 10:03 a.m. Following their review of the materials received, Dr. Davis made a motion to grant a dental license to Dr. Hastings. Dr. Dunbar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Application for Dental Radiography License – Sabrina Gagnon:** Following review of the application materials, Dr. Dunbar made a motion to grant a dental radiography license to Ms. Gagnon. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis; both motions were withdrawn. Dr. Dunbar made a motion stating that the dental radiography course and examination offered at the University of New England (UNE) is adequate and would qualify an applicant for a Maine dental radiography license. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Foster made a motion to approve the application for licensure for Ms. Gagnon. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Application for Renewal of General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permit – Jan Kippax, DMD:** Dr. Davis made a motion to table the renewal application. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A communication will be sent to the licensee.

**Request to Table Application for Moderate Parenteral Sedation – Genko Stanilov, DMD:** Dr. Stanilov requested that the Board table his application for a moderate parenteral sedation permit, in lieu of denying it, in order to allow him to obtain the additional education needed that was not included in his initial education as it relates to pediatric sedation cases. Based on the new information presented, the Board voted to withdraw its previous motion to preliminarily deny the application, and to instead table his application until an amendment of his application is received. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. His letter will also inform him that it may be beneficial to seek pre-approval from the Board for any course he is considering, and that the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA) or perhaps Dental Oral Conscious Sedation (DOCS) may offer a pediatric parenteral sedation course.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Legislative Updates – Ms. Vaillancourt did not have any legislation to report to the Board at this time, but is continuing to monitor the bills that are being presented. She did relay that the Maine Dental Association has a listing of continuing education courses relating to the opioid crisis which will satisfy the requirement for dentists who prescribe needing to obtain three hours of continuing education prior to license renewal.
- Rulemaking Updates: Ms. Vaillancourt reminded the members that the public comment period for proposed rule, chapter 14 will end on March 13<sup>th</sup>. All comments will be presented to Board at its April meeting.
- Phase II Review – Ad Hoc Committee Update: A letter will be drafted for the Board's review as a result of the Ad Hoc Committee meetings held. A letter will also be sent to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development requesting that the Board have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to submit their final report.
- Board Investigator/Inspector Position: There are five candidates who will be scheduled for an interview in the next few weeks.
- Adjudicatory Hearing Update: Ms. Vaillancourt reported that there will be hearings scheduled before the Board over the next few months.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson  
Executive Secretary