

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

Dates: April 14, 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
Stan W. Kaczkowski, DDS
Beverly L. Stevens, COMSA

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

Board Counsel: Mr. Keith D. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General

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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 all 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 review of letters from the Dental & Dental Hygiene Programs in West Virginia concerning clinical board exams required for licensure for the 2020 graduates. The Board considered what other States are doing in regards to clinical exam requirements for the graduating class of 2020 as well as information from regional testing agencies about their exams and possible alternatives. Dr. David G. Edwards made a motion the Board request an Executive Order from the Governor allowing for a provisional license for 2020 graduates. The provisional license would expire on February 1, 2021. A clinical exam would be required to be passed before the expiration date. Should a failure occur the provisional license would be void until the exam is successfully passed. Also, that the Board accept alternative or non-patient based clinical

exams for 2020 graduates only. Exams, whether patient based or non-patient-based exam, be given by one of the entities named in the dental practice act. Dr. Lewis D. Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next order of business was a discussion of recommendations for the future return to practice of dental offices in the State. Dr. Veltri suggested a voluntary non-board committee of dental professionals from around the State be involved in coming up with recommendations to re-open dental offices when the time comes. Several Board members offered to be on the committee. Contact will be made with the West Virginia Dental and Dental Hygiene Associations for any interested parties to be a part of the committee.

At this time the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Dr. David G. Edwards, properly seconded by Mrs. Beverly L. Stevens, and unanimously passing.