

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
May 29, 2015
Hilton University of Florida
1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607
352-371-3600
7:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Dr. Kochenour, Chair. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Members present:

William Kochenour, D.D.S., Chair
Leonard Britten, D.D.S., Vice-Chair
Joe Thomas, D.D.S.
Robert Perdomo, D.M.D.
Dan Gesek, D.M.D.
T. J. Tejera, D.M.D.
Catherine Cabanzon, R.D.H., B.A.S.D.H.
Tim Pyle
Angela Sissine, R.D.H.

Members absent:

Wade Winker, D.D.S.
Anthony Martini

Staff present:

David D. Flynn, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Deborah B. Loucks, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Sue Foster, Executive Director
Candace Rochester, Esq., Asst. General Counsel, PSU
Cindy Ritter, Program Administrator
Court Reporter - Scribe Associates, Inc., telephone (352) 377-6852

Dr. Kochenour recognized Dr. Isabel Garcia, Dean of the University of Florida Dental School, who addressed the Board. Also those recognized in attendance were: University of Florida senior dental students; dental hygiene and dental assisting students from Santa Fe College.

Dr. Kochenour requested that Mr. Pyle read the following mission, vision, and purpose:

Mission: To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, & community efforts.

Vision Statement: Healthiest State in the Nation

Purpose: To protect the public through health care licensure, enforcement and information.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

February 20, 2015 General Business Meeting

The minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed and following review, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to approve as presented

Second: by Dr. Gesek

Vote: unanimous

REPORTS

Council/Committee Reports

Council on Dental Hygiene – May 18, 2015 Telephone Conference Call

Ms. Cabanzon reported on the May 18, 2015 telephone conference call and the following actions taken by the Council:

Recommendations from Budget Task Force for reduction of dental hygiene fees (reduced to \$80 from \$100)

64B5 -15.006, F.A.C., Licensure and Renewal Fees

64B5-15.009, F.A.C., Fee for Reactivation of Inactive license

64B5 -15.012, F.A.C., Change of Status Processing Fee

64B5 - 15.0121, F.A.C., Change of Status Processing Fee for Retired Status

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to approve task force reductions in fees for dental hygiene

Second: by Dr. Gesek

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek that this reduction does not have an adverse economic impact on small businesses and no statement of regulatory impact is required.

Second: by Dr. Thomas

Vote: unanimous

Ms. Cabanzon explained that the Council was reviewing rule 64B5- 2.0135(1)(a), F.A.C. regarding the dental hygiene exam to include the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments.

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to approve the change

Second: by Dr. Gesek

Mr. Flynn advised the board that the entity name remains NERB. The motion was withdrawn following discussion.

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to refer to Rules Committee and to amend language to refer to contractors providing the dental hygiene exam

Second: Dr. Perdomo

Vote: unanimous

Rule 64B5-2.0135(3)(d), regarding the written exam completion in 18 months lacks specific legislative authority.

Motion: by Ms. Cabanzon to delete the language requiring an applicant to complete the Laws and Rules examination within 18 months of completion of the ADEX

Second: by Dr. Thomas

Vote: unanimous

Dr. Gesek asked the board to consider delaying the referral to Rules Committee. He advised a meeting would be held in coming months. Most all states are accepting the ADEX.

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Discussion of remedial coursework. Ms. Cabanzon stated that Ms. Tami Miller, Florida Dental Hygiene Association, is leading a task force formed to review the current rule requirement for remedial education for dentists from non-U.S. accredited dental schools who fail the dental hygiene exam. The statute on this is permissive language that the Board may require remedial education, and only 9 candidates have taken this course which is only offered at Palm Beach State College. The rule requires 280 hours. Ms. Miller will offer a rule draft for the August board meeting with presentation to the Council on Dental Hygiene prior to the August meeting.

Discussion was also held regarding the 60 hour requirement for dental hygienists to obtain the local anesthesia credential. It was discussed that perhaps the dental and dental hygiene schools could consider a course for dental hygienists from other states who have administered local anesthesia for many years. This would be a review for licensees to supplement their hours with a course at an accredited dental or dental hygiene program.

The Council discussed remedial tasks. Ms. Sissine asked for discussion to clarify confusion with the 13 month rule and the 2 year prescription law unless a shorter length of time is designated by the dentist. Ms. Sissine made comments that the language should be revised.

Ms. Sissine volunteered to look at this and possibly provide a draft.

Anesthesia Committee – May 20, 2015 Telephone Conference Call

This meeting was cancelled.

Board Counsel

Rules Report

Mr. Flynn reviewed the rules report containing 64B5-17.002, Written Dental Records; Minimum Content, Retention and JAPC comments for the Board's review. The rule became effective May 14, 2015. There was an objection from JAPC regarding the language in subsection (9) that the statute requires that a dentist who performs treatment maintain the records for at least four years while the rule language does not require the dentist to maintain records in this setting.

Mr. Flynn asked for assistance in getting the language into statute so there is no conflict with JAPC.

Motion: by Dr. Thomas that the language be changed to restricted to dental screenings under pro bono
There was no second

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to send this subsection to the Rules Committee for review/discussion
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

Mr. Flynn advised that he must perform an enhanced biennial review of the existing rules and will provide this to the board chair for approval. The Annual Regulatory Plan must be filed by October 1, 2015.

Application Update – Health Access Dental License Application

Updated changes were made to this application including how to register for the laws and rules exam, fee, etc. since this is now handled by CD/CA.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to approve the changes
Second: by Dr. Thomas
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek that no SERC is required
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling regarding North Carolina Dental Board Matter

Mr. Flynn waived his time regarding the U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding North Carolina Dental Board to future time.

Executive Director

Budget Reports

Provided for information.

Ratification of Lists

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to approve permits, etc.
Second: by Dr. Tejera
Vote: unanimous

Strategic Planning Committee

This is request by SSG for Chair to designate or accept volunteers for a dentistry strategic planning committee within each board for future planning of the profession, tele-health issues, ethics issues, etc.

Dr. Gesek asked that the Chair assign a Committee. Dr. Kochenour stated that due to the Board's/Florida's involvement in national association meetings, they are abreast of current issues, future plans, etc.

Chairman

Dr. Kochenour reported that the State of Florida was well represented in Chicago at the American Association of Dental Boards. Dr. Winker addressed the conference on impairment of licensees throughout the U.S. and asked various states to elaborate on their efforts. Dr. Eva Ackley, former Chair and board member, is now President-elect of the AADB.

Dr. Kochenour will attend the NERB/CDCA Chairs meeting in June in Baltimore.

Vice-Chairman

No report.

Board Members

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Dr. Thomas asked that if board members wished to offer guidance or comments at any time to the students during the disciplinary cases, that comments be held until after the respondent's cases have been concluded.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Email from Robert Dreyfus, D.D.S. re CE Requirements for Retired Dentists Practicing in Indigent Clinics

Dr. Dreyfus was present to discuss his volunteer work with an indigent clinic and is renewing his request to change the CE requirements for retired dentists working with indigent population. Basic dental services such as oral hygiene instruction, prophylaxis, simple restorations and extractions will be provided in this clinic. Pursuant to 64B5-7.007(1)(d), F.A.C., limited licensees must comply with all continuing education requirements of active licensees. Dr. Dreyfus proposed that the requirement be dropped for those who are volunteering.

Following discussion the board felt that because these licensees are continuing to provide care that this group of licensees must complete the same requirements as other dental licensees. The board appreciates the services provided by the limited license holders.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Citation and Cease and Desist Order, Golden Connection, Case No. 2015-03468

Citation and Cease and Desist Order, Pong Su Song, Case No. 2015-01155

Florida's Roadmap for Oral Health, A Results-Based Strategic Plan

News Article Alleging Unlicensed Activity

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Stacy Renee Cruse, R.D.H., Case No. 2014-05598, Informal Hearing (PCP Thomas, Winker)

Ms. Cruse was present and was not represented by counsel. A two count administrative complaint filed November 26, 2014 alleged violations of s. 466.028(1)(s), F.S. of inability to practice with reasonable skill or safety due to use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals or other types of material or as result of mental or physical condition and s. 466.028(1)(t), F.S. of fraud, deceit or misconduct in the profession. Allegations of stealing a prescription form and forging a prescription for a controlled substance were cited.

Probable Cause Recommendation: \$3500 fine, college level ethics course, one year license suspension (active) until compliant with PRN at which time the suspension is stayed.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek find that respondent was properly served and to adopt the findings of fact contained in the administrative complaint

Second: by Dr. Tejera

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to accept the investigative file and case materials into evidence for purpose of determining a penalty

Second: by Ms. Cabanzon

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to adopt the conclusions of law and find that the conclusions of law constitute a violation of the practice act as alleged in the Administrative Complaint

Second: by Ms. Cabanzon

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to impose a penalty of continuing with PRN contract and return to practice upon recommendation of PRN

Second: by Dr. Perdomo

Vote: unanimous

The Department withdrew the motion to assess costs.

**Andrea Haddad Espirito Santo, D.M.D., Case No. 2012-18189, Settlement
(PCP Britten, Thomas)**

Dr. Santo was present and was represented by Scott Sankey, Esq. An administrative complaint filed July 7, 2014, alleged violations of s. 466.028(1)(m), F.S. of failing to keep written dental records justifying the course of treatment, failing to record the administration and dosage of local anesthesia, failing to record treatment rendered. The patient's mother was present and provided additional information for the board member's review.

Probable Cause Recommendation: reprimand, appearance before board, \$2,500 fine, costs, 3-6 hours in Record Keeping, successfully complete laws and rules examination within one year and one biennium C.E. audit.

A settlement agreement was presented to the Board with the following terms: letter of concern, fine of \$2500 payable within 12 months, costs of \$4600 payable within 12 months, Level I – 3 – 6 hours of oral surgery; level 1 (3 – 6) hours in diagnosis and treatment planning, 3 hours of record keeping, ethics course.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to approve the settlement agreement

Second: by Ms. Cabanzon

Vote: unanimous

**Jacques Benchimol, D.M.D.; Case No. 2013-08314, Settlement
(PCP Britten, Tejera)**

Dr. Benchimol was present and was represented by David Corso, Esq. A two count administrative complaint filed September 26, 2014 alleged violations of s. 466.028(1)(x), F.S. of failure to meet minimum standards of performance in diagnosis and treatment and s. 466.028(1)(m), F.S. of failing to keep written dental records justifying the course of treatment involving improper evaluation and restoration by seating crowns with poor contours, poor occlusion, ill-fitting dentures, inability to eat and speak.

Probable Cause Recommendation: reprimand, appearance before board, \$10,000 fine, costs, reimbursement for the patient of fees paid to the respondent for procedures involved in

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complaint, minimum of 3-6 hours in Diagnosis and Treatment, minimum of 3-6 hours in Crown and Bridge placement, minimum of 3-6 hours in Prosthodontics, 3 hours in Record Keeping, 3 semester hour college-level Ethics course, successfully complete laws and rules examination within one year

A settlement agreement was presented to the Board with the following terms: letter of concern, fine of \$7500 payable within 12 months; costs not to exceed \$3700 payable within 12 months; CE to be completed within 18 months and to include 3 – 6 hours in crown and bridge; 3 – 6 hours in diagnosis and treatment planning; 3 – 6 hours in fixed and removable prosthodontics; 3 hours in recordkeeping, laws and rules exam within 12 months.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to reject the settlement
Second: by Ms. Cabanzon
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to offer a counter settlement agreement with the same terms and the addition of a college level ethics course.
Second: by Dr. Gesek
Vote: unanimous

Dr. Benchimol accepted the counter settlement agreement.

David R. Jensen, D.D.S.; Case No. 2010-17601, Settlement (PCP Britten, Thomas)

Dr. Jensen was present and was represented by Kevin Richardson, Esq. An administrative complaint filed April 21, 2014 alleged violations of s.466.028(1)(x), F.S. of failure to meet minimum standards of performance in diagnosis and treatment by failure to contact the patient's physician for medical clearance for dental procedure and failing to discuss adjustment to patient's Coumadin regime. Respondent informed patient to cease taking Coumadin 3 days before surgery date. Patient suffered a stroke. An indemnity of \$825,000 paid to patient.

Probable Cause Recommendation: reprimand, appearance before board, \$5,000 fine, costs, minimum of 3-6 hours in Diagnosis and Treatment Planning, successfully complete laws and rules examination within one year

A settlement agreement was presented to the Board with the following terms: letter of concern, fine of \$3500 payable within 6 months; costs not to exceed \$2500 payable within 6 months; CE to include 7 – 12 hours in diagnosis and treatment planning; patient reimbursement; successful completion of the laws and rules exam within 12 months.

Ms. Rochester noted that the patient reimbursement has already been accomplished through the indemnity payment to the patient.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Tejera to accept the settlement agreement

Second: by Dr. Gesek
Vote: unanimous

**Karen L. Vorhees, R.D.H.; Case No. 2014-09571, Voluntary Relinquishment
(PCP Thomas, Winker)**

Ms. Vorhees was not present nor represented by counsel. An administrative complaint filed December 5, 2014 alleged violations of s. 466.028(1)(s), F.S. of inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

Probable Cause Recommendation: suspend until compliant with PRN, appearance before board, successfully complete laws and rules examination within one year

A voluntary relinquishment of license was presented to the Board. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to accept the voluntary relinquishment
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

**Patricia Anne Sullivan, D.M.D., Case No. 2015-01729, Voluntary Relinquishment
(PCP N/A)**

Ms. Sullivan was not present nor represented by counsel. An investigative report submitted January 29, 2015 alleged violations of s. 466.028(1)(s), F.S. of inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition and s. 456.072(1)(hh), F.S.

A voluntary relinquishment of license was presented to the Board. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to accept the voluntary relinquishment
Second: by Ms. Cabanzon
Vote: unanimous

**Nicole York Kretschmer, R.D.H., Case No. 2014-12420, Voluntary Relinquishment
(PCP Britten)**

Ms. Kretschmer was not present nor represented by counsel. An administrative complaint filed February 17, 2015 alleged violations of s. 466.028(1)(s), F.S. of inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

Probable Cause Recommendation: suspend until compliant.

A voluntary relinquishment of license was presented to the Board. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to accept the voluntary relinquishment

Second: by Dr. Thomas
Vote: unanimous

**Joseph A. Gaeta, Jr., D.D.S., Case No. 2013-14250, Waiver
(PCP Britten)**

This case was withdrawn by the Department of Health.

**Gustavo Borges, D.D.S., DOH Case No. 2007-35238, DOAH Case No. 12-0005PL,
Recommended Order on Remand
(PCP Thomas)**

Dr. Borges was present and was represented by Randall Shochet, Esq. A final hearing, Todd Resavage, Administrative Law Judge, Division of Administrative Hearings, was held on December 12, 2012. On December 19, 2007, respondent was adjudicated guilty of one count of knowingly receiving child pornography and sentenced to serve 71 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release and \$5000 fine.

A Recommended Order on Remand was presented to the Board along with respondent's exceptions to the recommended order on remand and the response to respondent's exceptions.

Probable Cause Panel Recommendation: Revocation

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 1 as report by Dr. Swan was accepted into evidence with no objection, therefore there is competent substantial evidence in the record to support the findings.

Second: by Ms. Cabanzon
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 2 as the findings of fact were accepted into evidence and there is competent substantial evidence in the record to support the findings

Second: by Ms. Sissine
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 3 as the findings of fact were accepted into evidence and there is competent substantial evidence in the record to support the findings

Second: by Ms. Cabanzon
Vote: unanimous

At the request of Ms. Loucks, Dr. Gesek confirmed that he denied the above exceptions because there is competent substantial evidence to support to findings of fact.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 4 as he agrees with ALJ's conclusion of law

Second: by Ms. Sissine
Vote: unanimous

Dr. Gesek confirmed that he agreed with the administrative law judge's findings.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 5 as he agrees with ALJ's conclusion of law
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

Dr. Gesek confirmed that he agreed with the administrative law judge's findings.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 6 as he agrees with ALJ's conclusion of law
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 7 as he agrees with the ALJ's conclusion of law
Second: by Ms. Sissine
Vote: unanimous

Dr. Gesek confirmed that he found the administrative law judge's findings appropriate.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to accept the findings of fact contained in the Recommended Order on Remand.
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to accept the conclusions of law contained in the Recommended Order on Remand.
Second: by Ms. Cabanzon
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny Exception 8 as he agrees with ALJ's conclusion
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

Recommendation from Administrative Law Judge that Board find Dr. Borges guilty of violation of s. 468.028(1)(II), F.S. by violating s. 456.072(1)(c), F.S. and revoke his license to practice dentistry.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to revoke the license
Second: by Dr. Britten
Vote: motion passes with Ms. Sissine opposed

**Howard Schneider, D.D.S., Case No. 2015-11091, Voluntary Relinquishment
PCP (N/A)**

Dr. Schneider was not present nor represented by counsel. The investigative report cites allegations of violation of s. 466.028(1)(x), F.S. of failure to meet minimum standards of performance in diagnosis and treatment involving pediatric patients.

A voluntary relinquishment of license was presented to the Board. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to accept the voluntary relinquishment
Second: by Ms. Cabanzon
Vote: unanimous

PETITIONS

Petition for Variance or Waiver, Rule 64B5-2.0135, FAC

Kristi Fudge, Applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Ms. Fudge was not present and was not represented by counsel. She is requesting a variance to this rule as she passed the NERB exam in August, 2008 and has been practicing for 6 years in Michigan. Her husband is currently in the Navy and she notes financial hardship with retaking the exam.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to deny the petition because the statute requires applicants to successfully complete the ADEX examination.
Second: by Dr. Gesek
Vote: unanimous

Petition for Variance or Waiver, Rule 64B5-2.0152, FAC

Flavio Kottar, D.D.S.

Dr. Kottar was present and was represented by Francis DeLuca, Esq. Petitioner is requesting a variance from the 1200 hour requirement and grant petitioner an additional 180 days to comply. He completed the ADEX exam on May 11, 2012 in Massachusetts and holds a license in Pennsylvania.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to deny the petition for variance or waiver
Second: by Dr. Thomas
Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to issue a notice of expiration
Second: by Dr. Thomas
Vote: unanimous

Petition for Variance or Waiver, Rule 64B5-2.0144, FAC

Harsimrat Kaur Grewal, Applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Ms. Grewal was present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Grewal is requesting a waiver to Rule 64B5-2.0144, FAC. Ms. Grewal has attempted to complete the required remediation by registering for the course at Palm Beach State College in Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015 and each time the course was cancelled. The course is only available through Palm Beach State College.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to grant a limited waiver of rule for 1 more exam

Second: by Ms. Cabanzon

Vote: motion passes with Drs. Gesek, Britten and Ms. Sissine opposed

APPLICATION REVIEW/OTHER REQUESTS

Michael Tarver, D.M.D., Petition for Termination of Records Review

Dr. Tarver was present with his board approved monitor, Dr. Bob. Dr. Tarver was represented by Edwin Bayo, Esq. A petition for termination of records review was presented to the Board. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to approve termination of the records review

Second: by Dr. Gesek

Vote: unanimous

Michael Jacobs, D.D.S., Petition for Modification of Final Order

Dr. Jacobs was not present however he was represented by Randolph Collette, Esq. Due to health reasons, petitioner is requesting an extension of time to comply with his final order. The final order adopting the settlement agreement is dated March 11, 2013. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to modify the final order and eliminate all provisions except successful completion of the laws and rules exam

Motion dies

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to remove the fines and costs in previous final order and allow a 36 month extension to complete the continuing education as well as successful completion of the laws and rules exam

Second: by Dr. Tejera

Vote: unanimous

David Goldston, D.D.S., Petition for Termination of Probation

Dr. Goldston was present with his monitor and was represented by Randolph Collette, Esq. Dr. Goldston has complied with the terms of his final order and requests termination of his probation. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to approve the termination of probation

Second: by Dr. Thomas

Vote: unanimous

Joshua LeBlanc, D.D.S., Applicant for Dental Licensure

Dr. LeBlanc was present and was not represented by counsel. The Board is reviewing his application due to request for PRN evaluation. Dr. Brown, PRN, appeared with Dr. LeBlanc, contract signed. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion by Dr. Thomas to approve applicant for licensure

Second: by Dr. Kochenour

Vote: unanimous

Michael Sampson, D.M.D., Request for Extension to pay fees

Dr. Sampson has complied with all terms of his probation and is requesting that the board reduce, remove or give an extension of time to pay the remaining obligations.

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to delete the requirement to pay fees and costs
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

Adalgisa Morel, D.D.S. Review of Full-time Practice Documentation

Dr. Morel was present and was represented by Ed Bayo. She is appearing pursuant to Rule 64B5-2.0152 Licenses Granted on the ADEX from other jurisdictions; full time practice requirements. As of May 17, 2015, Dr. Morel had shown 864 clinical hours and had not met the 1200 hour requirement.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Thomas to delegate the review of the additional documentation to Dr. Kochenour
Second: by Dr. Gesek
Vote: unanimous

Ynette Auguste, D.H., Applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Ms. Auguste was present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Auguste is appearing due to an affirmative response on the applicant history section of the application.

Following discussion, Ms. Auguste asked for a continuance to the August meeting.

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to approve the continuance.
Second: by Dr. Tejera
Vote: unanimous

John Kulaga, Applicant for Conscious Sedation Permit

Dr. Kulaga was present and was represented by Edwin Bayo, Esquire. Dr. Kulaga completed a conscious sedation course at Georgia Regents University earlier this year and is asking for approval.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Tejera to approve the application
Second: by Ms. Sissine
Vote: unanimous

Letter from Florida Dental Association, Out-of-State Dentists Appearing as Clinicians at Mission of Mercy Event

This letter from Dr. Rick Stevenson and Dr. Andy Brown dated May 20, 2015 requests that the Board approve the exemption in s. 466.002(4), F.S. to permit out of state licensed dentists to work as clinicians at this event. The Florida Dental Association Foundation is hosting a Florida Mission of Mercy project in Jacksonville in April, 2016. This is a two day clinic which provides

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free dental care to 2000+ patients over the 2 day period. Dr. Brown advised that the credentials for out of state dentists will be sent to the board office for review by the board chair and any interested parties.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Gesek to approve
Second: by Dr. Perdomo
Vote: unanimous

A letter will be issued by the Board providing approval.

Request from FreeD.O.M. Clinic, USA, Inc.

Rev. Patrick Robinson appeared on behalf of FreeD.O.M. Clinic, USA, Inc. A request from Don Bovell, MD dated May 21, 2015, requests approval for out-of-state dentists to participate in an event scheduled in July 2015 in Ocala, Florida. The event will provide dental, optical and medical services to patients identified as homeless or otherwise indigent.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

The Board determined that more information was needed, that perhaps this clinic should apply for a non-profit permit, additional screening of the out of state applicants to vet and check qualifications, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2016

The proposed dates were provided for board review. After discussion, Ms. Foster advised she would send members a revised schedule beginning in February.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.