

**ELECTRONICALLY BASED  
MINUTES UTAH DENTIST &  
DENTAL HYGIENIST MEETING**

April 17, 2020 9:00 A.M.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:01 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:38 A.M.

**DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

Bureau Manager: Larry Marx

Board Secretary: Lisa Martin

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leonard R. Aste, DDS Chairperson

Bryon Talbot, DDS

Kathleen Harris, RDH

Gloria Miley

Daniel Poulson, DDS

Jason Chandler, DMD

Melinda L. Reich, RDH

Ron Bowen, DDS

Shannon Sorensen, DDS

**GUESTS:**

Mark Christensen

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Dr. Aste called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Read and Approve March 6, 2019 Minutes (0:05)**

This item was tabled for the June meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

**REGIONAL EXAMS (0:06)**

Dr. Aste read a statement concerning changes to regional exams due to closures in response to Covid-19. Dr. Aste stated the patient based portion of regional exams are not possible at this time. Dr. Aste stated the simulation exam doesn't have a perio portion available without a live patient. Dr. Aste stated WREB has proposed waiving the clinical portion of the perio portion of the exam.

Dr. Poulson stated CDCA is working on solutions however they have not made any specific licensing exemption requests. Dr. Poulson stated CRDTS has requested waiving the clinical portion as well.

Dr. Aste stated there may be an additional issue of supply for simulation exams.

Dr. Poulson stated the concern that the available manufactured teeth are similar to those used in the first two years of education.

Dr. Christensen confirmed the teeth available do not have carries or pulp. Dr. Christensen stated he has provided the Division with an informative PowerPoint on the supplies available. Dr. Christensen reviewed the options that WREB is proposing to adjust to the challenges of Covid-19. Dr. Christensen stated some states are waiving portions of the exam, while other states are not making any adjustments to exam requirements.

**Ms. Harris stated there are components of perio in the CPT portion of the exam.**

**Dr. Aste asked about the timelines for the alternative exam availability.**

Dr. Christensen stated both the dental and dental hygiene adaptations should be available by early June.

**Dr. Aste asked the Board for their input on accepting a simulated exam rather than the live patient exam.**

**Dr. Bowen stated one concern is that the students have already paid to take their chosen regional exam.**

**Dr. Chandler stated his support for a simulated exam; however, the preference would be for a temporary license until the live patient test is available.**

**Ms. Miley stated concern that there isn't a perio component to the simulated exam.**

**Ms. Harris stated support for the simulated exam.**

Dr. Engar stated the support of a temporary license to ensure the live patient exam portion is completed at some point. Dr. Engar stated the simulated exam is better than not allowing testing.

**Dr. Aste stated as the majority of the Board is in support of accepting the simulated exam during this time of Covid-19 changes.**

**Dr. Talbot asked if they would have to retake the entire exam to obtain the full license.**

Ms. Overfelt stated the CDCA's OSCE includes perio components and will be willing to offer the perio component at no charge. Ms. Overfelt stated in discussion with several state boards they are finding the perio is being waived for several states.

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Dr. Reich seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed with eight in favor and one against.

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Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JUNE 5, 2020

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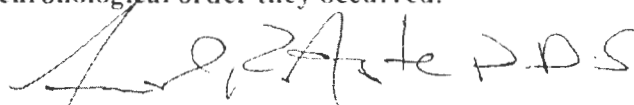
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Bureau Manager, DOPL

