



## Dental Hygiene Meeting Minutes

Dental Hygienists Committee

Monday, January 6, 2025

### Attendance:

**Present:** Angela Boyle, RDH (AB), Barbara A. Stowers, RDH (BS), Jennifer Pearl (JP)

**Absent:** Jay Patel, Mary Duquette.

**Staff:** Carson Hansford – Board Administrator, Justin Fraizer – Board Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq. – Board Counsel

### Minutes:

#### I. Call to Order

BS called the meeting to order at 2:18 PM

#### II. Review Of Public Minutes

Tabled.

#### III. Public Comment

##### Joan K. Fitzgerald, ASDH, BS, CPHDH, CDP, FADHA

She would like to move the hygiene committee to a full board. She provided testimony that she had previously testified to the full dental board during the Den 100 public hearing. She stated was the first member of the dental hygiene committee when it was first created many years ago. She would like the committee to be more proactive. She brought a historical background to the conversation and urged the committee to recognize their power and use it to its fullest extent. She hopes the committee will really dig down into the certifications and education and build it into their own body of work.

#### IV. New Member Angela Boyle

The Board welcomed its newest member, Angela Boyle.

#### V. Legislative Update

##### A. Hygiene Anesthesia Permit- RSA Change

##### 1. LSR 2025-0338- Prime Sponsor: Rep. Jaci Grote, relative to the practice of dental hygiene

The Board of Dental Examiners would like the committee to develop rules for local anesthesia. The committee agrees that the current rules are sufficient, pending updates to the language to come into compliance with recent PLC and RSA changes.

Initial

- Currently NHTI exceeds current rules. The Committee is okay with what is current written in the rules. Criteria is up to date and does not need major changes, only editorial.

Renewal

- 2 CE's per cycle. Included into the 20.

##### B. Dental Compact

##### 1. LSR 2025-0997- Prime Sponsor: Sen. Tara Reardon, adopting the dental and dental hygiene licensure compact.

#### VI. Meetings for 2025

- December 1, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- October 6, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- August 4, 2025
- July 7, 2025
- June 2, 2025
- May 5, 2025
- April 7, 2025
- March 3, 2025
- February 3, 2025
- January 6, 2025

The Board confirmed the dates above.

**VII. Adjourn**

The Committee adjourned at 3:40PM.