

OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2021

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OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2021

Attendance

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) met via teleconference with the following Board members present:

Kumar Subramanian, D.D.S., President
Canise Bean, D.M.D., Vice President
Timothy Kyger, D.D.S., Secretary
Andrew Zucker, D.D.S., Vice Secretary
Theodore Bauer, D.D.S.
Kathy Brisley-Sedon, D.D.S.

Michele Carr, R.D.H.
Paul Kelley, D.D.S.
Jamillee Krob, R.D.H.
Murali Lakireddy, D.D.S.
Faisal A Quereshy, D.D.S., M.D.
Mary Kay Scaramucci, R.D.H.

The Boards Public member, Trevor Vessels was not in attendance due to a schedule conflict.

The following individuals were in attendance remotely: Katherine Bockbrader, Esq. of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Staff consisted of Harry Kamdar, M.B.A., Executive Director, Christopher Cellier, Esq., Deputy Director, Zachary Russell, Deputy Director, Barb Yehnert, Dental Board Enforcement Officer and Malynda Franks, Administrative Professional of the Ohio State Dental Board.

Call to Order

President Subramanian noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He then introduced himself as President of the Board and stated that the Board was holding this meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He requested that all phone-in attendees place their microphones on mute for the meeting and stated that all Board members would be voting via roll call except for such items as approval of the agenda and minutes, etc.

Board Business

Introductions

Board Members

President Subramanian then welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and introduced the rest of the Board members consisting of Canise Bean, D.M.D., Vice President, Timothy Kyger, D.D.S., Secretary, Andrew Zucker, D.D.S., Vice Secretary, Theodore Bauer, D.D.S., QUIP Coordinator, Kathy Brisley-Sedon, D.D.S., Michele Carr, R.D.H., Paul Kelley, D.D.S., Jamillee Krob, D.H.Ed., R.D.H., Murali Lakireddy, D.D.S. and Mary Kay Scaramucci, R.D.H. He noted that Faisal A. Quereshy, D.D.S., M.D. was currently finishing a surgery and would be in attendance shortly, as well as the Board's Public member, Trevor Vessels was not in attendance due to a schedule conflict.

Approval of Agenda

President Subramanian asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda with the caveat to amend the agenda due to any extenuating circumstances.

Motion by Dr. Kelley, second by Dr. Bauer, to approve the March 10, 2021 Board meeting agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Absent
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

[Review of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[February 3, 2021 Meeting](#)

President Subramanian informed the Board that the draft Minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting had been provided to the members for review prior to the meeting. He then asked if there was a motion regarding the Minutes.

Motion by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the Board meeting minutes as presented.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Absent
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

[Review of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[February 11, 2021 Meeting](#)

President Subramanian informed the Board that the draft Minutes from the February 11, 2021 Special meeting had been provided to the members for review prior to the meeting. He then asked if there was a motion regarding the Minutes.

Motion by Dr. Kelley, second by Dr. Zucker, to approve the Board meeting minutes as presented.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Absent
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

Action Items

Supervisory Investigative Panel Expense Report

President Subramanian asked if, Dr. Kyger as Secretary and Dr. Zucker as Vice Secretary attested to having spent at least twenty (20) hours per week attending to Board business. Dr. Kyger and Dr. Zucker affirmed that they had spent twenty (2) hours per week attending to Board business.

Motion by Dr. Bauer, second by Dr. Bean, to approve the Supervisory Investigative Panel expense report.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Abstain
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Absent
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Abstain

Motion carried.

Enforcement

Personal Appearances

Charles Butts, D.D.S.

Ms. Yehnert reviewed Dr. Butts' history with the Board members stating that he had entered into a standard impairment consent agreement with the Board on October 1, 2020 which was ratified by the Board on November 4, 2020. Dr. Butts subsequently completed residential treatment at The Ridge on November 5, 2020 and was discharged on December 5, 2020. She informed the Board that Dr. Butts had completed a medical, psychiatric, and neurological evaluation and received releases stating that he is safe to return to the practice of dentistry. Ms. Yehnert stated he remains in compliance with the terms of his Consent to date and that Dr. Butts was before them to request reinstatement of his license with work privileges.

Upon questioning by the Board, Dr. Butts stated that alcoholism is a bad thing, that he had been out of work since October 2020 and his employees have been on unemployment since that time. He commented on the status of his practice; employees on unemployment that is soon to run out, patients awaiting completion of treatment, overhead costs, etc. Dr. Butts informed the Board members that he has been completely in compliance with all the terms of his consent agreement completing three (3) weeks of Intensive Out-Patient care, attending aftercare, caduceus, and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings once a week.

Dr. Butts stated that he understands that the Board does not typically reinstate dental licenses during the first Personal Appearance after treatment. However, he indicated his concern that he would not have a practice to go back to if he must wait until his second Personal Appearance before them at the next Board meeting in May 2020.

Dr. Bean asked Dr. Butts to identify his stressors that trigger this behavior and how he intends to manage those stressors. Dr. Butts explained that he allowed his drinking to get out of hand during the COVID-19 pandemic, then his wife asked for a divorce, and when his practice reopened they were scheduling the backlog. He stated that he loves dentistry but recognizes the need to "back off" and not schedule so heavily.

Dr. Bean then asked if he was now in a stable and supported environment. Dr. Butts explained that his parents, patients, staff, and friends have all been very supportive in his recovery. He stated that he is in a much better place than in the past, he is sleeping better, loves waking up sober, and has no desire to go back to drinking. He commented that he is happier remaining compliant.

President Subramanian thanked Dr. Butts' sharing with the Board and then asked him to remain as they would be discussing his request during the Executive Session.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Bean, second by Ms. Carr, to move the Board into executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against Dr. Charles Butts pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes

Dr. Kyger – Abstain
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Absent
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Abstain

Motion carried.

President Subramanian requested the Board members to mute their microphones and to attend the Executive Session via the separate dial-up procedure. He explained that they would return to the meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Open Session

The Board resumed open session at 3:43 p.m. and President Subramanian noted for the record that Dr. Kyger and Dr. Zucker had not attended the executive session and, therefore, were not present during the deliberations in this matter.

President Subramanian stated that the Board would return to this matter at the end of the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Deputy Director Cellier to present the Enforcement matters before the Board.

Notice of Proposal to Deny Application for License to Practice Dentistry and Opportunity for Hearing

The Board reviewed two (2) proposed Notices of Proposal to Deny Application for License to Practice Dentistry and Opportunity for Hearing. The name of the individual was not included in the documents reviewed by the Board. The name of the individual has been added to the minutes for public notice purposes. Deputy Director Cellier provided a summary of the proposed Notice(s) to Deny Application for License to Practice Dentistry and Opportunity for Hearing.

Paul K. Kami, D.D.S.

Motion by Dr. Subramanian, second by Ms. Scaramucci, to approve the notice of proposal to deny application for license to practice dentistry and opportunity for hearing for Paul K. Kami, D.D.S., case number 20-00-1034.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Abstain
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Abstain

Motion carried.

Varun Narula, D.D.S.

Motion by Dr. Kelley, second by Dr. Bauer, to approve the notice of proposal to deny application for license to practice dentistry and opportunity for hearing for Varun Narula, D.D.S., case number 19-00-1339.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Abstain
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Abstain

Motion carried.

Proposed Consent Agreement(s)

The Board reviewed one (1) proposed Consent Agreement. The name of the individual/licensee was not included in the document reviewed by the Board. The name of the individual/licensee have been added to the minutes for public notice purposes.

Deputy Director Cellier noted that Dr. Zucker would be recusing himself from the discussions on this consent agreement. He then provided a summary of the proposed consent agreement.

Disciplinary

William O. Semans, D.D.S.

Motion by Dr. Quereshy, second by Dr. Bauer to approve the proposed consent agreement for William O. Semans, D.D.S., license number 31.016984, and case number 19-22-1013.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Abstain
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Recused

Motion carried.

Director Kamdar indicated that he would notify Dr. Zucker to return to the open meeting.

Enforcement Update

Deputy Director Cellier provided the Enforcement Update by informing the Board that there were seven (7) cases pending hearing, two (2) of which have been scheduled and four (4) of which have been continued indefinitely. He stated that there are no cases pending Hearing Examiners Report and Recommendation There are ten (10) licensees and certificate holders under current suspension, thirty-nine (39) licensees and certificate holders with older suspensions, and currently the Board has two hundred and fifty-four (254) active cases. Deputy Director Cellier said that there was one (1) referral to QUIP. He informed the members that one hundred (100) cases have been reviewed by the Board Secretaries and are recommending they be closed at this time with no warning letters having been issued. He noted that there are twenty-three (23) licensees currently on probation.

Deputy Director Cellier indicated to the Board members the detail of one hundred and fifty-nine (159) cases being investigated by the Board that are over 90 days old by type and by age.

Due to the requirement in Chapter 4715.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, that "A concurrence of a majority of the members of the board shall be required to... ..(6) Dismiss any complaint filed with the board.", Deputy Director Cellier reviewed the cases to be closed with the Board.

The following cases are to be closed:

18-31-1084	20-18-1346	20-31-1308
18-55-1400	20-18-1364	20-31-1314
19-73-1366	20-18-1366	20-31-1316
19-77-1361	20-21-1166	20-31-1321
19-85-1177	20-21-1277	20-31-1329
20-04-1278	20-22-1220	20-31-1348
20-09-1228	20-22-1309	20-31-1359
20-09-1232	20-25-1107	20-43-1357
20-09-1296	20-25-1133	20-48-1139
20-09-1299	20-25-1157	20-48-1306
20-09-1367	20-25-1184	20-48-1338
20-12-1333	20-25-1199	20-50-1313
20-12-1349	20-25-1208	20-50-1378
20-13-1039	20-25-1225	20-51-1037
20-13-1354	20-25-1227	20-52-1273
20-18-1013	20-25-1274	20-57-1054
20-18-1110	20-25-1310	20-57-1239
20-18-1125	20-25-1317	20-57-1294
20-18-1173	20-25-1358	20-57-1298
20-18-1178	20-25-1368	20-57-1339
20-18-1195	20-25-1370	20-57-1344
20-18-1207	20-28-1124	20-60-1290
20-18-1255	20-31-1021	20-60-1341
20-18-1297	20-31-1183	20-70-1270
20-18-1336	20-31-1247	20-71-1246
20-18-1345	20-31-1285	20-73-1287

20-75-1130	20-83-1203	21-25-1054
20-76-1025	20-83-1286	21-50-1042
20-76-1137	20-87-1116	21-57-1023
20-77-1307	21-02-1005	21-57-1046
20-77-1352	21-15-1014	21-78-1043
20-77-1372	21-18-1017	21-83-1011
20-78-1369	21-18-1035	
20-80-1079	21-25-1052	

Prior to the vote to close the above listed cases, Deputy Director Cellier inquired as to whether any of the Board members had any personal knowledge that the cases that were being voted on today involved either themselves or a personal friend.

Roll call:

- Dr. Bauer – No
- Dr. Bean – No
- Dr. Brisley-Sedon – No
- Ms. Carr – No
- Dr. Kelley – No
- Dr. Krob – No
- Dr. Kyger – No
- Dr. Murali – No
- Dr. Quereshy – No
- Ms. Scaramucci – No
- Dr. Subramanian – No
- Mr. Vessels – No
- Dr. Zucker - No

Deputy Director Cellier then called for a motion to close the cases.

Motion by Dr. Subramanian, second by Dr. Krob, to close the above one hundred (100) cases.

Roll call vote:

- Dr. Bauer – Yes
- Dr. Bean – Yes
- Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
- Ms. Carr – Yes
- Dr. Kelley – Yes
- Dr. Krob – Yes
- Dr. Kyger – Abstain
- Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
- Dr. Quereshy – Yes
- Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
- Dr. Subramanian – Abstain on one case but Yes to close the rest.
- Mr. Vessels – Absent
- Dr. Zucker - Abstain

Motion carried.

Dr. Zucker requested a point of privilege to express how difficult it has been to review the backlog of cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the vacant Chief Legal Counsel position during the past year. He wished to express

his thanks to Deputy Director Cellier and all the other team members working in the background for their diligence and hard work in this process.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Subramanian, second by Dr. Bean, to move the Board into executive session to confer with Board counsel regarding pending or imminent court action pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
 Dr. Bean – Yes
 Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
 Ms. Carr – Yes
 Dr. Kelley – Yes
 Dr. Krob – Yes
 Dr. Kyger – Yes
 Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
 Dr. Quereshy – Yes
 Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
 Dr. Subramanian – Yes
 Mr. Vessels – Absent
 Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

President Subramanian requested the Board members to mute their microphones and to attend the Executive Session via the separate dial-up procedure. He explained that they would return to the meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Open Session

The Board resumed open session at 4:06 p.m.

Licensure

President Subramanian stated that the Board's Licensing Coordinator Samantha Slater had prepared a report of the licenses, certifications, and registrations that have been issued by the Board staff since reported at the regular meeting in February. He explained that before the Board was the listing of license, registration, and certification numbers of issuance by the Board staff for ratification by the Board.

Dentist(s) – (17)

30.026368	Karen Misla	30.026376	Lance Tardugno
30.026367	Cynthia Thomas	30.026382	Sayuri Smith
30.026365	Waseem Mohiuddin	30.026384	Spencer Warren
30.026366	Victoria Mclaughlin	30.026381	Kristin Sweeney
30.026374	Adam Burr	30.026383	Aneesha Reddy
30.026375	Peter Andrews	30.026386	Miranda Lommen-Mielke
30.026377	James Zaiger	30.026385	Sara Anderson
30.026379	Nhung Hoang	30.026387	Yumna Arif
30.026378	Jordan Britt		

Graduate(s) of Unaccredited Dental Colleges Located Outside the United States – (1)

30.026380 Esther Ordonez Fernandez

Dental Hygienist(s) – (7)

31.016545	Kylie Sharp	31.016549	Kimberlyn Jones
31.016546	Gabrielle White	31.016551	Vada Clemens
31.016547	Ashley Olivencia	31.016550	Kaitlyn Prater
31.016548	Jillian Nguyen		

Dental Assistant Radiographer(s) – (157)

51.037376	Adriana Morales	51.037404	Garrett Bachtel
51.037377	Hannah Huynh	51.037409	Katelyn Rector
51.037380	Angel Campbell	51.037410	Victoria Rodocker
51.037373	Victoria Oros	51.037407	Tracy Shammot
51.037375	Emily Harris	51.037408	Ciera Long
51.037374	Jennah Najjar	51.037412	Hibo Ahmed
51.037382	Twila Meehan	51.037415	Molly Brinkman
51.037371	Zeynab Safarova	51.037413	Estela Ponce
51.037370	Nathalie Moorman	51.037411	Maria Soliman
51.037379	Whitney Beatty	51.037414	Taylor Randall
51.037369	Olivia Saxton	51.037420	Abegail Vaught
51.037372	Emma Pacsuta	51.037417	Tessa Edwards
51.037378	Shahd Oqal	51.037418	Victoria Wright
51.037383	Amanda Mongolier	51.037419	Zarhrea Street
51.037381	Rickia Davenport	51.037421	Ashley Hefner
51.037368	Chelsea Davis	51.037416	Diana Dubois
51.037386	Haley Gresham	51.037422	Vivian Ghobrial
51.037385	Jasmyn Durgan	51.037424	Payal Patel
51.037384	Ariana Gill	51.037423	Sydney Taylor
51.037391	Nicole Burns	51.037426	Gretchen Wimbs
51.037388	Heaven Simons	51.037425	Emma Fast
51.037387	Kaitlyn Brown	51.037427	Katelin Kreinbrink
51.037392	Nicole Garcia	51.037429	Tess Thomas
51.037390	Mckenzie Craig	51.037428	Sabrina Belarbi
51.037389	Tanya Boles	51.037432	Tina Dipasquale
51.037397	Alayzia Mullins	51.037434	Emma Malone
51.037398	Laith Al-Tamimi	51.037430	Hannah Loparich
51.037393	Angela Durgala	51.037431	Michelle Liening
51.037394	Kaylin Chaney	51.037433	Lashana Washington
51.037396	Nicholas Ropar	51.037441	Ashlee Ault
51.037399	Ashley Cornwell	51.037436	Brittany Brown
51.037395	Taslima Tania	51.037444	Komoliddin Vokhidov
51.037400	Becky Beeney	51.037443	Josslyn King
51.037402	Stephanie Cooks	51.037447	Shelby Fisher
51.037401	Katie Conroy	51.037448	Maria Koudelka
51.037405	Hailey Murphy	51.037438	Jessika Barone Tietjen
51.037406	Genevieve Kozelka	51.037435	Tim Shaver
51.037403	Kristian Williams	51.037442	Hannah Moore

51.037440	Kirsten Casteel	51.037479	Daniel Weikert
51.037450	Andrea Garred	51.037480	Nia Colon
51.037439	Skylyn Strickland	51.037482	Erin Osborne
51.037437	Brooke Stephenson	51.037483	Haley Jagers
51.037445	Tiffany Ricket	51.037488	Cori Spencer
51.037446	Arieonna Schaad	51.037486	Britney Samples
51.037449	Carter Amspaugh	51.037492	Miranda Kisha
51.037451	Kala Clark	51.037489	Gavin Pitts
51.037453	Cassie Kushner	51.037490	Chelsey Perez
51.037456	Jazmyn Cole	51.037491	Nikki King
51.037455	Dana Gray	51.037484	Mashida Yakhuzova
51.037457	Hannah Latham	51.037485	Katrease Massey
51.037454	Irene Povroznik	51.037487	Shakeyda Grubbs
51.037452	Jorden King	51.037493	Irveen Singh
51.037458	Abigail Metek	51.037495	Aubrey Clark
51.037459	Kiah Ison	51.037497	Melissa Meyer
51.037460	Tessa Mays	51.037496	Faith Cole
51.037463	Mariah Little	51.037494	Taylor Rice
51.037464	Phaydra Haverstock	51.037500	Carli Collins
51.037461	Whintey Arms	51.037498	Autumn Rich
51.037462	Malika Franklin	51.037499	Maggie Bowers
51.037465	Dreama Moore	51.037505	Brianna Hepler
51.037466	Asia Mays	51.037502	Cameron Armstrong
51.037469	Ja Reese Love	51.037504	Justina Doner
51.037467	Sierra Webb	51.037503	Mara Papaleo
51.037468	Sierrah Griffith	51.037501	Jordan Taylor
51.037478	Crystal Krucek	51.037506	Kista Gipson- Lewis
51.037472	Katherine Courlas	51.037507	Shealey Nicklow
51.037471	Shirley Hodges	51.037508	Kelly Ziegler
51.037476	Mckenna Marinich	51.037510	Kathleen Lea
51.037477	Ashley Soucek	51.037509	Jordyn Orchard
51.037475	Lizabeth Deyhle	51.037511	Ashley Akers
51.037473	Zoe Edwards	51.037513	Rajenna Ouk
51.037474	Talejah Thomas	51.037514	Sarah Novak
51.037470	Taylor Gay	51.037512	Arianna Antonacci
51.037481	Paige Marek		

Limited Continuing Education – (4)

LCE.000471	Jeffrey Skupny	LCE.000473	Katelyn Genenbacher
LCE.000472	Frances Golly	LCE.000474	Skye Bower

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary – (4)

EFDA.003369	Maeve Hilgefert	EFDA.003371	Angel Jusino Miller
EFDA.003370	Jennifer Stover	EFDA.003372	Ka'jzha Mitchell

Coronal Polishing – (11)

CP.002286	Brittani Sisouphanh	CP.002283	Lindsey Kiger
CP.002284	Amanda Kinhead	CP.002280	Erika Antenori
CP.002285	Cleaira Anderson	CP.002282	Mackenzie Turner

CP.002279	Darlene Bradley	CP.002289	Kayla Stutler
CP.002281	Orlandys Cardozo	CP.002288	Angelica Brilsky
CP.002287	Anesha Brown		

Motion by Dr. Krob, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to approve all licenses, registrations, and certifications as listed that have been issued since the February Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
 Dr. Bean – Yes
 Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
 Ms. Carr – Yes
 Dr. Kelley – Yes
 Dr. Krob – Yes
 Dr. Kyger – Yes
 Dr. Lakireddy – Abstain
 Dr. Quereshy – Yes
 Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
 Dr. Subramanian – Yes
 Mr. Vessels – Absent
 Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Permit(s)

President Subramanian stated that the Board’s Anesthesia Consultant, Gregory Ness, D.D.S., had reviewed the following individuals who have applied for General Anesthesia or Conscious Sedation Permits. Evaluations have been conducted and the applicants have been recommended to receive General Anesthesia or Conscious Sedation Permits.

Conscious Sedation

Dr. Ryan Birkinbine, Boardman, Ohio - Intravenous
 Dr. Michael Walborn, Boardman, Ohio - Intravenous
 Dr. Firas Yacoub, Streetsboro, Ohio – Intravenous

Motion by Dr. Bauer, second by Ms. Carr, to approve the conscious sedation permit applications in the appropriate modality to the licensees as listed.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
 Dr. Bean – Yes
 Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
 Ms. Carr – Yes
 Dr. Kelley – Yes
 Dr. Krob – Yes
 Dr. Kyger – Yes
 Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
 Dr. Quereshy – Yes

Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

Oral Health Access Supervision Permit(s)

President Subramanian stated that the Board's Licensing Manager had reviewed two (2) applications for Oral Health Access Supervision Permits and recommended that the Board approve the applications for the following:

Dental Hygienist(s)

Britnie Baker, Summitville, Ohio
Jaime Pepperling, Amsterdam, Ohio

Motion by Ms. Scaramucci, second by Dr. Krob, to approve the applications for Oral Health Access Supervision Permits for the applicants as listed.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

Reinstatement Application(s)

President Subramanian stated that the Board's Licensing Manager had reviewed and approved one (1) dental hygiene reinstatement application and recommended that the Board ratify the reinstatement application for the following:

Dental Hygienist(s)

Leah Ridgway, R.D.H.

Motion by Dr. Bean, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to reinstate the license of Leah Ridgway to practice dental hygiene in the state of Ohio.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes

Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education

President Subramanian stated the Chair of the Education Committee, Dr. Canise Bean had requested to address the members.

Dr. Bean thanked President Subramanian and stated that the Education Committee has not been able to meet since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Board office continues to receive sponsor applications and sponsor renewal applications which the Boards Education Coordinator has been unable to return to the Board office to scan and prepare for review by the Committee. Therefore, as Chair of the Committee, Dr. Bean is requesting that the Board provisionally and retroactively approve the following applications:

Biennial Sponsor Applications

Sensory Informed Pediatric Practice CEUs, LLC
Derby Dental Lab
Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Biennial Sponsor Renewal Applications

Carl O. Boucher Prosthodontic Conference
Northern Cincinnati Study Club
Ohio's Center for Oral, Facial, Implant Surgery

Motion by Dr. Bean, second by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, to approve the Biennial Sponsor and Biennial Sponsor Renewal applications as listed provisionally and retroactively.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Yes
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes

Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Yes

Motion carried.

Dr. Bean stated that she expects the Committee will be able to meet virtually prior to the next Board meeting in May.

Executive Updates

President's Update

National Women's Day – March 8, 2021

President Subramanian informed the members that this past Monday, March 8, 2021 was National Women's Day. He wanted to take a moment to thank all the women on the Board and around the world because without them we would be nothing. He quoted the famous saying "Behind every successful man is a woman." and commented that in his case his better half is miles and miles ahead of him.

Volunteer Vaccinators

President Subramanian wanted to thank all the dentists and dental hygienists who have signed up to volunteer for the mass vaccination program that is being rolled out by the state. He said that it was recently announced that the next mass vaccination program had been arranged in both Columbus and Cincinnati within the next week. He commented that it is their moral, ethical, and sworn duty to help the public and volunteering as a vaccinator is an opportunity for them to do that.

COVID-19 Pandemic Shutdown

President Subramanian stated that we are almost at the first anniversary of the COVID-19 shutdown. It was March 17, 2020 that all elective dental procedures were mandated to be stopped. Nobody could have imagined that an unknown virus would bring the entire world to a standstill and the effects of the pandemic are still being unraveled. With each passing day and with the widespread distribution of the vaccine, thanks to those women and men who worked tirelessly to get us to this stage, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued new guidelines that give us a glimmer of hope to some semblance of normalcy. President Subramanian stated that it is important we invest wholeheartedly in support of getting as many individuals vaccinated as possible and to dispel the myths and false information about the vaccine.

President Subramanian said that as professionals, we understand that "herd immunity" is what must be achieved. Based on recent studies, herd immunity can only happen when 67% to 75% of the population is vaccinated with the caveat that more resistant mutations develop and begin infecting more people. He stated that we should work toward the common good to get over the much-needed critical number and achieve herd immunity.

President Subramanian offered a final comment in requesting that we do not forget the addiction problem that still exists. The pandemic has worsened the opioid addiction combined with an increase in mental health disorders and the downward trend of the economy and jobs. He urged all the Board members to invest some time and effort in the control of the opioid epidemic.

Executive Director's Update

Continued Virtual Meetings

Director Kamdar thanked President Subramanian and stated that virtual meetings will continue through July 2021 when H.B. 404 will expire in terms of the timelines given to State agencies, boards, and commissions for holding virtual meetings. HE said that we will have to wait and see if any amendments will be made to the Bill or if there may be a new Bill introduced to continue virtual meetings. Our expectation is that in-person-meetings would commence thereafter.

Budget Testimony

Director Kamdar informed the Board members that he had the privilege to appear before the Ohio House of Representatives, Health and Human Services Committee, Finance Subcommittee, to present the Boards budget for FY 2022-2023. He stated that this is just the beginning of the budget approval process and he expects to get a similar invitation from the Ohio Senate to present before them prior to it finally going to the Governor for sign-off towards the end of June.

Thanks to Staff

Director Kamdar stated that the pandemic hit us almost a year ago and when we left our offices, we thought that we were only going to be gone for a couple of weeks and then we would be back. This turned out to be a much longer absence from our actual physical office than any of us had anticipated. He wished to commend the Board staff for working from home, working under strange constraints and demands, and still have been able to deliver the same services and stated he was very proud of all the staff.

Chief Legal Counsel

Director Kamdar said that our former attorney, Steve Kochheiser, left the Board around the first week of February 2020 and soon after we were met by the pandemic. This led to a hiring freeze which extended up to November/December 2020 when we were fortunate enough to hire Chris Cellier, Esq. He stated that the Board had to endure almost a year without any inhouse legal counsel. Director Kamdar expressed that we are very grateful to our AAG Katherine Bockbrader for helping us out when we needed it.

Director Kamdar commented that he is truly grateful to our new Chief Legal Counsel Chris Cellier for coming in and taking over the responsibility in getting the Board caught up with these investigations. He stated that we are still not completely caught up, but he has done a tremendous job. As indicated by the numbers, the backlog has dropped by almost one hundred investigations.

Director Kamdar indicated that he is also very grateful to Mr. Russell who has helped us over the last year by filling the gap wherever possible and grateful to our investigators who have continued to work hard under these strange conditions. He also wanted to thank the SIP panel for really stepping up by taking time out of their busy schedules and helping the Board get caught up with the investigations.

Continued Virtual Meetings

Director Kamdar stated that he expects the Board will resume committee meetings in earnest beginning next month. He stated that we will be holding the Law and Rules Review Committee meeting in a couple of weeks and plans to have a Research Committee meeting in the month of April. Director Kamdar said that we have now gotten into a cadence of evening meetings since that seems to be most convenient for the Board members and the public as well. He said we should expect to continue having the meetings in the evenings.

Director Kamdar then turned the meeting back over to President Subramanian.

Anything for the Good of the Board

Enforcement

Personal Appearance(s) (Continued)

Decision in the Matter of Charles Butts, D.D.S.

Motion by Dr. Brisley-Sedon, second by Dr. Bean, to reinstate the dental license of Dr. Charles Butts limited to sixteen (16) hours per week and remain in full compliance with the terms of his consent agreement with the Board, and that Dr. Butts must request and be granted a personal appearance before the Board to request additional practice hours.

Roll call vote: Dr. Bauer – Yes
Dr. Bean – Yes
Dr. Brisley-Sedon – Yes
Ms. Carr – Yes
Dr. Kelley – Yes
Dr. Krob – Yes
Dr. Kyger – Abstain
Dr. Lakireddy – Yes
Dr. Quereshy – Yes
Ms. Scaramucci – Yes
Dr. Subramanian – Yes
Mr. Vessels – Absent
Dr. Zucker - Abstain

Motion carried.

President Subramanian asked if any members of the Board wished to bring forth a topic for discussion.

Ms. Scaramucci stated she hopes the Board continues with their due diligence during the pandemic in making every attempt to try to make it easier for dental assistants to obtain their credentialing and certification in order that they can start working in the dental field. She would like to recommend that the Board research utilizing the American Medical Technologists certification for dental assistants. She stated that in speaking with the program chair of the medical assisting program at the University of Cincinnati, this certification may not be the “gold standard”, but it would certainly be a viable option in accreditation for dental assistants.

President Subramanian thanked Ms. Scaramucci for her suggestions. He stated that Dr. Bean and Ms. Carr have already been working earnestly toward addressing this matter and wanted to thank them for their continued efforts in this matter.

President Subramanian asked if there was any additional information or questions of the Board. He noted that there were no other questions or comments.

Adjourn

President Subramanian adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Kumar Subramanian, D.D>S./digital

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CANISE BEAN, D.M.D., Vice President