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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM APPEAL HEARING
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room B Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	October 17, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member, President
Dr. Ryan Barnhart, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member
Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member
Dr. Nicholas Conte, DMD, Appeal Panel, Professional Member
Victor Kennedy, Appeal Panel, Public Member
Dr. Michael Nies, DDS, Appeal Panel, Professional Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

There were no members absent.

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Jae Grymes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

New Business

Dental Exam Appeal – Jae Grymes

The hearing went on record at 6:00 p.m. The Appeal Panel members were introduced. Ms. Singh stated that today's hearing was held at the request of Jae Grymes, based on her failure of the Delaware dental examination. Ms. Singh marked as Appeal Exhibit 1: Examination Guidelines for the examiners, the June 2019 Examination schedule and candidate letter, the dental candidate guidelines, the exam score sheets for Jae Grymes and the letter noticing Ms. Grymes of the Appeal Panel hearing.

Dr. Matthews was sworn in and testified that the purpose of the clinical examination is to test for competence. He stated how the candidates are scored in each section of the examination. There were four examiners for the examination and their scores were tallied and averaged.

Dr. Grymes stated that her patients for the Day 2 periodontal examination/alginate impression exam did not show up for the second day of the dental exam. She was able to acquire a patient that was not needed from another candidate but was not able to take radiographs for that patient.

Dr. Grymes argued that the points taken off for the lack of radiographs were unjust as she had proven her radiograph skills during the exercises on Day 1 of the exams.

Dr. Matthews stated that the radiographs taken for her Day 1 patient could not be considered for her Day 2 radiograph exercise.

Dr. Nies asked if there were any radiographs prior to treating the Day 2 patient. Dr. Grymes confirmed that radiographs were there but not taken by her.

Dr. Nies asked Dr. Matthews if x-ray equipment was available during the exams. Dr. Matthews replied that the x-ray equipment is not in the same area as the exams and was not open that day.

The Appeal Panel entered into deliberations.

After deliberating, a motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Conte, to deny the appeal of Ms. Grymes. The motion carried unanimously.

The hearing went off record at 6:31 p.m.

Verbatim testimony was recorded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Administrative Specialist II