

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

Dates: October 26 & 27, 2023

Location: The Blennerhassett Hotel
320 Market Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Members Present: William A. Klenk, DDS, Secretary
David G. Edwards, DDS
C. Richard Gerber, DDS
Gina M. Sharps, MPH, BSDH
Don E. Skaff, DDS (10/27)
S. Vincent Veltri, DDS

Staff Present: Mrs. Susan M. Combs, Executive Director

Board Counsel Present: Ms. Joanne Vella, Assistant Attorney General (10/26)

Members Absent: John E. Bogers, DDS
Kimberly A. Lowe, RDA
Terry L. Coatney, Citizen Member

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The Complaint Committees met to review complaints and disciplinary matters with no decisions or votes being made.

The Board's Secretary and Acting President, Dr. Klenk, determined this meeting was properly noticed with the Secretary of State's office and a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum. The quorum was determined by the presence of five Board members. Therefore, the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order.

The next order of business were the minutes from the July & September meetings. Upon motion by Dr. David G. Edwards, and properly seconded by Dr. C. Richard Gerber, and unanimously passing the minutes were approved.

The next order of business was a presentation by CE Broker. The Board will look into the logistics of this program at a later time and get back with them.

The next order of business was the resignation of Dr. Lewis D. Gilbert and the appointment of Dr. Don E. Skaff, which was taken for information purposes only. At this time Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion to appoint Dr. Skaff as Chairman on the Anesthesia Committee. Mrs. Gina

Sharps seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the general legislative discussion. The Board reviewed the modified version of 5CSR10 - Access of the Controlled Substance Monitoring Program rules, which was taken for information purposes.

The next order of business was a discussion concerning regional boards and representation. There were no reports at this time.

The next order of business was Guidance to Physicians Considering Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, which was taken for information purposes.

The next order of business were the actions taken during the Summer of 2023 by The Commission on Dental Accreditation, which were taken for information purposes.

The next order of business were the Board of Risk and Insurance Management related safety requirements, wherein provided safety documentation were reviewed.

The next order of business were the financial and PCard reports with all members having the ability to review the Pcard logs. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion to accept the financial and PCard reports as distributed. Dr. David G. Edwards seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

At this time the Acting President announced the need for an Executive Session to consider matters under provisions contained in Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, not limited to, but primarily for those contained in Subsection (4) concerning personnel issues. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion to go into Executive Session, Dr. David G. Edwards seconded the motion, which unanimously passed. Thereafter, the Board came back into general session upon motion by Dr. David G. Edwards, properly seconded by Dr. S. Vincent Veltri, and unanimously passing.

The next order of business was a discussion of an In-House Counsel. The Board will continue to look for someone to fill this position as a temporary employee.

The next order of business was a review of both proposed Dentist & Dental Hygienist Licensure Compacts by the Nation Center for Interstate Compacts and the American Association of Dental Boards. Mrs. Gina Sharps made a motion to reiterate the previous statement made by the Board on the Compact presented by National Center for Interstate Compacts and make it plural for both compacts. The statement will read as follows: The Board will take facts on the compacts into consideration and delay decision on support of participation until the compacts have been in operation for a period of time. The Board has reservations concerning the clinical assessment language, legal ramifications of interstate commerce and financial and budgetary concerns. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri seconded the motions, which unanimously passed.

The next order of business was a presentation by The Central Regional Dental Testing

Service concerning their CARE Program, which is a comprehensive remediation and re-education for state boards and individual licensees or students for both dentists and dental hygienists. After a review of the program, the Board will keep it in mind should their services fit any future matters before the Board.

The next order of business were newsletters and publications from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; National Practitioner Data Bank, OSAP (Organization for Safety & Asepsis Procedures); West Virginia Board of Dentistry; West Virginia Board of Dentistry Annual Report; and West Virginia Dental Association. All newsletters and publications were taken for information purposes only.

The next order of business was a review of the Dental Recovery Network Performance Measures, which were taken for information purposes.

The next order of business were future meetings, which included the CDCAWREBCITA virtual meeting in January 2024; Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners in January 2024; WV Dental Association meetings in January 2024; and the WV Board of Dentistry Calendar.

The next order of business was an update on the licensing software development contract with GL Solutions and the dental workforce survey. We recently completed the projects to add the survey questions on the renewal forms online and on paper, which was in cooperation with the WV Oral Health Program. Currently we are working on a project on entering the non-surgical laser therapy certifications into the back-end of the system for each individual record. Future possible projects will include adding the ability to request and pay for rosters on the Board's website, and an online complaint form.

The next order of business were the Oral Health Workforce Reports by The National Institutes for Health and The US Department of Health & Human Services, which was taken for information purposes.

The next order of business was a short discussion concerning the rules regarding non-surgical laser therapy, with no actions taken.

At this time the President announced the need for an Executive Session to consider matters under provisions contained in Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, not limited to, but primarily for those contained in Subsections (4) and (6), specifically to review applications for licensure, complaints, and investigations. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion to go into Executive Session. Dr. C. Richard Gerber seconded the motion, which unanimously passed. Thereafter, the Board came back into general session upon motion by Dr. David G. Edwards, properly seconded by Dr. S. Vincent Veltri, and unanimously passing.

The next order of business was the consideration of recommendations by the complaint committees of the Board as well as the Consent offered in 2020-DB-0020D. Upon motion by Mrs. Gina Sharps, and properly seconded by Dr. S. Vincent Veltri, and unanimously passed, the Board approved the committee recommendations and the offered Consent.

The next order of business was an application for reinstatement of a dental license submitted by Dr. Antoine E. Skaff. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion to deny the reinstatement of license. Dr. C. Richard Gerber seconded the motion, which unanimously passed. The applicant will be notified of the denial by Order of the Board, which will be signed by the President.

At this time the Board recessed until tomorrow morning.

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Dr. Klenk called the meeting to Order and announced the need for an Executive Session to consider matters under provisions contained in Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, not limited to, but primarily for those contained in Subsections (4) and (6). Specifically to interview applicants for licensure. Upon motion by Dr. C. Richard Gerber, and properly seconded by Mrs. Gina Sharps and unanimously passed, the Board went into executive session. Thereafter, the Board came back into general session upon motion by Dr. C. Richard Gerber, properly seconded by Dr. David G. Edwards, and unanimously passing.

The next order of business was application number 2023-125 for dental licensure. Dr. David G. Edwards made a motion to offer the applicant a teaching permit. Dr. C. Richard Gerber seconded the motion, which unanimously passed. The applicant will be notified of the offer of a teaching permit.

In order to interview the next applicant, the Board went back into an Executive Session. Mrs. Gina Sharps made the motion, which was properly seconded by Dr. David G. Edwards and unanimously passed. Thereafter, the Board came back into general session upon motion by Mrs. Gina Sharps, properly seconded by Dr. David G. Edwards, and unanimously passing.

The next order of business was application number 2023-002 for hygiene licensure. Dr. David G. Edwards made a motion the Board issue a license to practice hygiene to the applicant. Mrs. Gina Sharps seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

The next order of business was a motion to adjourn by Dr. David G. Edwards. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 12 & 13, 2024, at The Embassy Suites, Charleston, West Virginia.