

OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD  
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2020

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## Attendance

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) met via teleconference with the following Board members present:

Kumar Subramanian, D.D.S., President  
Canise Bean, D.D.S., Vice President  
Timothy V. Kyger, D.D.S. Secretary  
Andrew Zucker, D.D.S., Vice Secretary  
Theodore Bauer, D.D.S.  
Kathy Brisley-Sedon, D.D.S.

Michele Carr, R.D.H.  
Ashok Das, D.D.S.  
Jamillee Krob, R.D.H.  
Murali Lakireddy, D.D.S.  
Mary Kay Scaramucci, R.D.H.

The following individuals were in attendance remotely: Katherine Bockbrader, Esq. of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Staff consisted of Harry Kamdar, M.B.A., Executive Director, and Zachary Russell, Deputy Director of the Ohio State Dental Board. Dr. Quereshy was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict.

## Call to Order

President Subramanian, D.D.S. noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. He then introduced himself as President of the Board and stated that the Board was holding this meeting remotely in order to comply with the Stay Safe Ohio order issued by Dr. Amy Acton, Director of the Ohio Department of Health due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He then requested that all phone-in attendees place their microphones on mute for the meeting and that all Board members would be voting via roll call except for such items as approval of the agendas, etc. President Subramanian indicated that any questions from the Board members should be submitted via the "chat box" to indicate they have a question and then they may unmute their phones to ask their question and enter into a discussion one member at a time.

## Board Business

### Introductions

#### Board Members

President Subramanian introduced the rest of the Board members consisting of Canise Bean, D.D.S., the Board's Vice President, Timothy Kyger, D.D.S., Secretary, Andrew Zucker, D.D.S., Vice Secretary, Theodore Bauer, D.D.S., QUIP Coordinator, Kathy Brisley-Sedon, D.D.S., Michele Carr, R.D.H., Ashok Das, D.D.S., Jamillee Krob, D.H.Ed., R.D.H., Murali Lakireddy, D.D.S., and Mary Kay Scaramucci, R.D.H.. President Subramanian mentioned that Dr. Quereshy was unable to join due to a previously scheduled obligation resulting in a schedule conflict.

### Approval of Agenda

President Subramanian asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda with the caveat to amend the agenda due to any extenuating circumstances.

*Motion by Dr. Kyger, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to approve the May 9, 2020 Board meeting agenda as presented.*

Motion carried.

## Licensure Examination Requirements

### Discussion on Licensure and Examination Requirements during COVID-19

President Subramanian stated that the Board had sent out a request to interested stakeholders asking for their input regarding the future of dental and dental hygiene licensure examinations. He indicated that the Board had received information on dental, dental hygiene, and expanded function dental auxiliary examinations from several parties and listened to presentations from representatives of each group during the regular Board meeting on May 6, 2020.

President Subramanian stated that the licensing dilemma has the graduating students from both dental schools and the dental hygiene programs (thirteen (13) different programs) from all over the state, worried. These are students who are eager to get their license requirements completed and to join the healthcare workforce. He stated that as a Board we should focus on this and help them with a resolution in order that that they can carry on with their lives.

President Subramanian asked each Board member to provide input. There was discussion about potentially waiving the clinical examinations in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, there was discussion on the non-traditional methods of administering examinations by the regional testing agencies. These non-traditional methods consisted of mannikin-based examinations, OSCE computerized examinations and credit through portfolio. It was felt that the Board needed additional time to evaluate the effectiveness of the non-traditional methods before approving them. There was also discussion surrounding the issuance of provisional licenses. It was determined that the Board did not have the legal authority to approve provisional licenses but could make a request to seek approval from state leadership. There appeared to be support to seek permission to issue provisional licenses to give graduating students additional time to complete the clinical examinations.

### Board Decision on Licensure and Examination Requirements

*Motion by Dr. Das, second by Dr. Bauer as follows:*

*I move that due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio State Dental Board work on obtaining the necessary approval to allow graduating dental and dental hygiene students to apply for a PROVISIONAL LICENSE to practice in the State of Ohio through October 31, 2020 under the following conditions:*

- 1. Candidates must have completed their graduation requirements as outlined in CODA standards and their graduation year competencies.*
- 2. All licensing requirements must be met except passing the patient-based examination administered by a regional testing agency.*
- 3. The provisional licensee will work under the supervision of an active licensed dentist with at least 5 years of experience. (Note: An amendment was made to the motion to remove "with at least 5 years of experience.")*
- 4. The provisional license will expire by October 31, 2020 by which time the provisional licensee must have passed the patient-based examination administered by a regional testing agency.*

5. *The provisional licensee fully understands that an auto-generated message from eLicense may show an expiration date for a full license due to a system limitation, but this will not be interpreted to be the expiration date for a provisional license.*
6. *Once the provisional licensee has passed the regional board examination, they will submit proof of passing. The Board will require at least 7 business days to process a full license after receiving proof of passing as long as all other licensure requirements have been met.*
7. *The provisional license is available to Spring, 2020 graduates of CODA-accredited dental and dental hygiene programs.*

## DISCUSSION

There was discussion about “condition 3” which states that “the provisional licensee will work under the supervision of an active licensed dentist with at least 5 years of experience”. It was felt that there was not a need for “at least 5 years of experience”. So, Dr. Das made the motion to remove “at least 5 years of experience” which was seconded by Dr. Bauer. The amended motion then went to a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

- Dr. Bauer – Yes
- Dr. Bean – Yes
- Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
- Ms. Carr – Yes
- Dr. Das – Yes
- Dr. Krob – No
- Dr. Kyger – Yes
- Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
- Ms. Scaramucci – No
- Dr. Subramanian - Yes
- Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

Director Kamdar reminded everyone that even though the Board members had passed this motion that this was just the beginning of the process to seek approval to issue provisional licenses as the Board did not have the legal authority to move forward.

## Anything for the Good of the Board

President Subramanian asked if there was anything for the good of the Board. Hearing none, he thanked all the Board members and staff for taking time out of their weekend to join the meeting.

## Adjourn

President Subramanian adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Kumar Subramanian, D.D.S./digital/

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KUMAR SUBRAMANIAN, D.D.S.

President

Canise Bean, D.M.D./digital/

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CANISE BEAN, D.M.D.

Vice President