

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
EXAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The virtual Exam Committee Meeting (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:07 a.m., on March 5, 2021, at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Bryant called the meeting to order.
- Consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (the Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Board is convening today’s meeting virtually to consider such regulatory and business matters as are presented on the agenda necessary for the board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.
- Dr. Bryant provided the Board members, staff, and the public with contact information should the electronic meeting be interrupted.
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., Chair
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.
Dagoberto Zapatero, D.D.S.
- OTHER PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Augustus A. Petticolos, Jr., D.D.S.
- STAFF PRESENT AT THE PERIMETER CENTER:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Dentistry
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Dentistry
- OTHERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry
Richard Archer, D.D.S., VCU School of Dentistry, Board Consultant
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** A roll call of the Board members and staff was completed. With four members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Bryant explained the parameters for public comment and opened the public comment period. Dr. Bryant also stated that written comments were received from Brett Seigel, Dr. Bruce D. Horn, Dr. Frank Luorno, Jr., and Tracey Martin, R.D.H, which were sent by email to Committee members and will be posted with the draft minutes.
- Brett Seigel, VCU ASDA Chapter President Elect** – Mr. Seigel addressed the Committee concerning the negative impact of using human subjects in clinical licensing examinations by candidates seeking a dental license, which the ASDA is convinced is flawed and unethical. The ASDA would support alternatives that are preferable to the current process of using human subjects.

Bruce D. Horn, D.D.S., Director of Dental Examinations with the Western Regional Examination Board – Dr. Horn stated that it was not the content of the WREB examination that is in question; however, the score report seems to be an issue with the Board. He submitted the current WREB score report that has been used for about one year, which contains the Operative score of each procedure, Class III anterior composite, and Class II alloy or composite that is clearly detailed for conjunctive assessment by the Board. Dr. Horn requested that candidates who use the WREB exam be permitted to come to Virginia with those results.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Bryant asked if there were any edits or corrections to the January 31, 2020 minutes. Ms. Lemaster stated that the time for the adjournment of the meeting has 11:27 p.m. instead of 11:27 a.m. Dr. Zapatero moved to approve the minutes with the correction noted by Ms. Lemaster. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

EXAM ACTION TIMELINE AND EXAM COMPARISON: Dr. Bryant stated that the Board voted to have the Exam Committee discuss the testing agency exams in more detail, consider a timeframe to require passage of the ADEX exam, and report its findings to the Board.

Ms. Sacksteder reviewed the exam action timeline, which started in November 2019 through December 2020, and discussed the outcome and/or recommendations from each meeting. She also explained the dental exams chart, dental hygiene exams chart, and the ADA exam comparison chart.

Dr. Archer stated that VCU has only used ADEX for the last five years. He also stated that the manikin exam has really evolved and that ADEX is accepted in all states except for Delaware and New York. Dr. Archer answered questions from the Committee pertaining to the cost comparison for students to take the exam, the quality of the typodont used for testing, what parties would feel aggrieved if only the ADEX exam is accepted, and test preparation differences between live patients and a typodont.

Dr. Archer further explained that there are fewer differences for the dental hygiene exam and it is a successful and reliable exam. Ms. Lemaster informed the Committee that there are 5 different typodonts and the selection is randomized, and is not able to be memorized.

ADEX EXAM: Ms. Sacksteder reiterated that the ADEX acceptance map indicated that the exam is not accepted in New York and Delaware for dentists; and the ADEX acceptance map for dental hygiene showed the exam is not accepted in Nebraska, Delaware and Georgia.

Ms. Lemaster moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that it only accept the ADEX Exam for dentists. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Ms. Lemaster moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that it only accept the ADEX Exam for dental hygiene. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

**PROPOSED
DEFINITIONS:**

Ms. Sacksteder explained the proposed drafted language for the following definitions: Clinical Competency Exam; Compensatory Scoring; Conjunctive Scoring; and Substantially Equivalent. She informed the Committee that the Executive Director recommended that the definition for Clinical Competency Exam be changed to read as follows: "means a formal test of knowledge and proficiency in the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of dental conditions and the prevention of dental diseases which includes live patient and/or manikin based testing methods to demonstrate the skills needed to safely provide care and treatment of patients."

After discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed by consensus to change the word "proficiency" to "competence" in the proposed definition recommended by the Executive Director for Clinical Competency Exam.

Ms. Lemaster moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that it adopt the definitions, as amended, into regulations and/or guidance document and applications. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

**REQUIRED CLINICAL
EXAM COMPONENTS
FOR DENTAL
APPLICANTS:**

Ms. Sacksteder provided an overview of the required clinical exam components and scoring requirements for dental applicants by examination and credentials. The Committee agreed by consensus to accept the exam components and scoring requirements presented.

Dr. Dawson moved that the Committee recommend to the Board to adopt the amended required clinical exam components for dental applicants into regulations. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

**REQUIRED CLINICAL
EXAM COMPONENTS
FOR DENTAL HYGIENE
APPLICANTS:**

Ms. Sacksteder presented the required clinical exam components and scoring requirements for dental hygiene applicants by examination and credentials.

Dr. Dawson moved that the Committee recommend to the Board to adopt the required clinical exam components for dental hygiene applicants into regulations. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Dr. Petticolas moved that the Committee address with Board counsel at the March Board meeting a recommendation that requires clinical exam components for dental and dental hygiene applicants be adopted into the applications and/or guidance document. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

SCORE CARDS:


Ms. Sacksteder provided sample score cards and reports that are received by the Board from applicants in the past and also reviewed the drafted language for acceptable score cards and reports.

Dr. Dawson moved that the Committee recommend to the Board to adopt these required components of a score card into regulation and/or guidance document and applications. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Dr. Dawson moved that the Committee address with Board counsel at the March Board meeting a recommendation that required components of a score card be added into the applications and/or guidance document. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



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