

North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES April 28, 2020, 4:00 PM CDT

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM CDT.

Board Members and Administrative Staff Attendance

Greg Evanoff, DDS, President	Otto Dohm, DDS
Alison Fallgatter, DDS, President-Elect	Mike Goebel, DDS
Michael Keim, DDS, Immediate Past-President	Rita Sommers, RDH, MBA, Executive Director
Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer	Tara Brandner, Assistant Attorney General
Bev Marsh, RDH	

2. Review NDBDE COVID-19 statement: Ms. Brandner presented a statement for the Board’s review and discussion. Subsequent to discussions of the full Board, the following statement was adopted by the NDBDE:

“The North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners (Board) has received numerous requests for guidelines for the reopening of dental offices. At this time, the Board is unable to provide such guidelines. However, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 the Board recommends practitioners review information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Dental Association for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Practitioners are responsible for the safety of their patients and staff and must operate in a manner consistent with protecting their safety. Practitioners with specific questions regarding liability should consult their legal counsel and insurance providers. The Board has the authority to discipline practitioners for willful or negligent disregard for safety. “

Dr. Fallgatter moved to adopt the statement, motion seconded by Dr. Keim. Roll call vote. Dr. Fallgatter, yes; Dr. Keim, yes; Ms. Marsh, yes; Dr. Goebel, yes; Dr. Evanoff, yes; Dr. Dohm, no; Mr. Mehlhoff, yes. Motion carries 6-1.

Adjournment: Dr. Fallgatter moved to adjourn this portion of the meeting. Ms. Marsh seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

3. Litigation: Dr. Fallgatter moved to go into Executive Session. Dr. Goebel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dr. Fallgatter, yes; Dr. Keim, yes; Ms. Marsh, yes; Dr. Goebel, yes; Mr. Mehlhoff, yes; Dr. Dohm, yes; Dr. Evanoff, yes. Motion carries 7-0. Legal authority for this portion of the meeting is NDCC 44-04-19.2 and 43-28-18.2(3) and (4). Dr. Fallgatter moved to end executive session, motion seconded by Dr. Goebel. Roll call vote: Dr. Fallgatter, yes; Dr. Keim, yes; Ms. Marsh, yes; Dr. Goebel, yes; Mr. Mehlhoff, yes; Dr. Dohm, yes; Dr. Evanoff, yes. Motion carries 7-0. Executive session ended at 4: 46 PM.

4. Next meeting of the Board: The NDBDE will convene June 12, 2020, Fargo venue to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Sommers, Executive Director

Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer