

Public Board Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2020

2:00 pm

Board of Dentistry Conference Room

Open 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 2:00 pm.

Board Members Present by phone

Dr. P. Angela Rake, President
Dr. Hassan Ismail, Vice President
Ms. Ruth Dahl, Secretary
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)
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst (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)
Amy Johnson, Licensing Analyst (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.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Fogarty made a motion to approve the March 31, 2020 Public Board Meeting Agenda. Ms. Dahl second.

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

New Business

- a. Bridgett Anderson reported the Board of Dentistry and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), continue to provide updates for the dental community and general public. Bridgett Anderson has a list of dentists providing emergency care.

- b. The Board has an executive order from the Governor’s office approving an extension for Continuing Education (CE) for licensees renewing during the peacetime emergency. The order allows for an extension of continuing education through a licensee’s next renewal period. During the peacetime emergency the Board’s time could be better utilized serving in other areas The Board is pursuing waiving late fees for March and April renewals and further information will be available at upcoming board meetings.
- c. The Board considered a rule variance for licensees who will terminate in March and April 2020 due to failure to renew.

Motion by Dr. Ismail to request an emergency rule variance extending termination of licenses due to failure to renew to September 1, 2020. Ms. Donnelly second.

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

- Note: This motion was rescinded at the meeting in April 2020
- d. National postponement of licensing exams has affected dental applicants. Discussion included exploring a pathway to develop temporary/conditional or provisional licensing for dentist applicants who have completed all competencies and graduated with a DDS degree; passed the written and mannequin portion of the CDCA exam but have not completed the patient portion. An additional consideration to be discussed is the delay of clinical exams for assistants and hygienists who are not able take their required exams, due to social distancing requirements. The Board will continue discussion at a future meeting.

Joyce Nelson reported the Licensing and Credentialing is scheduled for April 20 and May 22, 2020. Due to social distancing safety concerns, an oral interview is not possible.

Motion by Dr. Ismail to approve a variance request to the oral interview for dental and dental hygiene credential applicants, for the Committee’s scheduled April and May meetings Applications and -patient records will be submitted to the Licensing and Credentialing Committee electronically for review and approval for licensure. This does not apply to dental therapists. Dr. Adarve second.

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

Announcements

A teleconference meeting will be scheduled and posted.

Adjourn

Motion by Dr. Rake and the Board agreed unanimously to adjourn at 2:50 pm.



Reviewed by:

P. Angela Rake, DDS, Board President

July 10, 2020

Date