



## MINNESOTA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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### LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE (OPEN SESSION)

Friday October 3, 2014

12:30 p.m.

**Chairperson:**

Nancy Kearns, DH

**Committee members:**

Allen Rasmussen, BS, MS

Steven Sperling, DDS

**Committee members absent:**

Joan Sheppard, DDS

**Public Attendees:**

Todd Thierer, DDS; U of M

**Board Staff in Attendance:**

Joyce Nelson, LDA, CDA; Director of Licensing.

**Discussion of Canadian Dental Hygienists and NDEB:**

The Board of Dentistry has had for year's reciprocity in accepting the Canadian written dental hygiene boards in lieu of a clinical exam. The Canadian DH applicant must still successfully pass the American written boards, and the state jurisprudence exam.

The Committee discussed bringing forward a motion to the full Board regarding Statute and Rule changes that would allow our Board to accept the Canadian DH exams in lieu of our American written Boards and then require the DH applicants to participate and successfully pass a Board approved patient-based clinical exam, in order to apply for licensure.

The committee discussed and passed a motion to forward to the Full Board regarding dental hygiene patient-based clinical examinations and the Canadian reciprocity issue.

Nancy will work with Kathy Johnson on drafting some language for the October 24, 2014 Board meeting.

**Permission from BOD for out of state IED residents of Specialty programs:**

The Board staff has received several requests from out of state foreign dentists who have completed specialty training. The dentists are requesting that the Minnesota Board of Dentistry provide them with a letter permitting them to sit for a clinical exam.

1 The Committee discussed changing Statutory language that would remove the allowance for any  
2 applicant applying for Specialty licensure to apply based on passing a clinical exam, and just  
3 make it a requirement that they be Board certified, through a Specialty Board that our Board of  
4 Dentistry recognizes.

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6 The Committee discussed that they would have reciprocity with the Canadian Specialty Boards.

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8 The Committee determined to table this discussion and bring it forward again at their next open  
9 session. Ms. Kearns invited all in attendance to look at all of the various applicants the Committee  
10 has interviewed in the past for this type of a license and try to identify any whom would be  
11 impacted negatively by a change in this Statutory language.

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13 Ms. Kearns closed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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15 Reviewed by:

16 Nancy Kearns DH  
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18 Chair of Licensure and Credentials Committee

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