

Minnesota Board of Dentistry

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Licensing and Credential Committee Open Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 18, 2025 9:00am

Call to Order

Dr. Nolting, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Board Members Present

Frederick "Rick" Nolting, D.D.S.

Trina Courtright, ADT, DH Linda Gustafson, Public Member **Board Staff Present**

Jenn Lindsey, Licensing Admin Assistant Brian Cochran, Assistant Director

Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:

Hearing no changes or additions, Dr. Nolting motioned to approve the past meeting minutes as distributed.

RESULT: Motion Passed

New Business:

a. TOEFL Variance Request:

Ahmed Hassanien

MOTION: Trina Courtright made a motion that the Committee grant the variance to Rule 3100.1130 subpart 1(A) (3) and allow Dr. Hassanien to pursue limited general dental (LGL) licensure without having to retake the TOEFL examination.

SECOND: Dr. Nolting

VOTE: (2) Favor (1) Abstain [Gustafson]

RESULT: Motion Passed



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b. Limited Radiology Registration (LRR) Variance Request:

Oleksandr Sheiko

MOTION: Linda Gustafson made a motion that the Committee grant the variance to Rule 3100.1320 subpart 1C and allow Mr. Sheiko to submit his Limited Radiology Registration (LRR) application without having to complete a board-approved radiology course.

SECOND: Trina Courtright VOTE: Unanimous RESULT: Motion Passed

c. Nitrous Oxide Variance Request

Brandon Griffith, DH

MOTION: Dr. Nolting made a motion that the Committee grant the variance to Rule 3100.3600 subpart 14 (C) (2) and allow Mr. Griffith to submit his Nitrous Oxide application without having to complete a CODA accredited nitrous oxide course that meets Minnesota requirements.

SECOND: Trina Courtright

VOTE: (2) Favor (1) Opposed [Gustafson]

RESULT: Motion Passed

d. CODA Variance Request [Dental Hygiene]:

Usama Ahmed Haji Abdullahi

MOTION: Trina Courtright made a motion that the Committee grant the variance to Rule 3100.1400 subpart 1c (C) allow Mr. Abdullahi to submit his dental hygiene licensure via credentials application without having to complete a CODA accredited dental hygiene program.

Mr. Abdullahi must complete and pass the TOEFL examination prior to applying for dental hygiene licensure via credentials.

SECOND: Dr. Nolting
VOTE: Unanimous
RESULT: Motion Passed



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Meeting was adjourned at 9:12am

Frederick "Rick" Nolting, D.D.S., Committee Chair

05/23/2025

Date