

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Call In Number (888) 585-9008, Participant Pass Code: 599-196-982
January 24, 2020
9:00 a.m. EST**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Naved Fatmi, DMD, Chair
Nick White, DMD, Vice-Chair
Claudio Miro, DDS
Catherine Cabanzon, RDH, BASDH
Fabio Andrade, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Sapp, Program Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL

David Flynn, Esq.
Senior Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Freedman, DMD
T.J. Tejera, DMD, MD
Nick Kavouklis, DMD
Angela Sissine, RDH

II. DISCUSSION

- a. SB 1032/HB 1273 – An act relating to dentistry and dental hygiene

Dr. Fatmi asked Ms. Sapp for a brief explanation of the SB1032/HB1273. Ms. Sapp explained that bill authorizes the acceptance of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) for licensure in Florida.

Ms. Cabanzon indicated she has done some research into the WREB and found there are some scoring discrepancies with the dental exam. She also researched which states exam WREB and which states accept ADEX. She found there is only 1 state (Alaska) that accepts the WREB but does not accept ADEX. There are 3 states that do not accept the ADEX exam, Georgia, New York and Alaska. She also found the 9 states recently stopped accepting the WREB due to issues with scoring. She does not see any benefit to accepting this exam and did not believe it would change portability.

Dr. Fatmi had concerns with some of the portions of the exam being optional and felt this could cause a conflict with Florida's standard of care. He indicated that he did not see any benefit to accepting this exam.

Dr. Miro had expressed concerns on the requirements and what the benefits would be to accept WREB.

Dr. White expressed concerns with having to check to make sure all required portions had been completed and did not see any benefit. He also added that he was concerned with other states moving away from this exam.

Mr. Andrade expressed his concerns and stated that if it is not an improvement, we should not support.

Dr. Cegielski who is a dentist in Port St. Lucie and who has been an examiner for over 13 years expressed concerns with the exam and feels that the WREB is weaker exam. He also added that Florida would be lowering its standards by accepting this exam and that he does not see any benefit.

Casey Stoutamire speaking on behalf of the Florida Dental Association, shares the concerns of the board.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Cabanzon that toe Board of Dentistry does not approve adopting this bill

Second: Dr. Fatmi

Vote: Unanimous

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.