

OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

May 6, 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
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.
Faisal A. Quereshy, D.D.S., M.D.
Mary Kay Scaramucci, R.D.H.
Andrew Zucker, D.D.S.

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, Zachary Russell, Deputy Director, and Malynda Franks, Administrative Professional of the Ohio State Dental Board.

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 agenda and minutes, 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, 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., Faisal A. Quereshy, D.D.S., M.D., and Mary Kay Scaramucci, R.D.H.

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. Krob, to approve the May 6, 2020 Board meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Review of Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2020 Meeting

President Subramanian informed the Board that the draft Minutes from the April 1, 2020 meeting had been provided to the members for review prior to the meeting. He then asked if there was a motion regarding the Minutes.

Motion by Dr. Krob, second by Dr. Bauer, to approve the Board meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Education

President Subramanian shared that the Board office received an email from Catherine Bauman, the Director of the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Education indicating that the American Academy of Orofacial Pain had applied for recognition of orofacial pain as a dental specialty. He stated that the email from Ms. Bauman indicated that Orofacial Pain was granted recognition as a dental specialty based on compliance with the Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties.

Action Items

Supervisory Investigative Panel Expense Report

President Subramanian stated that the Board had received an email attestation from Dr. Zucker stating that he had spent in excess of 20 hours per week attending to Board business. He then asked if, Dr. Kyger as Secretary, attested to having spent at least twenty (20) hours per week attending to Board business. Dr. Kyger affirmed that he had spent twenty (20) hours attending to Board business. Dr. Zucker affirmed via email prior to the meeting.

Motion by Dr. Bauer, second by Dr. Bean, to approve the Supervisory Investigative Panel Expense report.

Motion carried with Dr. Kyger and Dr. Zucker abstaining.

Licensure

Input for Recognition of Future Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Examinations

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 [Appendix A]. He stated that the Board had offered for representatives from each group to provide a three-minute presentation to summarize the information submitted and to stay available after their presentations for any questions from Board members. Guest presenters during the meeting were as follows:

1. Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association – Shannon Sweeney, R.D.H., President
2. Council of Dental Hygiene Directors - Suzanne Smith, R.D.H., M.Ed., Program Director/Clinic Coordinator, Youngstown State University
3. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA)-ADEX Examination – Mark T. Armstrong, D.D.S., Vice Chairman
4. The Ohio State University, College of Dentistry – Patrick M. Lloyd, D.D.S., M.S., Dean

5. Case Western Reserve University – Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Program – Ronald L. Occhionero, D.D.S., Chair, EFDA Program, Associate Dean of Administration
6. Ohio Dental Association – David J. Owsiany, Executive Director
7. American Dental Association – Joseph P. Crowley, D.D.S., Chair, Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure (Coalition)

President Subramanian indicated that there were no additional guest speakers. However, he stated that the American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) had provided the document “Waiver/Modification of Clinical Exam Requirements During COVID-19 Pandemic – Survey of States” for informational purposes. He indicated that the document was for informational purposes and not legally binding. He then asked if any members of the Board had questions of the guest speakers.

Ms. Carr asked Ms. Smith of the Council of Dental Hygiene Directors that as requested in their letter, if the Board were to grant a provisional license to those students deemed competent, what was the schools responsibility and how were they evaluating student competency. Ms. Smith replied that as indicated in the letter, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) had provided guidelines for the evaluation of student candidates. She stated that the full-time faculty evaluated each student based on the CODA guidelines to ensure that they met the clinical requirement and if a student had not met a specific requirement then the faculty provided an alternative for the student to meet that clinical requirement. Additionally, each school was required to report to CODA by May 15, 2020 whether each of the students had met their competencies. Ms. Smith indicated that she has been in contact with all the other Dental Hygiene Program Directors and confirmed that they are evaluating all their candidates in the same manner.

Dr. Bean stated that she had been looking at the ADA website and noted that the DLOSCE had a release date of June 2020 and the website indicated that the beginning date of administration was not until 2021. She then asked Dr. Crowley of the ADA if that was correct and was, she correct in her understanding that a student would be unable to take the ADA DLOSCE tomorrow if the Board approved granting acceptance of the examination. Dr. Crowley clarified that the examination is actually owned and administrated by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations but stated that the examination has been through rigorous testing and is now ready to be administered to dental candidates. He stated that originally, the plan was to integrate it incrementally but with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the examination will be made available as of June 15, 2020 via Prometric Learning Centers. Dr. Crowley stated that if any state licensing agency approves acceptance of the DLOSCE then the Prometric Learning Center in that area will receive the examination to administer in order to provide the examination in that state.

President Subramanian stated that both the ADA and CDCA have proposed different methods of licensing dentists and dental hygienists. With the CDCA you have the option of taking the OSCE and the manikin-based examination. Whereas with the ADA DLOSCE you just take the OSCE examination. He noted that the CDCA had a couple of tests that were done in comparison to the patient-based examination and questioned whether the ADA had attempted to perform a comparison of the exam based on the two methodologies.

Dr. Armstrong stated that as outlined in the technical report he had provided to the Board members, the CDCA performed a Hi-stakes examination of the CompeDont tooth for validity. He stated that it was compared to natural teeth using data that the CDCA has collected for several years on natural teeth. He stated that it was then independently evaluated by a third-party psychometrician to determine if the CompeDont tooth could mimic an actual tooth. The examiners were a mix of educators and CDCA examiners. The examiners, educators, and students in post exam evaluations commented on the lifelike response of the CompeDont tooth and that it is

completely different than any other model tooth on the market. These tests proved that the use of the CompeDont can provide for the examination psychometrically. Dr. Armstrong stated that as regards to the OSCE examination, the examination has been provided for almost 50 years and is proven to have a psychometrically sound record.

Dr. Crowley stated that the viewpoint of the Coalition is to adapt valid and reliable examinations that are not procedure based. He stated that they have talked extensively on the manikin exams that are available of which there are multiple with more being developed currently. If a state licensing agency required a third party to look at the manual dexterity test, the Coalition is not opposed to a manikin-type examination. Dr. Crowley stated that it is their belief the DLOSCE is a new exam so with regards to testing, everything is based on the reputation that this group has been involved in evaluations of all the other testing, not only dentistry but in other professions as well. Therefore, it is the history of the Coalition in developing proper exams. Admittedly, he said that the rollout of the DLOSCE was going to come at a slower pace, however, due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, it was felt that the offering of this examination is timely. Dr. Crowley stated that the Coalition feels that this is a very reliable examination as it has been tested in many ways. He concluded by stating that the Coalition does not speak against any manikin exam but believes that this type of OSCE exam developed by the Joint Commission does a very good job of reliably and accurately reflecting clinical skills of the candidates from our dental schools.

Dr. Bean stated that in looking at the restorative model study, she noted that the Class III resident restoration was included but the Class II restoration was not and then asked Dr. Armstrong to clarify the reasoning.

Dr. Armstrong stated that she was correct and explained that when the CDCA decided to do the pilot examination last year, the overwhelming response from the educators was that it was so difficult to get a Class III patient for the exam. They asked the CDCA to begin the pilot exam with a Class III restoration. He stated that the procedures developed to perform a Class II restoration are the same as those for a Class III restoration. He stated that the CompeDont is manufactured the same way for both restorations.

Dr. Bean then asked if the CompeDont anterior teeth were currently available to be utilized in the examination. Dr. Armstrong replied that both anterior and posterior teeth will be available on June 1, 2020 because they went back into production this week.

President Subramanian inquired as to whether any more of the Board members had questions for their guest speakers. Noting that there were no more questions, President Subramanian extended his thanks to those who participated in the presentations and providing an update on their individual points of view as to how licensing in Ohio can progress. He stated that the Board would be assimilating all the information and would come to a decision soon.

Enforcement

Enforcement Update

Deputy Director Russell provided the Enforcement Update by informing the Board that there were eight (8) cases pending hearing. He stated that there were nine (9) licensees and certificate holders under current suspension, thirty-six (36) licensees and certificate holders with older suspensions, and currently the Board has two-hundred and eleven (211) active cases. Deputy Director Russell said that there was one (1) referral to QUIP. He informed the members that no cases have been reviewed by the Board Secretaries due to the Stay Safe Ohio order and

therefore, there were no cases to close at this time. He noted that there are thirty-three (33) licensees currently on probation.

Deputy Director Russell indicated to the Board members the detail of one hundred and thirty-two (132) cases being investigated by the Board that are over 90 days old by type and by age.

Deputy Director Russell then turned the meeting back over to President Subramanian.

Licensure

President Subramanian stated that the Board's Licensing Coordinator Samantha Slater had prepared a report of the licenses, certifications, and registrations that have been issued by the Board staff since reported at the last meeting in April. He explained that before the Board was the listing of license, registration, and certification numbers of issuance by the Board staff for ratification by the Board.

Dentist(s) – (14)

30.026076	Susan Singer	30.026081	Leigh-Ann Schuerman
30.026075	Ali Allan	30.026082	Paul Rollins
30.026074	Alyssa Loparich	30.026084	Jenna Gaudio
30.026077	Ronnie Marquez	30.026083	Solomon Isakov
30.026079	Mori Naftulin	30.026085	Brandon Kratz
30.026078	James Nall	30.026086	Thomas Kimberly
30.026080	Brandon Lockett	30.026087	Sydney Sherman

Dental Hygienist(s) – (3)

31.016257	Kayla Thompson	31.016259	Ruth Coggin
31.016258	Giovanna Otero		

Dental Assistant Radiographer(s) – (26)

51.036171	Kayla Franklin	51.036181	Emily Gearhart
51.036170	Nikki Dato	51.036182	Korah Schmidt
51.036168	Maikel Metyas	51.036185	Daniele Fayad
51.036169	Somer Occhiuzzo	51.036184	Bridget Roberts
51.036172	Candice Dunnell	51.036183	Lauren Evans
51.036173	Gabriella Noguez	51.036186	Mayreni Ramirez
51.036174	Katlin Fields	51.036187	Maria` Chandler
51.036175	Stevie Argirakis	51.036188	Graciela Cedillos
51.036176	Christina Wooten	51.036189	Brittnie Poe
51.036177	Taylor Dehollander	51.036190	Ranjana Sapkota
51.036178	Veronica Vargo	51.036192	Yu Fang Lai
51.036179	Mia Bullitt	51.036191	Desaray Cantwell
51.036180	Kayla Cooper	51.036193	Jill Hovest

Limited Continuing Education – (4)

LCE.000431	Davis Walton	LCE.000433	Elijah Love
LCE.000432	Andrew Yoon	LCE.000434	Kurt Holmes

Limited Resident's – (1)

RES.004177 Zafer Suliman

Coronal Polishing – (4)

CP.002252 Faith-Michael Finck

CP.002254 Ceira Beyah

CP.002253 Hannah Smetana

CP.002255 Lauren Sammon

Motion by Dr. Quereshy, second by Ms. Scaramucci, to approve all licenses, registrations, and certifications as listed that have been issued since the April Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
 Dr. Bean – Yes
 Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
 Ms. Carr – Yes
 Dr. Das – Yes
 Dr. Krob – Yes
 Dr. Kyger – Yes
 Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
 Dr. Quereshy – Yes
 Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
 Dr. Subramanian – Yes

Motion carried. President Subramanian noted that Dr. Zucker had left the meeting due to a prior commitment.

General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Permit(s)

President Subramanian stated that the Board's Anesthesia Consultant, Gregory Ness, D.D.S., had reviewed the following individuals who applied for General Anesthesia Permits. Evaluations were conducted, and the applicants have been recommended to receive General Anesthesia Permits.

General Anesthesia

Dr. James Phero, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Kyle Thorsrus, Toledo, Ohio

Motion by Dr. Kyger, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the general anesthesia permit applications for Dr. James Phero and Dr. Kyle Thorsrus.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
 Dr. Bean – Yes
 Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
 Ms. Carr – Yes
 Dr. Das – Yes
 Dr. Krob – Yes
 Dr. Kyger – Yes
 Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
 Dr. Quereshy – Yes
 Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
 Dr. Subramanian – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Reinstatement Application(s)

President Subramanian stated that the Board's Licensing Manager had reviewed and approved one (1) dental hygiene application and recommended that the Board ratify the reinstatement application.

Dental Hygienist(s)

Rachel D. Clifford, R.D.H.

Motion by Ms. Scaramucci, second by Dr. Krob, to reinstate the license to practice dental hygiene for Ms. Clifford.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Das – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education

Biennial Sponsor Applications

Dr. Bean informed the Board members that due to the "Stay Safe Ohio" mandate implemented by the Ohio Department of Health, the Education Committee has not met since February. However, the Board office has still been receiving Biennial Sponsor and Biennial Sponsor Renewal Applications for the 2020-2021 biennium. Therefore, the Committee has agreed to provisionally and retroactively approve back to February 2020 all renewal applications received since the February Board meeting to allow them to continue offering these services to Ohio licensees. She stated that once the "Stay Safe Ohio" mandate has been lifted, the Committee and Board members may revisit these applications and will again begin processing applications as we have in the past. The applications recommended for approval are as follows:

1. Stephen J. Belli, DDS – Belli & Streit Orthodontics
2. Capitol City Perio and Implant
3. Composite Study Club
4. Hongwei Study Club
5. Imad Nouneh, DDS
6. Mastery of Interdisciplinary Dentistry
7. Northern Hills Dental Study Club
8. Orthodontic Associates of Northeast Ohio
9. Practice Endeavors

10. Reza Miremadi, DDS, MD
11. ROE Dental Laboratory
12. Rose Orthodontics
13. Seattle Study Club of Cleveland
14. Shirck Orthodontics
15. Sheryl Williams, RDH

Motion by Dr. Krob, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to retroactively approve the Biennial Sponsor applications as listed back to February 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Updates

President's Update

Protocols for Reopening of Dental Offices During the COVID-19 Pandemic

President Subramanian stated that COVID-19 has taken over our lives in such totality that we have reached the point of missing the forest for the trees. Our lives have become so focused on this pandemic to the exclusion of everything else. He would like to point out a few important things for the members to refocus their attention. President Subramanian wished to thank Governor DeWine for this forethought and quick action in keeping Ohio safe. A special thanks to Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Dr. Amy Acton and their team that have been working tirelessly in helping us navigate this pandemic in a safe and secure manner.

President Subramanian wished to thank the Ohio Dental Association, the Ohio State Dental Board, and the clinicians and researchers from The Ohio State University. A select group of these individuals worked tirelessly over weekends and late hours to come up with the protocols under the directive of the Governor to implement the Phase 1 opening of oral healthcare services along with other elective healthcare services on May 1, 2020. The guidelines for reopening were based on scientific evidence and were a significant factor in the decision made by the Governor. Once again, thanks to those who worked on the guidelines and thank you Governor DeWine for making this happen.

Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Examinations

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 said that at this moment, he wished to say a special thanks to Director Kamdar, Ms. Bockbrader, and Mr. Russell for helping him and the Board navigate different issues by being available to meet virtually and deal with all his idiosyncrasies especially at all inconvenient hours of the day.

Ashok Das, D.D.S., Board Member

President Subramanian commented that probably the most important thing that he wished to point out today was the terming out of our Past President and multiple SIP term member, Dr. Ashok Das. He stated that it is really sad and that we will all miss Dr. Das' happy face and cheerful disposition during Board meetings. It is a tragedy

that they were not all meeting face-to-face today due to COVID-19 as they are missing out on the golden opportunity to bid goodbye from the Board to their dear friend Dr. Das. President Subramanian stated that Dr. Das has been a great friend and an excellent team player. He brought a sense of calm and logical reasoning to the SIP meetings. Dr. Das has always been a willing contributor to the various committees that he has served on and President Subramanian has never seen him stressed or under pressure. President Subramanian thanked Dr. Das for everything he has done for the Board and continue to do for the greater good of the dental community.

President Subramanian turned the meeting over to Director Kamdar for the Executive Director's Update.

Executive Director's Update

Guidelines for Reopening of Dental Practices

Director Kamdar stated that the intention was to have a segment today covering the guidelines for reopening of dental offices. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts we were unable to provide it. However, we will possibly consider having such a segment at a future meeting.

Fiscal Challenges

Director Kamdar stated that we are continuing to look at the Boards Budget and as reported during the meeting in May, the Governor has requested a 20% budget cut for all state agencies, boards and commissions for the remainder of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020). He stated that we are also looking at the next biennial budget to determine how we can absorb a 20% cut on a permanent basis.

Board Staff Teleworking

Director Kamdar stated that staff are continuing to work from home and he is grateful for how the Dental Board staff have adapted to working remotely, leveraging technology, and continuing to provide the same level of customer service that everyone has come to expect.

Ashok Das, D.D.S. – Board Member 2011-2020

Director Kamdar commented that President Subramanian had already spoken about Dr. Das, but he wished to add a comment or two (2) and then ask Dr. Das to share a few words. He stated that Dr. Das is leaving the Board at the end of a nine (9) year term. Dr. Das came to the Board in 2011 and during his nine-year tenure, he rose to the level of the Supervisory Investigative Panel (SIP) not once but twice and is the Immediate Past President of the Board. Dr. Das has always been a pleasant source of support and guidance, a leader who leads by example, and everyone is very grateful for all his service and contributions to the citizens of the state of Ohio. He then invited Dr. Das to share a few words.

Dr. Das thanked Director Kamdar and President Subramanian for their kind words and commented that this has been a great honor to be a part of the Ohio State Dental Board for the past nine (9) years. He wished to thank former Governor Kasich and Governor DeWine for giving him this opportunity to serve on the Board. He stated that it has been a long ride, but a good one.

Dr. Das wanted to thank each one of the Board members for being kind and supportive. He said "Thank you" to all the Board staff and commented that they have all been wonderful to work with and great to be around. Dr. Das also wanted to thank most of his previous Board members, colleagues and staff especially those who he worked with on SIP and worked closely with, just to name a few; Dr. Chambers, Dr. Shaffer, Steve Kochheiser, and Investigator Kathy Carson.

Dr. Das wanted to remember some of his colleagues whom he lost along the way; Clifford Jones, R.D.H, a dental hygienist from Cincinnati who sat next to him during his rookie year and guided him on all the procedures of the

Board. He remembered fondly Dr. Michael Ginder, who was a wonderful colleague and a man of very few words, but very smart. He mentioned remembering former staff member Pam Cartwright. Dr. Das commented that they were all good people who were gone too soon, and he misses them quite a bit.

Finally, Dr. Das commented that as he signs-off, he feels very happy that the Board has a wonderful staff led by Director Kamdar.

Director Kamdar thanked Dr. Das for everything he has done for the Board and for his comments. He stated that Dr. Das would be invited back to a future Board meeting where he will be presented with a plaque recognizing him for his contribution to the citizens of the state of Ohio.

Director Kamdar stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 10, 2020 and that it will most likely again be a virtual meeting.

Anything for the Good of the Board

President Subramanian inquired if any of the Board members had any items to discuss with the Board.

Dr. Quereshy thanked President Subramanian and President Subramanian's wife who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes in helping dentistry to get where they are in opening their dental practices in a safe manner. He wanted to thank them for their ongoing efforts during this time.

President Subramanian thanked Dr. Quereshy for his comments stating that he really appreciated them.

President Subramanian stated that if there were no other matters for discussion, he would urge all Board members to work on a solution for the dental and dental hygiene students so that they can graduate from their programs and move forward. Hearing no further comments from Board members, he asked the members to respond individually to the email to Director Kamdar, Ms. Bockbrader, Mr. Russell, or himself.

Adjourn

President Subramanian adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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

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President

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Vice President

APPENDIX A