

Public Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2022

8:00 am

Open WebEx/Teleconference Meeting

No-in-person public attendees due to social distancing for COVID-19

Call to Order

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Board Members Present

Hassan Ismail, DDS, President
Heidi Donnelly, LDA, Vice President
Ruth Dahl, Secretary
Ranier Adarve, DMD
Connie Bye
Priscilla Flynn, DH, DrPH, MPH
Ashley Johnson, DMD
Terry Klampe, DDS
P. Angela Rake, DDS

Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Deb Endly, Compliance Officer
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Mary Liesch, Investigator Senior
Joyce Nelson, Director of Licensing
Thamyr Golafaie, Admin. Specialist Licensing &
Credentialing
Mary Luecke, Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to approve the January 14, 2022 Public Board Meeting Agenda with the additions of travel authorizations; and consideration of an extension for BLS, ACLS, CPR and PALS. Connie Bye second.

VOTE: For: 9
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Agenda Approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 8, 2021 Public Board Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Seating of New Officers

The following 2022 officers were sworn in:

- Hassan Ismail, DDS, as President
- Heidi Donnelly, LDA, as Vice President
- Ruth Dahl as Board Secretary

2022 Committee Assignments were announced.

Professional Association and Dental Education Reports

- **Minnesota Dental Association (MDA)** – no written report submitted. Hanna Nguyen-Dao reported on behalf of Executive Director Carmelo Cinqueonce. MDA is preparing for the 2022 legislative session and upcoming meetings including the Star of the North April 28 – 30, 2022.
- **Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association (MnDHA)** – no written report submitted. Jeanne Anderson reported on upcoming meetings including Day at the Capitol.
- **Minnesota Dental Assistants Association (MnDAA)** – no report submitted.
- **Minnesota Dental Hygiene Educators Association (MDHEA)** – no report submitted.
- **Minnesota Dept of Health Oral Health Program** – no report submitted.
- **Minnesota Educators of Dental Assistants (MEDA)** – a written report was included in the packet.
- **Metropolitan State University** – no report submitted.
- **Normandale Community College** – no report submitted.
- **Minnesota Dental Therapy Association (MDTA)** – no report submitted.
- **Minnesota Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (MSOMS)** – no report submitted.
- **University of Minnesota School of Dentistry** – a written report was included in the packet.
- **American Student Dental Association** – no report submitted.
- **Central Region Dental Testing Service** – no written report submitted. Kim Laudenslager reported on upcoming meetings.

Executive Director's Report

Bridgett Anderson reported and discussed:

- Board staff are settled in at the new building located at 335 Randolph Avenue in St. Paul. Most staff continue remote work, while some staff rotate into the office. Much of the Board's work is performed using paperless systems and there has been no interruption in service. The building is not open to the public at this time.
- Managers Financial Report.
- The development timeline for the new data base has been delayed due to changes in business analyst support on the Salesforce development team at MNIT, but the project continues to move forward.
- Rulemaking is in process and anticipated to be published in the State Register by March 2022. Among other items, the new rules contain changes to professional development and allow for limited radiology registration. The University of Minnesota has been approved to provide a radiology course for individuals to qualify for limited radiology registration. Other programs are encouraged to submit course information to the Board for consideration if they choose to develop courses.

- The Dental Assistant State Licensure Exam (DASLE) project is underway and coordinated work will continue with the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) for development, application, and administration. DANB has experience with testing dental assistants throughout the country. The test being created will include expanded functions allowed in Minnesota. A team of subject matter experts has been formed including representatives from the Minnesota Educators of Dental Assistants (MEDA); a practicing dental assistant; a practicing dentist; Board Executive Director, and the Board's dental assistant board member, Heidi Donnelly. The team will begin meeting in February with an evaluation of current DASLE examination questions.
- The Board's winter newsletter will be distributed in January.
- In anticipation of the approaching peak licensure season, educators are asked to communicate the importance of pre-application so graduating students can complete criminal background checks well in advance of graduation.
- Several legislative initiatives are being put forth by the Board in the 2021-22 legislative session. The Board reviewed language for licensure by credentials for dental therapy and determined to continue discussion in an open session of the Licensure and Credentials Committee next Friday. Additional language was reviewed for fees and restorative functions.

CPR Extension

MOTION: P. Angela Rake made a motion to extend the variance for BLS, ACLS, CPR and PALS until July 31, 2022. Heidi Donnelly second.

VOTE:	For:	9
	Opposed:	0
RESULT:	Motion passed.	

The Board will evaluate at the July 8, 2022 board meeting.

Board Staff Reports

Licensing Reports – Joyce Nelson indicated a written report was included in the packet.

Practitioner Review Committee Reports – Mary Liesch referenced the written report included in the packet.

Board Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee** – P. Angela Rake referenced the written report included in the packet. She reported the Committee met in December 2021 and completed Executive Director Bridgett Anderson's annual performance review. The review is conducted

during the fourth quarter of every calendar year and includes performance evaluations from board members, staff, and colleagues with similar positions in state government.

Motion by P. Angela Rake, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that the Board:

1. Affirm the performance review of the executive director has been successfully completed for 2022; and
2. Affirm that the performance of the executive director has been exceptional in every respect including without limitation the following:
 1. She has effectively managed the staff and financial resources allocated to the Board of Dentistry by statute.
 2. She has effectively communicated with and developed beneficial relationships with board members and stakeholders within the dental community.
 3. She has developed and made progress toward a long-term strategy for the Board of Dentistry.
 4. She has carried out all her duties in an ethical and professional manner at all times.

VOTE: For: 9
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed.

- **Sedation Committee** – no report.
- **Allied Dental Education Committee** – no report.
- **Jurisprudence and Professional Development Committee** – Bridgett Anderson reported the Committee will meet in March to discuss if the Jurisprudence Exam needs updates.
- **Policy Committee** – Chair Hassan Ismail referenced the written report included in the packet.
- **Licensure and Credential Committee** – no report.
- **Clinical Licensure and Exam Committee** – no report.
- **HPSP** – A written report was included in the packet.

Presentations

Apple Tree Dental Residency Program

CEO of Apple Tree Dental Dr. Mike Helgeson and AEGD Residency Site Director Dr. Teresa Johnson reported on advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) programs available through Apple Tree Dental. They discussed the importance of the rural residency program to expose dental graduates to working in a rural community and building general dentists who can meet patient needs with fewer nearby specialists.

HealthPartners Residency Program

Dr. Todd Thierer of HealthPartners Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program reported on the experience with their integrated oral health delivery system. The Program supports knowledge and skills dentists need to be successful. One focus is to expand the number of public programs patients served and offer access to high-quality, affordable care.

Unlock the Power of the Vagus Nerve

Yvonne Posey, RDH, presented solutions for overcoming patient dental anxiety. She discussed the patient's nervous system response to what has happened to them along with methods to counter trauma. Examples of helpful signals of safety include gentle eye contact, genuine smiles, safe touch and authenticity.

Interstate Compacts 101

Mathew Shafer of the Council of State Governments (CSG) reported the organization serves branches of government with policy research and resource development. The organization has a national council for interstate compacts which helps states develop and enact agreements. He provided an overview of current interstate compacts and highlighted each compact is unique with many models in use. Interstate compacts can aid in cooperatively addressing shared problems; maintaining sovereignty over state issues; improving public health and safety; responding to national priorities as a group; and facilitating multistate practice. Benefits of a compact include increased mobility and ability to leverage tele-practice.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- a. Dr. Zayed Al Bodour International Dentist Appeal was postponed to a future meeting per his request.

- b. Wavier of Exams Request – Dr. Khushboo Arora

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to grant a waiver of NDEB written exams for Dr. Khushboo Arora to allow application for initial license by exam. Ashley Johnson second.

VOTE:	For:	9
	Opposed:	0
RESULT:	Motion passed.	

- c. Travel Authorizations

Heidi Donnelly made a motion to approve travel authorizations for Dr. Klampe to attend a Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) Examination meeting for observation Spring – Summer 2022; and Bridgett Anderson to attend the April 2022 American Dental Assistants Association (AADA) Annual meeting in Chicago. Connie Bye second.

VOTE: For: 9
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed.

Licenses for Ratification – Heidi Donnelly made a motion to approve the licenses for ratification and reinstatement. Connie Bye second.

VOTE: For: 9
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed.

Licenses for Reinstatement – Heidi Donnelly made a motion to approve the licenses for reinstatement. Connie Bye second.

VOTE: For: 9
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

Announcements
None

Adjourn
The Board agreed unanimously to adjourn at 11:05 am.

Reviewed by: Hassan Ismail
Hassan Ismail, DDS, Board President

April 8, 2022
Date