

Licensing and Credentials
Open Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday July 15, 2019
12:30 p.m.
Board Conference Room
Phone #: 1-888-742-5095
Conference Code: 8676021058

Call to Order

Dr. Ebert, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Carl Ebert, DDS
Christy Jo Fogarty, ADT, DH

Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Joyce Nelson, Director of Licensing
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst

Others in Attendance (Per sign in sheet)

Dick Diercks, Park Dental
Karl Self, DDS – U of M

Approval of Draft Agenda

The draft agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The June 24th, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed.

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion to approve the past meeting minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Dr. Ebert
RESULT: Motion Passed. Minutes approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business

a. Statutes/Rules change for display of licenses/certificates:

The Committee continued their discussion of possible Statute changes to no longer require display of both licenses and certificates in dental offices.

Ms. Anderson reminded the Committee that this is burdensome to the licensees, especially those who work in large group practices, and that the renewal certificate already provides both issue and renewal dates.

She suggested language that would require display of a Board issued certificate only, and this way the Board can also look into possibly providing an electronic version in the future.

Additionally, the language would change regarding the “wallet-sized (mini) license” and the Board would require this only for volunteer licensees, since they are not issued a license or renewal certificate.

MOTION: Dr. Ebert made a motion to direct Ms. Anderson to draft language for this change and bring it back to Committee at their September open meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Fogarty seconded the motion.

VOTE:
For: 2
Opposed: 0

RESULT: Motion carries.

b. Statute change for administrative penalty fee- practicing without a license:

The Committee continued discussion on the topic of adding language in Statute to administratively charge a penalty fee, for anyone who is found to be practicing without a license. This fee could be applied administratively to the supervising dentist, for allowing this violation. This would replace having the PRC staff open a complaint.

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion to direct staff to work on creating draft language for this change and bring back to the Committee at their September open meeting

SECOND: Dr. Ebert seconded the motion.

VOTE:
For: 2
Opposed: 0

RESULT: Motion carries.

New Business

a. FCSA (Foreign Credentials Service of America)

Mr. Robert Watkins, representative of the educational evaluating company FCSA, presented before the Committee. He was contacted by Ms. Anderson to share information on how his company could assist with evaluations for foreign trained dentists seeking licensure in MN. Mr. Watkins explained that the company has been in business for more than 40 years and that the CEO, Mr. Bill Paver is very familiar with providing evaluating services for other professional boards, such as Pharmacy, Chiropractic and Physical Therapy regulatory boards.

He confirmed that the company can work to customize the evaluation to reflect whatever is relative to the Committee's review process. He explained that FCSA does obtain transcripts through primary source and has several translators on staff that they utilize.

The Committee directed staff to contact Mr. Paver to determine how they would obtain a sampling of an evaluation. They expressed interest in company's services, but wished to confirm a few details, such as cost.

b. Clinical Waiver request – Dr. James Lee

The Committee addressed a waiver request from Dr. Lee. His background is that he is foreign trained in the UK, and has graduated from the U of M's Prosthodontic residency. He has passed the written portion of his American Boards, but won't be scheduled for the case presentation until next year. He has not passed American Written Boards or a Board approved clinical exam. He is asking for a waiver from both exams, in order for him to apply for a license by exam or Specialty license.

The Committee agreed that Dr. Lee does not qualify for initial licensure by exam or for a general license, based on his foreign training. They did agree to waive his National Boards, and give him permission to sit for a clinical patient based exam, that is Board approved. After passing exams, he would be subject to the Specialty by Credentials process.

c. Clinical Waiver request – Natalia Sitnikov

Ms. Sitnikov is a Dental Hygienist who is requesting a waiver of exams. She is asking for a waiver of both her written and clinical hygiene boards, in order to apply for licensure by exam. She has passed both of these exams previously, but they are over five years.

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant the waiver and allow Ms. Sitnikov to apply for a Dental Hygiene license by exam.

Announcements

Next open session will be on September 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn

MOTION: Motion made to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Fogarty seconded the motion

VOTE:	For:	Unanimous
	Opposed:	None
RESULT:	Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.	

Reviewed by:



Dr. Carl Ebert, Committee Chair

9-16-2019

Date