

MINUTES
North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners
February 6, 2019, 6:00 PM
APT Inc., 2900 E. Broadway Ave., Suite 3, Bismarck, ND

1. Call to Order: Ms. Marsh called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Roll Call:

<u>Board Members and Administrative Staff Attendance</u>	
Bev Marsh, RDH, President	Tim Mehlhoff, CPA
Greg Evanoff, DDS	Otto Dohm, DDS
Mike Goebel, DDS	Tara Brandner, AAG
Rita Sommers, Executive Director	
	Absent: Troy Petersen, DMD, MD Mike Keim, DDS

3. Application Review Committee: Ms. Marsh moved to table agenda item numbers **three and five**. Dr. Dohm seconded the motion. (RCV): Marsh, yes; Dohm, yes; Mehlhoff, yes; Goebel, yes; Evanoff, yes. Motion carried, 5-0-2. Discussion; Complaint Committee work tabled due to lack of pertinent information. Other applications currently remain incomplete. No action.

4. Legislative Committee:

Bill #	Status	Summary	Board position/action
HB 1426	No report	Regulation of dental therapists	Opposed
HB 1523	No report	Fund balances	Opposed
SB 2126	No report	Licensure of foreign practitioners	Opposed
SB 2127	No report	Regulation of military spouses	Opposed
SB 2353	No report	Uniform regulation of occupations and professions; state auditor	Opposed
HB 1253	No report	Criminal convictions and licensing	Opposed
SB 2306	Hearing scheduled 2/7/2019	Occupational licensing of military and military spouses, temporary and provisional license requirements	The Board recognized and agrees with the spirit and bill; support with amendments

Dr. Dohm moves to support SB 2306 and would like to relay to the Committee that the Board supports the expeditious licensing of military spouses but must remain focused on protecting the public. The Board cannot grant licenses, provisional licenses or temporary licenses where proof of license requirements that are required of all other applicants, have not been provided to the Board. Practitioners providing irreversible and surgical procedures must be evaluated prior to providing such services to ND citizens. The Board would request to remove the overstrike on lines 13-20 since the Board of Dentistry currently has procedures related to expeditious, temporary or provisional licensure in place that the bill calls for. Therefore, the Board would request to be exempted out of the first section of the bill regarding foreign practitioners and exempted out of the second portion of the bill that would alter or eliminate requirements boards use to assure public safety when licensing members of the military and spouses. The rules of the Board are inclusive of military and foreign applicants. Dr. Evanoff seconded the motion.

Discussion; the Board supports the spirit of the bill and acknowledges the importance and urgency of the issue. However, dentists performing surgical and irreversible procedures require the same due diligence by licensing boards with respect to their mission to protect the public. The board is not in favor of many aspects of the legislation as currently written. The board has taken steps to streamline their licensing process by granting license to applicants as soon as all requirements are met rather than waiting for a meeting of the Board and the Board currently accepts all dental regional clinical exams; many states do not. The Board also licenses by credential review. Several measures shown in SB 2306 are already provided for in NDCC 43-20 and NDCC 43-28 as well as Admin Rules. Chapter 43-51 addresses foreign practitioners and seven boards were exempt. (RCV): Marsh, yes; Dohm, yes; Mehlhoff, yes; Goebel, yes; Evanoff, yes. Motion carried, 5-0-2.

5. Complaint Committee: Tabled

6. Date & Time of next meeting: February 20, 2019 6 PM.

7. Adjournment: 6:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Sommers, Executive Director

Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Secretary Treasurer