

APPROVED MINUTES  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE  
April 28, 2017

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Examination Committee convened on April 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**PRESIDING:** James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.  
Carol R. Russek, JD

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Sheila Beard, Executive Assistant

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With three members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Watkins explained the parameters for public comment and opened the public comment period. One written comment was received from Dr. Alan Bream in regards to the dental board examination that we are trying to implement which is more of a law exam versus a clinical type exam. Dr. Bream is addressing a clinical exam. The committee believes Dr. Bream is referencing something similar to a mock board. Dr. Watkins stated this doesn't seem appropriate for the licensing agency and that schools actually have mock boards. The Committee, by consensus, asked Mrs. Palmatier to write a letter from the Board to address the aforementioned comments to Dr. Bream.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Watkins asked if the Committee members had reviewed the February 10, 2017 minutes and asked if there were any corrections needed. Ms. Russek moved to accept the minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bryant and passed.

**PGY-1 RESIDENCY IN LIEU OF A CLINICAL EXAMINATION:** Dr. Bryant asked for clarification regarding whether the PGY-1 was in addition to a clinical exam and not in lieu of. Mrs. Palmatier said most states researched have a PGY-1 residency as an additional way to become licensed. Mrs. Palmatier clarified "in lieu of" did not mean an additional requirement on top of a clinical examination but rather an applicant would have the option to do the clinical exam or take a PGY-1 as part of the licensing requirements in Virginia.

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Following discussion, Dr. Bryant motioned to use the same language as the Dental Board of Colorado stating “The Board will accept completion of a PGY-1 residency (a CODA-accredited residency that was at least one year long and occurred in a hospital or dental facility) in lieu of clinical examination.”

Mrs. Palmatier was asked by the Committee to look into more information by the June 9, 2017 Board meeting about the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) and General Practice Residency (GPR) programs to inquire about the length of the programs, and find out what neighboring states are doing.

**IMPLEMENTING A  
LAW EXAM  
FOR LICENSURE  
APPLICANTS  
DISCUSSION OF  
IMPLEMENTATION:**

Mrs. Palmatier reported she has met with the Department of Health Professions Information Technology department to determine whether or not it is feasible take the questions developed by the Board and create the test and make it available on the Board’s website. IT stated it is entirely possible, however, they have never done it before, this would be time consuming on their part and referred us to the Board of Nursing for a more economical feasible method. Pearson and PSI are the companies that assess symmetrical sound, legal, and economically feasible professional testing. After further discussion Dr. Watkins made a motion for Mrs. Palmatier to inquire about a RFP in order to retain quotes for outside services. The motion was seconded and passed.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Russek moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(11) of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of tests, examinations, or other information excluded from this chapter pursuant to subdivision 4 of § 2.2-3705.1. Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Kelley Palmatier and Sheila Beard, attend the closed meeting because their presence is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was second and passed.

**RECONVENE:**

Ms. Russek moved to certify that this Committee of Board heard, discussed and considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

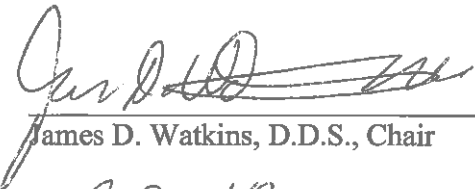
The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to §2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

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Dr. Watkins asked that each member look at the questions again and come up with an additional 10 questions. The Committee will present 75 questions to the Board during the June meeting.

The next Exam Committee meeting will be held on July 21, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With all business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

  
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James D. Watkins, D.D.S., Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

February 5, 2018  
Date