

## Public Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020

2:00 pm

Board of Dentistry Conference Room

Open WebEx/Teleconference Meeting

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

### Call to Order

Dr. Rake, called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

### Board Members Present by phone

Dr. P. Angela Rake, President  
Dr. Hassan Ismail, Vice President  
Ms. Ruth Dahl, Secretary  
Ms. Christy Jo Fogarty  
Dr. Ranier Adarve  
Ms. Heidi Donnelly  
Dr. Terry Klampe

### Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director (In person)  
Joyce Nelson, Director of Licensing (By phone)  
Diane Anderson, Complaint Analyst (By phone)  
Deb Endly, Compliance Officer (By phone)  
Mary Liesch, Investigator Senior (By Phone)  
Thamyr Obas, Administrative Assistant (By phone)  
Mary Luecke, Administrative Assistant (By phone)

Dr. Rake announced there would not be public comment at this meeting due to the nature of the teleconference call and difficulties in facilitating. She asked that public phone attendees, who wish to be acknowledged, email Bridgett Anderson noting their attendance. The Board's goal is to help patients in returning to normal dental care while dealing with the pandemic and help dental professionals have the appropriate tools.

### Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Dahl made a motion to approve the April 7, 2020 Public Board Meeting Agenda. Ms. Fogarty second.

VOTE:	For:	7
	Opposed:	0
RESULT:	Motion passed.	

### **New Business**

a. Ford Waiver Variance Request

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion to grant the Dr. Jane Ford, DDS, Waiver of Exam Petition for both clinical and written boards, per Minnesota Statute 150A.06, subdivision 3(a), in pursuit of being allowed to apply for initial license by exam. Ms. Donnelly second.

VOTE:	For:	7
	Opposed:	0

RESULT: Motion passed.

b. Jablonski Waiver Variance Request

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion to grant the Melissa Jablonski, LDA, (A8521 Terminated) Waiver of requirement to pass the Jurisprudence Exam within 12 months and optical exam due the COVID 19 crisis. Ms. Donnelly second.

VOTE: For: 7  
Opposed: 0  
RESULT: Motion passed.

c. Bridgett Anderson reported the Board of Dentistry and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), continue to provide updates. Board staff continue to fully function and provide all services with a combination of telecommuting and in-office hours.

Fingerprinting for Criminal Background Checks has been waived for initial licensure during the COVID 19 emergency and applicants will need to provide fingerprints by a date which will be determined after the peacetime emergency. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension continues to provide background check information using applicant names and birth dates.

On April 6, 2020 the governor issued an Emergency Executive Order 20-28 waiving the Board of Dentistry waive late fees for renewal applications, set forth in Minnesota Statutes 2019, sections 150A.09 and 150A.091, for licenses that expire during the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

d. The Board previously considered a rule variance for licensees who will terminate in March and April 2020 due to failure to renew. Executive Director Anderson reported the Board is self-funded and not able to sustain operations without the financial support of renewal fees.

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion to rescind the previous emergency rule variance extending termination of licenses due to failure to renew to September 1, 2020. Ms. Dahl second.

VOTE: For: 7  
Opposed: 0  
RESULT: Motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion for an emergency rule variance to postpone termination for individuals with financial hardships that prevent them from renewal of licenses set to terminate in April or May 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

VOTE: For: 7  
Opposed: 0  
RESULT: Motion passed.

- e. Board members discussed the national postponement of licensing exams. Bridgett Anderson reported testing centers for the written exams will be opening with social distancing requirements so the Jurisprudence and DASLE will be available. The concern is for students required to take clinical exams including dental hygiene, therapy and dentistry.

Options are being explored including students testing with non-patient clinical exams with the use of the CDCA CompeDont method. Another consideration is students who have passed the mannekin. exam, written CDCA exam and completed all clinical hours. CODA is currently discussing how to address the issue that schools may not have patients available for testing due to social distancing requirements. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

The MN Student Dental Association has requested consideration of the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE). The Board will meet to discuss the issue at a future meeting and invite Dr. Mills from the University of Minnesota to speak. Dr. Mills is currently a working committee member of the National DLOSCE Committee. Testing for other allied health professions is also being considered.

Dr. Klampe reported the American Dental Association (ADA) will provide a webinar regarding the DLOSCE and recommended the Board view the webinar and discuss at a future meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Klampe made a motion that the Board participate as soon as possible in the ADA sponsored webinar regarding the DLOSCE. Dr. Ismail second.

VOTE:                    For:                    7  
                                  Opposed:            0  
RESULT:                Motion passed.

Announcements

A teleconference meeting will be scheduled and posted.

Adjourn

Motion by Dr. Klampe and the Board agreed unanimously to adjourn at 2:45 pm.



Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
P. Angela Rake, DDS, Board President

July 10, 2020

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Date