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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:	BOARD OF DENTISTRY & DENTAL HYGIENE Special Meeting
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Cannon Building, Second-Floor Conference Room A 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904
APPROVED:	May 15, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Lenz, DDS, Professional Member, President
Brian McAllister, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Thomas A. Mercer, DMD, Professional Member
Sharon Welsh, DDS, Professional Member
Carol Argo, RDH, Professional Member
Nathaniel Gibbs, Public Member
June Ewing, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lucinda Bunting, DMD, Professional Member
Cheryl Calicott-Trawick, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director

PUBLIC PRESENT

Joseph A. Napoli, MD, DDS
Paul Christian, DMD, Delaware State Dental Society

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Lenz called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion of SB 189

Dr. Lenz stated that Ms. McAtee had emailed members of the Board a copy of proposed Senate Bill 189. Dr. Lenz stated that SB 189 modified the existing statute under § 1132A Limited license — Director or chairperson of a hospital dental or hospital oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program.

Dr. McAllister stated that SB 189 was redefining the current limited license type and changing the definition and title of the license type from “limited license” to “academic license.” Dr. McAllister provided a brief history of the origins of SB 189 to the Board since he was involved with its development before he became a member of the Board. Dr. McAllister stated that SB 189 clarified what was currently in the statute and he was in favor of how the bill renamed the “limited license” to “academic license.”

Dr. McAllister stated that since the Board developed the limited license type, residency programs have expanded and now required additional faculty members. SB 189 preserved the language that restricted holders of this license type from working in private practice. Dr. McAllister went on to explain that this license level would be utilized by high level individuals who were involved in teaching. SB 189 included new language that required the applicant to be board certified or to be board eligible in general dentistry or in a specialty of dentistry. Dr. McAllister felt that it was acceptable to waive the Delaware State Board exam requirement for this license type.

Dr. Lenz requested that Dr. McAllister elaborate on the board certification process for the benefit of Board members who were not familiar with the process. Dr. McAllister explained that becoming board certified basically meant going through the process of becoming labeled as an expert in a particular field of expertise. After achieving board certification, the certification must be maintained through follow-up examinations.

Mr. McAllister stated that the new language contained in SB 189 would allow for new residency programs to develop. For example, A.I. DuPont was trying to develop a pediatric residency program. Under the statute’s current language they would not qualify for a limited license because their residency program was not yet established. A.I. DuPont could not get CODA approval for a residency program if they did not have a program director in place.

Dr. Lenz questioned how the academic license would be renewed. Ms. McAtee stated that it would be renewed every two years like the current limited license type. Ms. McAtee went on to explain that a different set of questions could be asked at renewal to determine if board certification had been achieved since that would be a requirement of the license, to receive board certification within five years of licensure.

Dr. Lenz questioned how the Board could monitor if an academic licensee received the board certification within five years of licensure if the license renewed every two years, there would be a one year gap. Ms. Singh stated that the easier way for the bill to read would be to put four years instead of five but if the Board felt that five was okay then it could be left alone. Ms. Singh reminded the Board that they either had to be comfortable with the five years or take issue with the five years not being conducive to administrative procedures.

Dr. McAllister stated that these licensees would be in a hospital teaching situation with oversight. The process to become board certified was a lengthy process and Dr. McAllister was not sure why five years was selected but due to the oversight in place from the hospital the five years should not be a problem.

Dr. Lenz recognized Joseph Napoli, MD, DDS and Paul Christian, DMD from the public to address the Board.

Dr. Lenz questioned if the Board was in support of SB 189. The Board unanimously agreed that they were in favor of SB 189. Mr. Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to give the Board’s approval and support of SB 189. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Christian, President of Delaware State Dental Society, addressed the Board and spoke on behalf of the Delaware State Dental Society. Dr. Christian stated that the presence of the residency at Christiana Hospital created strong dentists in the State of Delaware. The completion of a residency program was a requirement to obtain a dental license in the State of Delaware. If the Christiana residency program was able to grow and obtain better faculty, then better trained dentists should result. The Delaware State Dental Society believed that a stronger residency program benefited the community at large and they were in support of SB 189. Dr. Christian thanked the Board for meeting to discuss SB 189 and presented letters to the Board that were written in support of SB 189.

Joseph A. Napoli, Chief of Plastic Surgery at A.I. DuPont hospital and interim dental director, addressed the Board. Dr. Napoli thanked Dr. McAllister for describing the important changes contained in SB 189. Dr. Napoli explained that the complexity of cases received at A.I. DuPont was increasing and that they needed a highly trained person to run and develop a residency program. A.I. DuPont was currently in the process of developing a CODA approved residency program and SB 189 would allow the hospital to hire someone qualified to develop and maintain the program. Dr. Napoli stated that the board certification process was rigorous and explained his experience with certification. Dr. Napoli explained that he had become board certified for oral and plastic surgery and that he had to complete a recertification process every ten years. Dr. Napoli stated that he was at the meeting representing A.I. DuPont and he thanked the Board for meeting to discuss SB 189.

Dr. McAllister questioned Dr. Napoli where A.I. DuPont was in the process of establishing a pediatric residency. Dr. Napoli stated that A.I. DuPont could not start the process until they had a board certified doctor in place to take charge of the residency program.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A located on the second floor of the Cannon building at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Argo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion to adjourn carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda McAtee
Administrative Assistant II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.