

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2020
Teleconference Meeting
(888) 585-9008
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1:00 P.M.**

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Dr. Fatmi called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Naved Fatmi, DMD, Chair
Nick White, DMD, Vice-Chair
T.J. Tejera, DMD, MD
Karyn Hill, RDH
Claudio Miro, DDS
Fabio Andrade, Consumer Member
Catherine Cabanzon, RDH, BASDH
Matthew Freedman, DMD

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Sapp, Executive Director
Paulette Schofill, Program Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL

David Flynn, Esq.
Senior Assistant Attorney General

MEMBER ABSENT

Nick Kavouklis, DMD

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II. DISCUSSION

- A. ADEX Non-Patient Based Exam
Dr. Guy Champagne, Former CEO of ADEX

The Board of Dentistry held a special meeting to discuss the dental and dental hygiene exam requirements in section 466.006(5), Florida Statutes, and section 466.007(4), Florida Statutes.

466.006 Examination of dentists.—

(5)(a) The practical examination required under subsection (4) shall be the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds that the successor entity's clinical examination complies with the provisions of this section, and shall include, at a minimum:

1. A comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering the full scope of dentistry and an examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning in dentistry for dental candidates;
2. Two restorations on a live patient or patients. The board by rule shall determine the class of such restorations;
3. A demonstration of periodontal skills on a live patient;
4. A demonstration of prosthetics and restorative skills in complete and partial dentures and crowns and

bridges and the utilization of practical methods of evaluation, specifically including the evaluation by the candidate of completed laboratory products such as, but not limited to, crowns and inlays filled to prepared model teeth;

5. A demonstration of restorative skills on a mannequin which requires the candidate to complete procedures performed in preparation for a cast restoration;

6. A demonstration of endodontic skills; and

7. A diagnostic skills examination demonstrating ability to diagnose conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent tissues and structures from photographs, slides, radiographs, or models pursuant to rules of the board. If an applicant fails to pass the diagnostic skills examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board.

(b) The department shall consult with the board in planning the times, places, physical facilities, training of personnel, and other arrangements concerning the administration of the examination. The board or a duly designated committee thereof shall approve the final plans for the administration of the examination;

(c) If the applicant fails to pass the clinical examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board; and

(d) The board may by rule provide for additional procedures which are to be tested, provided such procedures shall be common to the practice of general dentistry. The board by rule shall determine the passing grade for each procedure and the acceptable variation for examiners. No such rule shall apply retroactively.

The department shall require a mandatory standardization exercise for all examiners prior to each practical or clinical examination and shall retain for employment only those dentists who have substantially adhered to the standard of grading established at such exercise.

466.007 Examination of dental hygienists.—

(4) Effective July 1, 2012, to be licensed as a dental hygienist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete the following:

(a) A written examination on the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of dental hygiene.

(b) A practical or clinical examination approved by the board. The examination shall be the Dental Hygiene Examination produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) or its successor entity, if any, if the board finds that the successor entity's clinical examination meets or exceeds the provisions of this section. The board shall approve the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination if the board has attained and continues to maintain representation on the ADEX House of Representatives, the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination Development Committee, and such other ADEX Dental Hygiene committees as the board deems appropriate through rulemaking to ensure that the standards established in this section are maintained organizationally. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the examination produced by its successor entity is a comprehensive examination in which an applicant must demonstrate skills within the dental hygiene scope of practice on a live patient and any other components that the board deems necessary for the applicant to successfully demonstrate competency for the purpose of licensure. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the examination by the successor entity administered in this state shall be graded by dentists and dental hygienists licensed in this state who are employed by the department for this purpose.

Dr. Shampaine was present to educate the Board on the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) non-patient based examination option using simulations by way of a manikin tooth. This is known as the CompeDont™ tooth, which measures psychomotor skills in performing certain procedures, equivalent to performing those procedures on a live patient. The ADEX indicates that the CompeDont™ tooth produces the same examination validity, reliability, and outcomes as does the use of a live patient.

Dr. Shampaine indicated that 20% of dental graduates have not been able to complete their ADEX examinations due to the public health emergency. However, 100% of dental hygiene candidates are impacted and have not been able to sit for the examinations. ADEX is still evaluating this option for dental hygiene candidates and the analysis is expected to be completed on May 8, 2020. The CompeDont™ will be available to dental and dental hygiene candidates beginning June 1, 2020.

The Board took public comments from dental and dental hygiene schools as well as students. Dr. Kaltman, Dean of the College of Dental Medicine at Nova Southeastern, Joan Tonner, Program Director of the Dental Hygiene program at St. Petersburg College, and Dr. Orlinski with the Dental Hygiene Clinic at SouthWestern College each spoke in support of the non-patient based exam.

Dr. Robert Perdomo, former Board of Dentistry member, spoke in support of the non-patient based exam for the duration of the public health emergency.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Dr. Fatmi to support a one-time waiver of the live patient exam components of the ADEX exam for dental and dental hygiene applicants during the time period of the public health emergency.

Second: by Dr. Miro.

Vote: Unanimous

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.