

- TIME & PLACE:** This emergency virtual meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 1:44 PM, on October 23, 2020 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Petticolas called this emergency meeting to order. He explained the purpose of this meeting is to address the call for action on the Clinical Examinations the Board will accept for dental and dental hygiene students taking exams in 2021.
- MEMBERS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S., President
Sandra Catchings, D.D.S., Vice President
Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., Secretary
Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD
Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Perry E. Jones, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H
J. Michael Martinez de Adino, J.D.
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Mike Nguyen, DDS
- STAFF PRESENT AT THE PERIMETER CENTER:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director
Kathryn E. Brooks, Executive Assistant
- STAFF PRESENT BY TELEPHONE:** Elaine J. Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With 9 members of the Board participating, a quorum was established.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Petticolas explained the parameters for public comment then opened the public comment period by calling on the registered commenters as follows:
- Richard Archer (Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Education, VCU School of Dentistry)** expressed his support for waiving the live patient portion of the dental clinical exam again in 2021. He said that the 2020 non-

patient exam had a similar pass/fail rate when compared to the live patient exam results in previous years. He reported concerns on the loss of instruction days due to COVID and the ethical and liability issues of live patient exams. He then asked the Board to consider utilizing the ADEX exam which he sees as the superior simulated format. He concluded his remarks, by asking the Board to also accept the ADEX dental hygiene simulation clinical exam which tests skills on a typodont for 2021.

Ann Bruhn (Chair/Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene at ODU)

addressed her support for allowing dental hygienists to take the Computer Simulated Clinical Examination in place of the live patient clinical examination. She stated that current students lost 12 weeks of clinical care due to COVID and they are currently working to make up the patient care hours that are required to graduate.

Dr. Petticolas acknowledged the commenters then closed the public comment period and called to order the Full Board Meeting.

**BOARD DISCUSSION/
ACTION:**

Dr. Petticolas advised the Board that this meeting is to consider requests from the VCU School of Dentistry for 3 actions on the 2021

clinical examinations the Board will accept. The 3 proposed actions are to:

- 1) Continue to accept the total manikin dental examination for 2021
- 2) utilize the ADEX exam as the accepted clinical board examination
- 3) accept the ADEX simulation clinical exam for dental hygiene for 2021

Dr. Petticolas opened the floor for discussion on continuing to accept the dental manikin simulation restorative exams taken in 2021. Each Board member stated support for taking this action. In addition, accepting the perio manikin exam was proposed and agreed to in discussion. After discussion, Dr. Petticolas asked for a motion to accept perio and restorative manikin sections in 2021 dental examinations. Dr. Catchings so moved. The motion was seconded and a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Petticolas - Yes
Dr. Catchings - Yes
Dr. Bryant - Yes
Dr. Bonwell - Yes

Dr. Chaudhry- Yes
Dr. Dawson - Yes
Dr. Jones – Yes
Ms. Lemaster- Yes
Mr. Martinez-Yes

Dr. Petticolas then called for discussion on Dr. Archer’s recommendation that the Board only utilize the ADEX dental clinical examination. Most of the Board members expressed concern about addressing this because of the pandemic and because it would create issues with portability. Following discussion, Dr. Petticolas asked staff to do a comparative study regarding all currently accepted clinical exams and present the information to the Board. Dr. Petticolas asked for a motion to continue to accept all the current clinical examinations and defer action until staff can do a comparative study regarding these examinations. Dr. Catchings moved that the Board not accept only the ADEX exam in 2021. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Petticolas - Yes
Dr. Catchings - Yes
Dr. Bryant - Yes
Dr. Bonwell – Yes
Dr. Chaudhry- Yes
Dr. Dawson - Yes
Dr. Jones – Yes
Ms. Lemaster- Yes
Mr. Martinez-Yes

Dr. Petticolas opened the floor for discussion on consideration of the Board to accept the dental hygiene typodont as the clinical examination for 2021 dental hygiene exam. Dr. Bryant gave a brief overview of the meeting he attended for ADEX, he stated the typodont became available after the Board’s vote on May 29, 2020 regarding the dental hygiene exam. He further added that many find that this is an adequate substitute to the live patient clinical examination. Dr. Bonwell also showed support stating that she has received positive feedback from other dental hygienists and the Board should include the dental hygiene typodont to show scaling skills. Dr. Catchings and Dr. Dawson both felt that we should keep the same requirements as the 2020 examination by accepting the OSCE and not requiring the dental hygiene typodont. The reason given was because there was not adequate information and feedback regarding the typodont. Dr. Petticolas asked for a motion to accept the dental hygiene typodont as the clinical examination for 2021 dental hygiene exam. Dr. Jones made the motion and it was seconded by Mr.

Martinez. Each board member spoke to the motion. Following discussion of the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

- Dr. Petticolas - Yes
- Dr. Catchings - No
- Dr. Bryant - Yes
- Dr. Bonwell – Yes
- Dr. Chaudhry- Yes
- Dr. Dawson - No
- Dr. Jones – Yes
- Ms. Lemaster- Yes
- Mr. Martinez-Yes

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, Dr. Petticolas adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

Augustus A. Petticolas Jr., D.D.S.
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Dec. 11, 2020
Date

Sandra K. Reen
Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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