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OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2020

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

Canise Bean, D.M.D., Vice President
Theodore Bauer, D.D.S.
Kathy Brisley-Sedon, D.D.S.
Michele Carr, R.D.H.
Jamillee Krob, R.D.H.
Murali Lakireddy, D.D.S.
Faisal A. Quereshy, D.D.S., M.D.
Mary Kaye Scaramucci, R.D.H.
Andrew Zucker, D.D.S.

Kumar Subramanian, D.D.S., President was not in attendance to the meeting. This meeting was chaired by Dr. Canise Bean, Vice President.

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
Chairwoman Bean noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. She then introduced herself as Chair of the meeting and Vice 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. She 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.

Board Business

Introductions
Board Members

Approval of Agenda
Chairwoman Bean 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. Quereshy, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the June 10, 2020 Board meeting agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 6, 2020 Meeting**
Chairwoman Bean informed the Board that the draft Minutes from the May 6, 2020 meeting had been provided to the members for review prior to the meeting. She then asked if there was a motion regarding the Minutes.

*Motion by Dr. Bauer, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to approve the Board meeting minutes as presented.*

Motion carried unanimously.

**May 9, 2020 Meeting**
Chairwoman Bean informed the Board that the draft Minutes from the special meeting held on May 9, 2020 had been provided to the members for review prior to the meeting. She then asked if there was a motion regarding the Minutes.

*Motion by Ms. Scaramucci, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the Board meeting minutes as presented.*

Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**
Chairwoman Bean stated that since the last meeting the Dental Board office has received an extraordinary amount of emails and correspondence from dental hygiene students, dental school deans, dental hygiene program directors and others. She indicated that the Board has received three (3) items just this week asking that the Board address the pathways to licensure. She stated that all the items (see below) have been shared with the Board members prior to the meeting.

**Ohio Council of Dental Hygiene Directors**
Chairwoman Bean shared that the Board office received correspondence from the Council of Dental Hygiene Directors requesting to use a mannikin exam vs. a live patient clinical examination for all dental hygiene students.

**University of Louisville School of Dentistry**
Chairwoman Bean stated that the Dean of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry had sent a letter advocating for consideration of alternative pathways to licensure for dentistry due to the present conditions caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

**Dental Hygiene Class of 2020**
Chairwoman Bean said that the Dental Board had also received correspondence from the Dental Hygiene Class of 2020 requesting the Board to consider acceptance of the Computer Simulated Clinical Examination for licensure.

**Action Items**

**Supervisory Investigative Panel Expense Report**
Chairwoman Bean stated that the Board had received an email attestation from Dr. Kyger stating that he had spent in excess of 20 hours per week attending to Board business. She then asked if, Dr. Zucker as Vice Secretary, attested to having spent at least twenty (20) hours per week attending to Board business. Dr. Zucker affirmed that he had spent twenty (20) hours attending to Board business.

*Motion by Dr. Quereshy, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to approve the Supervisory Investigative Panel Expense report.*
Motion carried with Dr. Zucker abstaining.

**Enforcement**

**Proposed Notice(s) of Opportunity for Hearing**
The Board reviewed one (1) proposed Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The name of the individual/licensee was not included in the documents reviewed by the Board. The name of the individual/licensee has been added to the minutes for public notice purposes. Deputy Director Russell provided a summary of the proposed Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

Robert W. Lucas, D.M.D.

*Motion by Dr. Bauer, second by Ms. Scaramucci, to approve the proposed notice of opportunity for hearing for Robert W. Lucas, D.M.D., license number 30.023648, and case number 19-31-1011.*

*Motion carried with Dr. Zucker abstaining.*

**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 ten (10) licensees and certificate holders under current suspension, thirty-six (36) licensees and certificate holders with older suspensions, and currently the Board has one-hundred and eighty-eight (188) active cases. Deputy Director Russell said that there was one (1) referral to QUIP. He informed the members that thirty-eight (38) cases have been reviewed by the Board Secretaries and are recommending they be closed at this time with two (2) warning letters issued. 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-eight (138) cases being investigated by the Board that are over 90 days old by type and by age.

Due to the requirement in Chapter 4715.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, that “A concurrence of a majority of the members of the board shall be required to... ...(6) Dismiss any complaint filed with the board.”, Deputy Director Russell reviewed the cases to be closed with the Board.

The following cases are to be closed:

| 18-18-1210 | 20-18-1128 | 20-33-1045 |
| 18-25-1459 | 20-23-1101 | 20-33-1073 |
| 19-29-1278 | 20-25-1065 | 20-45-1083 |
| 20-00-1068 | 20-25-1077 | 20-45-1104 |
| 20-00-1074 - WL | 20-25-1098 | 20-47-1069 |
| 20-09-1121 | 20-25-1118 | 20-48-1023 |
| 20-18-1041 | 20-31-1009 | 20-48-1072 |
| 20-18-1050 | 20-31-1029 | 20-50-1017 |
| 20-18-1066 - WL | 20-31-1030 | 20-50-1067 |
| 20-18-1103 | 20-31-1038 | 20-77-1092 |
| 20-18-1122 | 20-31-1091 |  |
Prior to the vote to close the above listed cases, Deputy Director Russell inquired as to whether any of the Board members had any personal knowledge that the cases that were being voted on today involved either themselves or a personal friend.

Roll call:    Dr. Bauer – No
              Dr. Bean – No
              Dr. Brisley-Sedon – No
              Ms. Carr – No
              Dr. Krob – No
              Dr. Lakireddy – No
              Dr. Quereshy – No
              Ms. Scaramucci – No
              Dr. Zucker - No

Deputy Director Russell then called for a motion to close the cases.

Motion by Dr. Bean, second by Dr. Bauer, to close the above thirty-eight (38) cases.

Roll call:    Dr. Bauer – Yes
              Dr. Bean – Yes
              Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
              Ms. Carr – Yes
              Dr. Krob – Yes
              Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
              Dr. Quereshy – Yes
              Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
              Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Director Russell then turned the meeting back over to Chairwoman Bean.

Licensure

Chairwoman Bean 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 regular meeting in May. She 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) – (78)

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**June 10, 2020**

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| 30.026130 | Mason Monheim |
| 30.026131 | Alex Sherman |
| 30.026132 | Sarah Abdalla |

**Dental Hygienist(s) – (3)**

| 31.016260 | Vicki Hafer |
| 31.016261 | Brenda Young |

**Dental Assistant Radiographer(s) – (125)**

| 51.036194 | Nour Abdulnour |
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LCE.000437  David Tapani  LCE.000442  Diaa Ghabbour
LCE.000438  Nicholas Rorick  LCE.000443  Laurie Burdman
LCE.000439  Matthew Pearce

Limited Resident’s – (54)
RES.004178  Marlee Hansen  RES.004202  Courtney Herman
RES.004179  Edith Weststeyn  RES.004205  Nathan Andrasik
RES.004180  Jaime Snook  RES.004206  Michael Schmidt
RES.004182  Phillip Barras  RES.004204  Sumeet Minhas
RES.004181  Mohammed Qaraja  RES.004207  Javier Rodriguez Del Rey
RES.004186  Nicholas Murray  RES.004208  Zied Diab
RES.004183  Courtney Colles  RES.004210  Rohan Madhyani
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RES.004190  David Budge  RES.004214  Shanel Cook
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RES.004199  Spencer Bense  RES.004224  Claire Sesson
RES.004201  David Lee  RES.004225  Divya Sharma
RES.004203  Alexandra Fushi  RES.004226  Shahin Pahlevani
RES.004200  Mhd Fadi Alhawasli  RES.004230  Kelsey Martinez
Chairwoman Bean stated that the Board’s Anesthesia Consultant, Gregory Ness, D.D.S., had reviewed the application for the following individual who applied for Conscious Sedation Permit. An evaluation was conducted, and the applicant has been recommended to receive a Conscious Sedation Permit.

**Conscious Sedation**
Dr. Christopher Connors, Elyria, Ohio - Intravenous

*Motion by Dr. Bauer, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the conscious sedation permit application for Dr. Christopher Connors.*

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Oral Health Access Supervision Permit(s)**
Vice President Bean stated that the Board’s Licensing Manager had reviewed two (2) applications for oral health access supervision permits and recommended that the following individuals be granted permits.

**Dental Hygienist(s)**
Eydokia Long, R.D.H., Warren, Ohio  
Hadeer Agamy, R.D.H., Mason, Ohio

*Motion by Ms. Carr, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the applications for oral health access supervision permits to the individuals as listed.*

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

Motion carried. Ms. Scaramucci abstained.

**Reinstatement Application(s)**
Chairwoman Bean 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)**
Nichole Prezioso, R.D.H.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Ratification of Licenses, Registrations, and Certifications**

*Motion by Dr. Krob, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to approve all licenses, registrations, and certifications as listed that have been issued since the May Board meeting.*

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Dental Hygiene Licensure Examinations**
Chairwoman Bean stated at our last meeting the members voted to seek permission from the Governor’s office for an Executive Order that would permit 2020 dental and dental hygiene graduates the ability to apply for a provisional license that would allow them to practice in the State of Ohio through October 31, 2020. She stated that certain conditions were attached to that request and that an Executive Order has not been issued to date.
Chairwoman Bean stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted dentistry, the delivery of dentistry, and patient willingness to access dental care. She stated that it has become incumbent upon all dental professional training programs to adjust their graduation requirements and alternative examination methods had to be developed due to the abrupt reduction in clinical training. In addition, our regional testing examinations had to be postponed and rescheduled. Chairwoman Bean informed the Board members that the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) exam would be offered this weekend at The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Dentistry. However, the University has prohibited live patients from being used in that exam so only mannikin teeth and the newly developed CompeDont tooth will be used.

Chairwoman Bean commented that all the Board members have read and been educated on the benefits of using the mannikin tooth. All the grading criteria, including the preparation and modification evaluation can still take place using a mannikin tooth. She stated that it is imperative that we provide an alternative pathway to licensure for 2020 graduates. Based upon the multitude of correspondence received, she stated that the Board is being asked to offer direction for dental graduates, dental hygiene graduates, and EFDA graduates. She stated that this is an unprecedented time as we have never experienced anything like this in our lifetimes, and it is warranted that we discuss this and put into action something that will be beneficial to our graduates. She then called for a motion from the members to begin Board discussions.

Motion by Ms. Carr, second by Dr. Bauer, that the Ohio State Dental Board accept mannikin based clinical examinations administered by the five (5) regional testing agencies: CDCA, CITA, CRDTS, SERTA, and WREB through December 31, 2020 for all applicants for licenses, registrations, and certificates.

Chairwoman Bean then asked the Board members for their thoughts and input.

Dr. Bauer stated that a mannikin based exam is a suitable way to assess skills given the unprecedented nature of the situation and how difficult it could be to persuade a live patient to spend a sustained amount of time in an ongoing clinical setting. Implicit in the motion is that all of the other requirements for graduation remain equal and this slight change to this one aspect of the final test for licensure will still ensure that the Board has adequately vetted and assured qualified clinicians in order to treat the public. He stated that he feels this option does not represent a compromise in the level of expectation of skills that the Board has traditionally expected of licensure candidates.

Dr. Brisley-Sedon stated that she agreed with both Chairwoman Bean and Dr. Bauer and she feels that the mannikin examination for both dental hygiene and dentistry is a valid tool to offer to the graduates. She does not see anything preventing the Board from accepting a mannikin based exam and feels it is acceptable.

Dr. Zucker stated that he also agreed with all the previous comments. However, he felt it necessary to mention a concern voiced from members of the dental community. He stated that, while this concern does not represent his thoughts, there are dentists in the community that are concerned that the graduation requirements have been drastically reduced for candidates who are graduating this year. He commented that he could not attest to the accuracy of their concerns but felt that it should be discussed. Dr. Zucker stated that as for the examination he is in support of the motion and felt there is no reason the Board cannot allow candidates to take a mannikin based examination for licensure.

Dr. Lakireddy stated that he agreed with the other members and that this is the best option to move to a mannikin examination given the situation.
Ms. Carr, who made the motion, stated that she agreed with her fellow Board members comments. She stated that she believes the change in the examinations was going to happen in the future anyway and that COVID-19 expedited the process. She stated that her only question was regarding the EFDA examination and why it was included in the motion since mannikin or typodont examinations were already the way EFDA are examined.

Director Kamdar stated that Ms. Carr had a good point and she is correct that they have always had a mannikin-type examination. He stated the motion was all-encompassing and meant to be all inclusive to include applicants of every type of license, registration, or certificate in order that the Board would not be required to hold another special meeting a few days from now due to inadvertently leaving out a certain party.

Chairwoman Bean clarified that the December 31, 2020 deadline meant that up until that time the Board would accept mannikin-type examinations. This timeframe will allow the Board to have more meetings in which they can reevaluate whether to carry forward with this type of examination as the new normal.

Dr. Krob stated that in reviewing the Ohio Revised Code there is no language that specifies that the examination be a live patient examination for application for initial license for both dentists and dental hygienists. She stated that the statute only requires “...successfully passing all the components based on a conjunctive scoring method of one of the following regional board examinations...” and the regional board examinations are listed. She questioned whether a student candidate could take a mannikin-based exam from one of these listed agencies and still be eligible for licensure in Ohio and stated that she was not sure that the Board really needs to add anything to the language or even seek a gubernatorial order. She then asked Director Kamdar if she was correct in her understanding.

Director Kamdar indicated that Dr. Krob was correct in that the language in statute was silent on type of method of administering the exam. It does not expressly state that the exam be patient based but rather that the Board will accept a passing score as reported by one of the regional testing agencies. Therefore, he stated that the statute is silent and a bit vague. He stated that what the Board was attempting to accomplish with their vote was to give clear direction to the impacted students that are in limbo in terms of what the Board would be willing to accept including a mannikin based exam such as the one being offered this weekend at OSU. He stated that the motion has been made and it now gives the Board ample time to deliberate in the future over various methods that are now available for administering clinical examinations; mannikin, OSCE, OSCE/Portfolio, etc. Director Kamdar stated that in the future this could allow the Board to introduce language into statute or rule that is much more specific in terms of which types of exams it accepts.

Dr. Krob thanked Director Kamdar for the clarification and then stated that she was in favor of a mannikin based examination for both dentists and dental hygienists and that it has always been a part of the EFDA exam.

Dr. Quereshy stated that he also agreed with the other comments. He stated now more than ever with other healthcare examinations moving toward simulated examination which mimic live patients, the Board should similarly also consider in dentistry.

Ms. Scaramucci stated she agreed with the others but had the same concerns as Ms. Carr about the EFDA examinations and also the same concerns that Dr. Krob had mentioned. She stated that we are not really changing a rule or a law but rather providing clarity.

Chairwoman Bean stated that CODA was helpful in the process to design alternative experiences for students. She also confirmed that some students just recently entered the clinic in order that they complete some of those requirements related to experiences that absolutely cannot be duplicated and must be performed on a patient. She stated that these activities and the latent activity in the clinic was approved by CODA and they feel that when
students degrees are conferred, they have adequately completed entry-level activities that make them suitable to enter the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Zucker thanked Chairwoman Bean and others for addressing the concerns he mentioned. He then encouraged all the Board members and those guests in attendance remotely to do their best to disseminate the information provided about 2020 graduates to their colleagues not in attendance to the meeting. He stated that there are concerned colleagues who are worried about graduates not having the proper amount of education or experiences in clinic and expressed the importance of sharing the information provided regarding the efforts by CODA and the programs to ensure entry-level dentists and dental hygienists.

Dr. Quereshy commented that Case Western Reserve University as well has done what was required for its graduates. He stated that CODA has this information available on their website. He stated that he sits on the Review Committee for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program and that for the pre-doctoral programs a temporary flexibility was applied and allowed to be given to students to show competency. Based on the instructor of the various clinics, remediation was being offered for those who have graduated and completed most of the requirements and they have CODA approval.

Chairwoman Bean called for any more comments from Board members. Hearing none she called for a vote on the motion.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Updates

President’s Update
Chairwoman Bean informed the members that she had not received any message from President Subramanian to share with the Board. However, she shared that she would like the Board to look at the licensure requirements. She stated that they need to take a good look at the research and, although preliminary, the CompeDont tooth that has been developed, that Class II or Class III tooth for the restorative portion of the exam is still very early in its iteration. She stated that as a Board we need to ensure that we are more contemporary and on par with what is going on today. She stated that this is an opportunity to do so and that in the future we are looked upon as a leader when it comes to licensure requirements for recent graduates. Chairwoman Bean thanked her fellow Board members for their participation and effort and the staff for their support.

Chairwoman Bean turned the meeting over to Director Kamdar for the Executive Director’s Update.
Executive Director’s Update

Motion for Acceptance of Mannikin Base Examinations
Director Kamdar reiterated the motion that was passed by the Board regarding licensure examinations to ensure it was understood clearly by all. He stated that the Board will accept a passing score from a regional testing agency if the student or candidate has taken a mannikin based exam through December 31, 2020. He explained this motion does not contemplate OSCE based exams or licensure by portfolio and wanted to make sure to students listening that this is not a waiver, is not a sanctioning of OSCE exams, or credit through portfolios. Director Kamdar wished to build on Chairwoman Bean’s comments by stating that he would implore the Board to take time between now and December to do due diligence on ensuring that the Board members are comfortable with mannikin based exams in the long run and determine if they are comfortable with other newer ways of administering the exams such as the OSCE offered by ADEX, the OSCE offered by the ADA, licensure portfolios, and other such options. Director Kamdar reminded everyone that our mission is to protect the citizens, protect Ohioans, and protect dental consumers first and foremost. He stated that he believes the Board is doing that while also balancing the interest of the graduating students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Teledentistry
Director Kamdar stated that the Teledentistry rules were now in effect. However, the eLicense system is not ready to accept those applications and it will be several weeks before the software modification is completed by the IT staff at a cost of several thousand dollars. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Budget
Director Kamdar stated that the Board members are all aware that the State of Ohio is enduring some massive loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a Board, we have already sustained a twenty percent (20%) budget cut for the rest of this fiscal year and we have another potential cut coming up for the new fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2020. He stated that included in the budget cuts are reduction in salary for Ms. Franks, Mr. Russell, Ms. Slater and himself.

Director Kamdar then turned the meeting back over to Chairwoman Bean.

Anything for the Good of the Board
Chairwoman Bean inquired if any of the Board members had any items to discuss with the Board.

Dr. Quereshy asked to clarify that the term Teledentistry, which is not actually supervising treatment but rather performing evaluations or follow-up through Teledentistry, and questioned an application was going to be required by the licensee.

Director Kamdar stated that Dr. Quereshy had a good question. He stated that unlike telemedicine which fully leverages the technology that is available to physicians through telemedicine, Teledentistry is just starting out and with the statute that was passed a year ago and the rules that have now gone into effect, it does not contemplate post-operative consultations or critical evaluations. He said that the Board could consider pursuing that discussion, but the law currently does not contemplate those items.

Dr. Krob stated that she had a follow-up question regarding Board committees. She then asked Director Kamdar when he anticipated that the Board members would again be holding physical meetings rather than virtually and when the committees would be able to begin meeting again. Director Kamdar stated that it all depends on the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic and related workplace safety for staff, board members and visitors. Given
the fluidity of the situation, a decision will be made as we draw closer to the meeting date on whether to meet in person or remotely.

Ms. Scaramucci commented that she had questions to clarify the motion on licensure examinations that the Board just passed. She asked if the provisional license was now “off the table” and no longer an option for recent graduates. Director Kamdar stated that the motion passed today dealt strictly with mannikin based exams and that it did not contemplate waivers or provisional licensure.

Adjourn

Chairwoman Bean asked if there was any additional information or questions of the Board. Noting that there were no other comments, she adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.