

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Board Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2017**

The Board meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Drs. Geraldine Schneider; Lisa Howard; Stephen Morse; Ms. Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; Ms. Kathryn Young, LD; and Ms. Rowan Morse, Public Member

Also Present: Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Andrew Black, Assistant Attorney General; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Complaint 17-45:

New information came into the Board regarding non-compliance with the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program monitoring agreement, as well as practice information as reported by the dental hygienist working at the licensee's practice location.

The Board voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(F) for the purposes of discussing confidential medical information. The motion was made by Ms. Kathryn Young and seconded by Ms. Nancy Foster. Vote: 5-1 (Dr. Morse recused.)

The Board voted to come out of Executive Session. The motion was made by Ms. Nancy Foster and seconded by Ms. Kathryn Young. Vote: 5-1 (Dr. Morse recused.)

After review and discussion of the materials provided, the Board voted to order the licensee to undergo an evaluation to determine whether the licensee may be suffering from the use of intoxicants or drugs to an extent that they are preventing the licensee from practicing dentistry competently and with safety to patients.

The evaluation must be performed by an evaluator pre-approved by the Board's Complaint Committee. The licensee is required to notify the Board of the date and time of the appointment within seven days of the Board's order. The evaluation must be within 30 days of the receipt of the order, with the caveat that if the licensee is unable to obtain an appointment within the 30 day period, the evaluator must inform the Board, in writing, that no appointment is available within the 30 day period.

The Board will extend the timeframe to 60 days to undergo the evaluation if the Board receives such a communication from the evaluator within thirty days of your receipt of

the order. The evaluation will be completed at the licensee's expense, with a copy of the written evaluation and any recommendations for treatment submitted to this office by the evaluator within seven days of the evaluation. The evaluation must include an assessment of whether the licensee is currently experiencing a psychological condition or disorder and/or a substance abuse condition or disorder that adversely affects your ability to practice dentistry in a safe and competent manner.

The motion was made by Ms. Nancy Foster and seconded by Ms. Rowan Morse. Vote: 4-2 (Dr. Schneider recused as complaint officer; Dr. Morse recused.)

The Board also voted to notify the licensee that failure to comply with the Board's order to submit to a mental or physical examination may result in the immediate suspension of licensure by order of the District Court until you submit to the examination pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 18323(9).

The motion was made by Ms. Nancy Foster and seconded by Dr. Lisa Howard. Vote: 4-2 (Dr. Schneider recused as complaint officer; Dr. Morse recused.)

Ms. Kathryn Young left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Vaillancourt
Executive Director