

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Specialty Review Committee

MINUTES

Dates: November 1, 2018

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
150 Suncrest Towne Centre Drive
Morgantown, WV 26505

Members Present: C. Richard Gerber, DDS, Board President
Samuel V. Veltri, DDS, Board Secretary
Stanley W. Kaczkowski, DDS
Charles L. Smith, DDS

Staff Present: Ms. Betty J. Adkins, Board Counsel
Mrs. Susan M. Combs, Executive Secretary
Mr. Evan M. Dewey, Administrative Assistant

The Board President, Dr. Gerber, determined this meeting was properly noticed with the Secretary of State's office and a sufficient number of committee members were in attendance to constitute a quorum. The quorum was determined by the presence of Dr. Veltri, Dr. Kaczkowski and Dr. Smith. Therefore, the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Dentistry's Specialty Review Committee was called to order.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and review national dental specialty changes for possible recommendations for changes to the Board's statutes or rules. Other documents relied upon for this meeting, include, but are not limited to, other states statutes and rules.

The following proposal of language to request legislature to add to the dental practice act in regards to recognized dental specialties was as follows:

1. The Board of Dentistry may issue a dental specialty license authorizing a dentist to represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, and to practice as a specialist, in a dental specialty.

2. No dentist shall represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, nor practice as a specialist, unless the individual:

a. has successfully completed a Board recognized dental specialty/advanced education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

b. holds a general dental license in this state, and

c. has completed any additional requirements set forth in state law or rules and has been

issued a dental specialty license by the Board.

3. Specialties recognized by the Board shall include:

a. Dental public health, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of one full-time academic year of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

b. Endodontics, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

c. Oral and maxillofacial surgery, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of three full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

d. Oral and maxillofacial radiology, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

e. Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency. In addition, any applicant for an orthodontic and dentofacial orthopedic specialty certificate commencing on July 1, 2014, shall submit verification of successful completion of the American Board of Orthodontics written examination.

f. Pediatric dentistry, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

g. Periodontics, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

h. Prosthodontics, in order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

i. Oral pathology. In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship or residency.

3. The licensee shall limit his or her practice of dentistry only to the specialty in which he or she is licensed and in which he or she holds himself or herself out to the public as a specialist.

a. The licensee shall limit his or her listing in the telephone directory to the specialties in which he or she has an office or offices.

4. The limitation of practice is removed for purposes of volunteering services in organized health clinics and at charitable events.

Also, definitions were presented as updated by the American Dental Association for the specialties listed in the proposal. Should the Board obtain legislative sponsors for any proposed changes requested by the Board, a determination could be made whether to include the updated definitions in statute or keep them in rule and update them accordingly.

After discussions the committee would recommend this proposal to the full Board during their meeting on November 2, 2018. At this time the committee meeting adjourned.