



Board of Dental Examiners Public Meeting

Dental Examiners Board

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 8:30 AM EST to Monday, March 3, 2025 at 2:00 PM EST

Attendees: Dr. Puneet Kochhar DMD – Chair (PK), Angela Boyle (AB), Dr. Mark Abel DMD MD (MA), Dr. Roger Achong DMD MS (RA), Dr. HL Ludington DDS MScD (HL), Dr. Daniel De Tolla DDS MD (DD), Linda Tatarczuch (LT)

Remote: RA remote due to excessive travel, DD remote due to illness

Absent: Virginia Kapetanakis Moore RDH – Vice Chair (VM)

OPLC Staff: Justin (JB) Frazier – Board Administrator, Carson Hansford – Board Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq. – Board Counsel

The Board went to break from 10:55 am to 11:10 am

Agenda

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by PK at 8:40 am

II. Approval of Public Minutes: Motion by PK second by HL to accept the minutes as amended. Roll call approved 7-0-0

A. 02/03/2025- Public Minutes

III. Public Comment:

Dwayne Thibault DNP, CRNA, ARPN: Has concerns with 304.06 f a, where it says that 20 patients need to be seen in a 1 year period. This doesn't meet white paper standard of 50 AAMOS set (White Paper was provided). Request Boards take a closer look at this.

Dr. Jonathan Bean DMD, MD: (NH Society of MOS) Dr. Bean thanked the Board for taking the time to review this. Dr. Bean supports the modifications that Dr. Abel has suggested. Dr. bean spoke about the requirement of 20 vs 50. He feels this arrows down that number of providers in the state dramatically. Limits but still allows enough that can provide the service. The number of providers that can meet the 50 requirement would only be 1 or 2. The NH society of OMS would support the 20 cases. Dr. Bean applauds the Board for being able to accommodate so many different groups all in one.

Joan Fitzgerald ASDH, BS, CPHDH, CDP, FADHA: Appreciates the work the Board has done on the issue and Dr. Abels efforts. Supports the change to 20 which helps the hygienists in school.

Dr. Lily Hu DMD: Thank you for continuing effort. Dr. Hu feels there will be minimal pediatric sedation permit. This will be discussed today. Dr. Kochhar said the Board is going to discuss this today. She would recommend a permit for minimal sedation. She also points out that for pediatrics, both inhalation and enteral training would be beneficial, but this is not the norm. This requirement would preclude providers who have done the inhalation. If they did not do oral, they could not do inhalational. Dr. Hu suggests changing it to an or not both. Dr. Hu would also like to see a moderate sedation case log.

IV. Rules with Tina Kelley 9:00AM

A. Den 304

1. Den 304 Documentation From MA: The Boards had lengthy discussions about edits to Den 304

PK has requested that we reach out to determine the number of claims under Medicare with regards to sedation for children 8 and under for last 2 years.

B. Rule Tracker

V. Legislative Topics

A. Legislative Update - Board Counsel, Elizabeth Eaton

1. Hygiene Anesthesia Permit- RSA Change

a. HB144- Prime Sponsor: Rep. Jaci Grote, relative to the practice of dental hygiene

Passed the NH House on the consent calendar 02/06/2025. Counsel reached out to the sponsors to add DMD or DDS for licensure and has not heard back. Drafting language and it will be brought to the Senate

2. DMD or DDS for Dentist Initial Licensure- RSA Change

3. Dental Compact

a. SB 187 Prime Sponsor: Sen. Tara Reardon, adopting the dental and dental hygiene licensure compact.

Bill is slated to be rereferred to committee. Consent Calendar Compact bill has been referred to committee. Has not been rejected but they are reviewing if and what Compact is best for NH. LT asked about changes in other participating states affect others in the Compact.

4. Sedation in Dental Offices

a. HB 470 Prime Sponsor: Rep. Jim Kofalt, to relative to the use of general anesthesia, deep sedation, and moderate sedation in dental treatment.

Hearing scheduled for 03/05/2025 at 2:00PM

5. OPLC Investigations

a. SB 185 Prime Sponsor: Sen. Howard Pearl, relative to office of professional licensure and certification investigations. This bill is requesting a tighter timeline on investigations. The bill, as amended, has a tremendous financial impact regarding staffing at OPLC. There is nothing currently scheduled and will likely go to Finance with the large fiscal impact statement.

VI. OPLC and/or Board Administration Update

A. New Hire: Bureau Chief of Compliance- David Gooze

VII. Licensure

A. Active Licenses 01.21.25 through 02.18.25

The Board Noted

VIII. Committee Reports

A. ASEC: MA talked about ASEC went through the assigned scenarios for inspections and will continue in next meeting.

RA has suggested putting titles and professional qualifications for committee reports

B. Hygiene: Counsel suggested that a new dentist be added to Hygiene Committee member with the departure of Dr. Jay Patel. Motion to appoint Dr. Achong to the Hygiene committee by PK second by HL. Roll call: 5-0-2. RA and DD opposed

RA suggested using putting titles and professional qualifications for committee reports

IX. Non-Public Session: Motion to move to move to Non Public by AB second by PK at 1:24 pm. Roll call: 7-0-0

“The Board will conduct a Non-Public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.”

X. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session: Motion to seal the Non Public minutes by RA second PK. Roll call approved: 7-0-0

“The Board votes to seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.”

XI. Adjourn Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm