

Minutes
Special Meeting via Teleconference
5:30 PM via phone conference, January 28, 2015

The North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners convened via teleconference for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. SB 2066
3. SB 2354
4. Barfield
5. Adjournment

Present via telephone

Rob Lauf, DDS, President
Cathy Cornell, RDH, President-Elect
Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Sec-Treasurer
Greg Evanoff, DDS

Dale Brewster, DDS
Nate Martindale, Esq.
Rita Sommers, Executive Director

1. The meeting was called to order January 28, 2015, 5:35PM CDT by Dr. Lauf. Known callers (9): Marsha Krumm, NDDAA, Tyler Winter, NDDAA, Bev Marsh, NDDHA, Nate Myszka, PEW, Rachelle Gustafson, NDDHA, Laura Hale, PEW, Judy Bernat, NDDHA, Susan Peters, Julie Stitzel, PEW. Undisclosed callers; Three callers did not identify themselves.
2. SB 2066: The Board had no questions or discussion.
3. SB 2354: Moved and seconded to oppose SB 2354 and to urge members of the Board to testify against SB 2354 once the bill comes before committee. Discussion; the legislation introduces a new workforce model, advanced practice dental hygienists. The bill also mandates the NDSBDE develop an evaluation process to assess the impact of the advanced practice dental hygienists. The financial impact to the Board would be significant. It is known that expenses for similar evaluation in a MN study were 137k. Licensure fees being the main revenue of the Board, all licensing fees would likely have to increase. The Board was made aware of legislation with its significant magnitude only after introduction on January 26, 2015 and therefore has not had an opportunity to address the particulars, such as education requirements, evaluation of competency, duties, prohibited duties, and who provides a diagnosis for treatment and when the diagnosis would occur. The Board is opposed to granting surgical privileges to any dental health care provider with only two years of dental education. The Board is concerned that taking the risk of establishing a new provider with the minimal training in the absence of evidence based studies establishing its efficacy is not in the best interest of the public nor the best solution for improving access to oral health. The Minnesota mandated study was viewed as preliminary; few advanced dental therapists were studied. Dr. Lauf refrained from voting, except in the event of a tie. Roll call vote: Evanoff, yes; Brewster, yes; Cornell, no; Mehlhoff, yes. Motion carried.
4. Dr. Barfield: Nate Martindale confirmed that Dr. Barfield has signed the Settlement Agreement.