

# WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

## MINUTES

**Dates:** March 18, 2020

**Location:** WV Board of Dentistry  
1319 Robert C Byrd Drive  
Crab Orchard, WV 25827  
Via Telephone Conference

**Members Present:** Samuel V. Veltri, DDS, President  
MaryBeth Shea, RDH, Secretary  
John E. Bogers, DDS  
David G. Edwards, DDS  
William E. Ford, III  
C. Richard Gerber, DDS  
Lewis D. Gilbert, DDS  
Beverly L. Stevens, COMSA

**Members Absent:** Stan W. Kaczowski, DDS

**Staff Present:** Mrs. Susan M. Combs, Executive Director

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The Board's President, Dr. Veltri, determined this emergency meeting was properly noticed with the Secretary of State's office and a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum. The quorum was determined by the presence of eight of the nine Board members. Therefore, the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order.

The first order of business was the meeting notice to the Secretary of State which was distributed for information purposes only.

The next order of business was the consideration of updating the Board's guidance to licensees regarding the developing public health crisis concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). A draft document was presented to the Board for their consideration. This document requests the cooperation of licensees in limiting their dental practices to essential and emergent dental procedures only through April 2, 2020. It also gives guidance of the treatment of non-symptomatic and symptomatic patients. Dr. David G. Edwards made a motion to approve the document. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack E. Bogers, and unanimously passed. With this situation being fluid, the Board will revisit this document when it is deemed necessary. The Board directed Dr. Veltri to reach out to the Governor's office and request that he make the Board's recommendations mandatory.

At this time the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Beverly L. Stevens, properly seconded by Dr. Lewis D. Gilbert, and unanimously passing.