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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

**F I N A L M I N U T E S**

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

TIME: 11:17 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

July 14, 2023

State Board of Dentistry  
July 14, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman  
Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Vice  
Chairperson  
Theresa A. Groody, DHSc, EFDA, CDA, Secretary  
Brice D. Arndt, D.D.S. - Absent  
Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member - Absent  
Godfrey Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D.  
Joel S. Jaspan, D.D.S.  
R. Ivan Lugo, D.M.D., M.B.A.  
Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D.  
LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D. - Absent  
Donna L. Murray, RDH, PHDHP, MSDH - Absent  
Brian Wyant, Public Health Program Director,  
Department of Health designee  
Rebecca Zehring, Office of Attorney General

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Counsel, Counsel  
Division  
Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
and Board Prosecution Liaison  
Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Board Prosecutor  
Gregory S. Liero, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Christina Townley, Board Administrator  
Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,  
Office of Chief Counsel, Department of State  
Michael McDonald, Policy Director, Department of  
State

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Neidlinger, CAE, Executive Director,  
Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry  
Jaime Simpson, Director of the Dental Health Center  
and Director of the EFDA Program, Manor College  
Lisa Brown, Dental Assisting and Expanded Functions  
Dental Assisting Program Supervisor, YTI Career  
Institute

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

- Angie Wallace, RDH, Laser Educator, Laser Hygiene LLC
- Marisa Swarney, Director, Government Relations, Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Morgan Plant, Government Relations Consultant, Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association
- Nicole Payonk, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
- Sarah Ostrander, Senior Manager, Dental Education and Licensure and Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure, American Dental Association
- Catherine Rowe, Esquire, Strokoff & Cowden, P.C.
- Thomas Weber, Esquire, Caldwell & Kearns, P.C.
- Caleb Sisak, Government Relations Specialist, Bravo Group
- Ann Hoffman RDH, PHDHP. Program Director, Central Penn College
- Megan Crompton, Senior Associate, Allegheny Strategy Partners
- Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
- Ryan Rother, DMD, Rother Dental
- Michael Verber, DMD, Central Penn College
- Lisa Lithgow, Director of Development, Central Penn College
- Maria Eisenhart, Central Penn College
- Nathan Erway, Central Penn College
- Richard Grossman, President, Pennsylvania Dental Association
- Brett Wiley, Central Penn College
- Brittany Sadler, Central Penn College
- Tammy Summa, Central Penn College
- Heather LaManna, Adjunct Professor, Central Penn College
- Lauren Rowles, Central Penn College
- James Doherty, Esquire, Scanlon, Howley & Doherty, P.C.
- Alexis Delaughter, EFDA, CDA, Dental Program Lecturer, Central Penn College
- Helen Hawkey, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

- Angie Crump
- Riley Baker
- Justin Withrow
- K.P.
- Leah Benishay
- Richard Cobbler
- Marie
- Max
- Derek Richmond

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
5 at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
6 with Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have  
7 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of  
8 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board  
9 returned to open session at 11:17 a.m.]

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11 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed  
12 everyone that the meeting of the State Board of  
13 Dentistry was being held in a hybrid format of in-  
14 person and teleconference pursuant to Act 100 of  
15 2021, which requires boards to use a virtual platform  
16 to conduct business when a public meeting is held.

17 Mr. Rouse also noted the Board entered into  
18 Executive Session with Board Counsel to have  
19 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of  
20 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.]

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22 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
23 Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, July 14, 2023.  
24 Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, called the meeting  
25 to order at 11:17 a.m.

1 Chairman Casey reminded everyone that the meeting  
2 was being recorded, and voluntary participation  
3 constituted consent to be recorded.]

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5 Roll Call of Board Members

6 [Chairman Casey requested a roll call of Board  
7 members.]

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9 Introduction of Attendees

10 [Chairman Casey requested an introduction of  
11 attendees.]

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13 Approval of minutes of the May 12, 2023 meeting

14 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

15 Has everyone had the time to take a  
16 look at the minutes from the last  
17 meeting on May 12, 2023? Any  
18 corrections or additions?

19 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

20 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

21 Can we have a motion to accept the  
22 minutes as amended?

23 DR. SULLIVAN:

24 I make a motion to approve the minutes.

25 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

1 Second?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

5 Roll call, Christina.

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7 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
8 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
9 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, abstain; Wyant,  
10 abstain; Zehring, aye.

11 [The motion carried. Andrew Matta and Brian Wyant  
12 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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14 Appointment

15 [Angie Wallace, RDH, Laser Educator, Laser Hygiene  
16 LLC, presented to the Board to provide information  
17 for Board members to consider before making a  
18 decision whether to approve or deny lasers being used  
19 for hygienists. She informed Board members that she  
20 has been a laser educator with the Academy of Laser  
21 Dentistry for close to 20 years and noted the  
22 importance of hygienists having a basic input of  
23 laser safety for any state considering hygienists  
24 using lasers.

25 Ms. Wallace stated the laser should be considered

1 a general tool as opposed to anything that has a code  
2 attached to it. She noted working with state boards  
3 to make sure the focus is to find what works in the  
4 scope of practice for hygienists as well as using it  
5 safely and provided contact information.

6 Ms. Wallace noted that only one state does not  
7 allow hygienists to use a laser for aphthous ulcers  
8 and herpetic lesions. She mentioned that there are  
9 certain things that should be taken into  
10 consideration when using it on herpetic lesions. She  
11 noted a laser could be used for photobiomodulation  
12 (PBM), tooth desensitizing, laser whitening, pocket  
13 therapy, and laser bacterial reduction (LBR) along  
14 with periodontal debridement to decontaminate.

15 Ms. Wallace addressed the importance of laser  
16 training and understanding what the laser is  
17 attracted to for the chromophore. She noted the  
18 majority of states require an 8-hour course that  
19 includes tutorial information and hands-on training  
20 and all state practice acts are different as far as  
21 which states allow hygienists to use particular  
22 functions.

23 Ms. Wallace explained that the laser is invisible  
24 thermal radiation, and the diodes are listed outside  
25 of the visible spectrum. She noted the red aiming

1 beam is only to see where it is pointing and then  
2 actually sending laser energy out once their foot is  
3 placed on the pedal.

4 Ms. Wallace addressed things to take into  
5 consideration when utilizing a class 4 laser,  
6 including the correct wavelength safety glasses  
7 because of the aiming beam and invisible spectrum  
8 that is attracted to the retinal part of the eye that  
9 can cause permanent damage. She noted the importance  
10 of taking a laser safety course and having a laser  
11 safety officer in each office who understands  
12 procedures and policies about operating a safe laser,  
13 as well as the scope of practice.

14 Ms. Wallace discussed other safety issues that  
15 should be taken into consideration, including the  
16 laser safety device zone that could be found in the  
17 owner's manual, the posting of a warning sign when  
18 the laser is being operated so nobody accidentally  
19 walks into that zone, utilizing a 0.1-micron  
20 filtration mask, having limited access to the room,  
21 and limited reflective surfaces.

22 Ms. Wallace addressed high-volume evacuation with  
23 an 8-mm or less diameter opening to contain all of  
24 the plume, unlike a saliva ejector. She noted that  
25 the laser being utilized, model, type, and

1 wavelength, along with the tip and whether it is  
2 continuous wave or pulse mode, duration, and duty  
3 cycle should be documented in a patient's chart. She  
4 also noted the importance of documenting energy  
5 settings for legal purposes.

6 Ms. Wallace expressed the importance of laser  
7 education, including tissue interaction and knowing  
8 what not to do and staying within the parameters of  
9 their license.

10 Dr. Jaspan referred to diode and Nd:YAG lasers,  
11 noting hygienists are mainly using diode lasers and  
12 expressed concern with hygienists being properly  
13 trained when they go into an office that has a  
14 different kind of laser.

15 Dr. Jaspan also commented that there have been  
16 very few controlled studies that say lasers are  
17 better and worth the cost because all of the long-  
18 term results are pretty equivalent between scaling  
19 and root planing with and without lasers. He  
20 mentioned that his justification is the cost of the  
21 laser and fear of certain dentists who are more apt  
22 to worry about dollars than treatment would find a  
23 way to bill a lot of money for a service that may  
24 only benefit a patient slightly.

25 Ms. Wallace stated there are quite a few studies

1 and her patients would be able to explain what the  
2 laser has done for them just because of the  
3 chromophore interaction and the photobiomodulation,  
4 where pulling the tissue tight against the teeth  
5 after the scaling and root planing procedures has  
6 been gigantic. She mentioned that she still works  
7 clinically from three to four days a week and uses a  
8 laser every single day. She commented that she would  
9 quit dental hygiene without a laser because of the  
10 difference.

11 Ms. Wallace stated some articles are not peer  
12 reviewed and some are by certain companies trying to  
13 make lasers not look good because they want their  
14 product to look better because there are lot of  
15 chemical products people want to put in a patient's  
16 mouth as opposed to using a laser.

17 Ms. Wallace commented that a laser is a holistic  
18 type of procedure with extremely minimal  
19 contraindications other than the oxygen, where the  
20 laser can be a spark. She noted that lasers  
21 eliminate time and work and is the reason patients  
22 come back and tell others. She explained that  
23 training has to be a course approved with all of the  
24 different lasers and noted that hygienists are using  
25 subsurgical settings. She believed that hygienists

1 who are properly trained would be completely capable  
2 of using a laser.

3 Ms. Wallace noted that there would always be  
4 dentists who are using something outside of the scope  
5 of practice or tools or codes that are not used  
6 correctly and would be managed by the state Board.

7 Dr. Jaspan commented that there are certain uses  
8 for lasers but does not apply to every scaling and  
9 planing case where it would make it better long term.

10 Ms. Wallace referred to clinical studies and  
11 clinical results, noting she could see a before and  
12 after result, where scaling and root planing is  
13 basically on the tooth surface and not doing anything  
14 with the gums. She mentioned that curettage is no  
15 longer really an accepted procedure, and there was no  
16 way of determining if they were cutting into healthy  
17 tissue or leaving diseased tissue behind.

18 Ms. Wallace explained that the laser can do that  
19 because it interacts when it sees dark pigmentation  
20 and does not when it sees healthy tissue and is more  
21 specific at stopping on that line of disease and  
22 health. She stated cleaning the surface of the tooth  
23 and using a laser to decontaminate the periodontal  
24 wall creates an open wound and then the body heals  
25 itself.

1 Ms. Wallace noted that bacteria is microscopic,  
2 but by photobiomodulation taking place and putting  
3 that energy in there, an area is created for the body  
4 to heal itself. She noted that studies on  
5 photobiomodulation are huge and encouraged everyone  
6 to look at some of the studies the Academy of Laser  
7 Dentistry is reviewing, along with studies from a  
8 company called GMA that strictly does  
9 photobiomodulation.

10 Dr. Lugo requested information regarding the  
11 accountability for the learning part of hygienists  
12 and the regulatory relationship of other states,  
13 either with the laser safety officer (LSO) or the  
14 dentist overseeing the personnel.

15 Ms. Wallace explained that most dentists are the  
16 LSO of the office and oversee everything, but someone  
17 properly trained who passes the test would be  
18 considered the LSO at the doctor's discretion. She  
19 stated it is very specific in the rules and  
20 regulations that a laser can only be used by diode or  
21 Nd:YAG hygienists because those lasers are soft  
22 tissue, turn towards the tooth surface, and do not  
23 have any interaction with the tooth surface at the  
24 settings that a hygienist would use.

25 Ms. Wallace suggested being specific as far as

1 which lasers could be used in the hands of  
2 hygienists. She explained that each state board  
3 usually has a group that would judge any legal cases  
4 that arise concerning lasers and would bring in  
5 specialists that have an education on lasers. She  
6 commented that the laser is a gentle tool and  
7 hygienists are very capable of handling this tool and  
8 what they can do for their patients.]

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10 [The Board experienced technical difficulties from  
11 11:56 a.m. until 12:02 p.m.]

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13 Appointment

14 [Michael McDonald, Policy Director, Department of  
15 State, introduced himself and provided a brief  
16 history of his professional background. He informed  
17 everyone that he is available to assist the Board and  
18 is working closely with Deputy Policy Director Andrew  
19 LaFratte.

20 Mr. McDonald explained that the policy office  
21 works with all of the boards in all of the program  
22 areas in the department to develop and review policy  
23 initiatives, including analyzing legislation and  
24 regulation. He noted they also assess Sunrise  
25 Applications for new licensure classes. He also

1 reported working closely with the governor and the  
2 secretary in the department to implement their policy  
3 agenda.

4 Mr. McDonald mentioned being a resource for all  
5 of the boards and offered assistance regarding any  
6 ideas or concerns.

7 Chair Casey thanked Mr. McDonald for the  
8 presentation.]

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10 Report of Prosecutorial Division

11 [Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
12 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-46-  
13 014224.]

14 MR. ROUSE:

15 Regarding the Consent Agreement at item  
16 2 on the agenda at Case No. 21-46-  
17 014224 after discussion in Executive  
18 Session, I believe the Chair would  
19 entertain a motion to adopt the Consent  
20 Agreement.

21 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

22 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

23 DR. SULLIVAN:

24 I make that motion.

25 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

1 Second?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

5 Roll call, Christina.

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7 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
8 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
9 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
10 Zehring, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. That is the matter  
12 of BPOA v. Laura Lynn Ratcliffe, RDH, Case No. 21-46-  
13 014224.]

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15 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
16 and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent  
17 Agreement for Case No. 23-46-005445.]

18 MR. ROUSE:

19 At item 3 on the agenda at Case No. 23-  
20 46-005445, I believe the Chair would  
21 entertain a motion to adopt the Consent  
22 Agreement.

23 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

24 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

25 DR. SULLIVAN:

1 I make that motion.

2 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

3 Second?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

7 Roll call, Christina.

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9 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
10 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
11 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
12 Zehring, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously. That is the matter  
14 of the License to Practice as a Dentist held by  
15 confidential at Case No. 23-46-005445.]

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17 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
18 and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent  
19 Agreement for Case No. 23-46-008769.]

20 MR. ROUSE:

21 Regarding the Consent Agreement at Case  
22 No. 23-46-008769 at item 4 on the  
23 agenda, I believe the Chair would  
24 entertain a motion to adopt the Consent  
25 Agreement.

1 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

2 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

3 DR. SULLIVAN:

4 I make that motion.

5 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

6 Second?

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

10 Roll call, Christina.

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12 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
13 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
14 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
15 Zehring, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously. That is the matter  
17 of the Application for a License to Practice as a  
18 Dentist submitted by confidential at Case No. 23-46-  
19 008769.]

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21 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, exited the meeting  
22 at 12:16 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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VICE CHAIR SULLIVAN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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1 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

2 Admitted

3 MR. ROUSE:

4 Item 8 on the agenda is the Motion to  
5 Deem Facts Admitted in the matter of  
6 BPOA v. Blanche Durand Grube, Case Nos.  
7 18-46-012074 & 18-46-02952.

8 Regarding the matter of BPOA v.  
9 Blanche Durand Grube at item 8 on the  
10 agenda, I believe the Chair would  
11 entertain a motion to grant the  
12 Commonwealth's second Motion to Deem  
13 Facts Admitted and to direct Board  
14 Counsel to prepare the Adjudication and  
15 Order in accordance with discussions in  
16 Executive Session.

17 VICE CHAIR SULLIVAN:

18 Do I have a motion?

19 DR. JASPAN:

20 I make the motion.

21 DR. LUGO:

22 Second.

23 MS. TOWNLEY:

24 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Groody,  
25 aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán, aye; Lugo,

1                   aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye; Zehring,  
2                   aye.

3 [The motion carried. Shawn Casey recused himself  
4 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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6 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, reentered the  
7 meeting at 12:18 p.m.]

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9                                   CHAIR CASEY RESUMED THE CHAIR

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11 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and  
12 Order

13 MR. ROUSE:

14                                   Item 9 on the agenda is a Proposed  
15                                   Adjudication and Order in the matter of  
16                                   BPOA v. Kamini Patel, D.D.S., Case No.  
17                                   22-46-011177.

18 [Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
19 addressed prior discussion with Catherine Rowe,  
20 Esquire, Strokoff & Cowden, P.C., counsel for the  
21 respondent. Ms. Rowe was present and participated in  
22 the discussion.

23                   Mr. Henderson asked for an objection and also for  
24 the statements made to be stricken from the record  
25 given the fact that they amount to legal argument in

1 this case. He noted that Ms. Rowe was aware and put  
2 on notice that the Commonwealth would be objecting  
3 and ask for it be stricken.]

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 We do understand again there were trial  
6 briefs on this particular matter and  
7 information was in the trial brief. It  
8 was not any different from what was in  
9 the trial brief.

10 At this point, regarding the  
11 proposed Adjudication and Order in the  
12 matter of the Application for Licensure  
13 by Endorsement to Practice Dentistry of  
14 Kamini Patel, D.D.S., at Case No. 22-  
15 46-011177 at item 9 on the agenda, I  
16 believe the Chair would entertain a  
17 motion to direct Board Counsel to  
18 prepare a Final Adjudication and Order  
19 consistent with the discussion in  
20 Executive Session.

21 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

22 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

23 DR. SULLIVAN:

24 I make that motion.

25 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

1 Second?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

5 Christina, roll call, please.

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7 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
8 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
9 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
10 Zehring, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and  
14 Order

15 MR. ROUSE:

16 Item 10 is a Final Adjudication and  
17 Order, which was discussed in Executive  
18 Session. Regarding the matter of BPOA  
19 v. Stuart Jay Danzig, Case No. 18-46-  
20 007390 at item 10 on the agenda, I  
21 believe the Chair would entertain a  
22 motion to adopt the Adjudication and  
23 Order as presented by Board Counsel and  
24 to direct Board Counsel to prepare the  
25 Board's Final Order.

1 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

2 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

3 DR. SULLIVAN:

4 I make that motion.

5 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

6 Second?

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

10 Roll call, Christina, please.

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12 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
13 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
14 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
15 Zehring, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MR. ROUSE:

19 Item 11 on the agenda is a Final  
20 Adjudication in the matter of BPOA v.  
21 Ashley M. Garcia Ruiz, Case No. 21-46-  
22 006703.

23 I believe the Chair would entertain  
24 a motion to adopt the Adjudication and  
25 Order as presented by Board Counsel and

1 to direct Board Counsel to prepare the  
2 Board's Final Order.

3 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

4 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

5 DR. SULLIVAN:

6 I make that motion.

7 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

8 Second?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

12 Christina, could I have the roll call,  
13 please?

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15 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
16 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
17 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
18 Zehring, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MR. ROUSE:

22 Item 12 is the matter of BPOA v.  
23 Stephanie Dawn Smekal, Case No. 22-46-  
24 008697.

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I believe the Chair would entertain

1 a motion to table that matter until the  
2 next Board meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

4 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

5 DR. SULLIVAN:

6 I make that motion.

7 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

8 Second?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

12 Christina, roll call, please.

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14 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
15 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
16 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
17 Zehring, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, exited the meeting  
21 at 12:27 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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23 VICE CHAIR SULLIVAN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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25 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Deliberation

1 MR. ROUSE:

2 Item 13 is the Emergency Joint Petition  
3 for Reinstatement of the License to  
4 Practice Dentistry of Thomas J.  
5 Donahue, D.M.D., Case No. 22-46-017142.

6 [Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
7 deferred discussion to Thomas Weber, Esquire,  
8 Caldwell & Kearns, P.C., counsel for the respondent,  
9 who was present and participated in the discussion.]

10 MR. ROUSE:

11 We are going to hold item until we go  
12 back into Executive Session.

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14 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, reentered the  
15 meeting at 12:35 p.m.]

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17 CHAIRMAN CASEY RESUMED THE CHAIR

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19 Review of Applications

20 MR. ROUSE:

21 Item 18 on the agenda is the matter of  
22 Joshua Day. This is a matter that was  
23 discussed in Executive Session.

24 I believe regarding the Application  
25 of Joshua Day at item 18 on the agenda,

1 the Chair would entertain a motion to  
2 grant the Application for Licensure as  
3 a Dentist.

4 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

5 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

6 DR. SULLIVAN:

7 I make the motion.

8 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

9 Second?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

13 Christina, roll call, please.

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15 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
16 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, nay; Jaspan,  
17 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
18 Zehring, aye.

19 [The motion carried. Godfrey Joel Funari opposed the  
20 motion.]

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22 MR. ROUSE:

23 Item 19 on the agenda is Kattya Garcia,  
24 which is an Application for a Dentist  
25 License by Endorsement.

1                   Regarding the Application of Kattya  
2                   Garcia at item 19, I believe the Chair  
3                   would entertain a motion to  
4                   provisionally deny the Application for  
5                   Licensure by Endorsement as a Dentist.

6 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

7                   Yes. Could I have a motion, please?

8 DR. SULLIVAN:

9                   I make the motion.

10 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

11                   Second?

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13                   Second.

14 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

15                   Christina, roll call, please.

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17                   Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
18                   aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
19                   aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
20                   Zehring, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MR. ROUSE:

24                   Item 21 on the agenda is Sathya Kallur,  
25                   which is an Application to be a

1 Dentist.

2 Regarding the Application of Sathya  
3 Kallur at item 21 on the agenda, I  
4 believe the Chair would entertain a  
5 motion to grant the Application for  
6 Licensure as a Dentist.

7 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

8 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

9 DR. SULLIVAN:

10 I make the motion.

11 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

12 Second?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

16 Christina, roll call, please.

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18 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
19 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
20 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
21 Zehring, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. ROUSE:

25 Item 22 on the agenda is Joshua Manuel,

1 which is an Application for a Dentist  
2 through Licensure by Endorsement.

3 Regarding the Application of Joshua  
4 Manuel at item 21, I believe the Chair  
5 would entertain a motion to grant the  
6 Application for Licensure by  
7 Endorsement as a Dentist.

8 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

9 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

10 DR. SULLIVAN:

11 I make the motion.

12 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

13 Second?

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

17 Roll call, please.

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19 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
20 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
21 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
22 Zehring, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MR. ROUSE:

1                   Item 23 on the agenda is the  
2                   Application for Licensure by  
3                   Endorsement to be a Dentist of Tushar  
4                   Patel.

5                   Regarding the Application of Tushar  
6                   Patel at item 23, I believe the Chair  
7                   would entertain a motion to  
8                   provisionally deny the Application for  
9                   Licensure by Endorsement as a Dentist.

10 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

11                   Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

12 DR. SULLIVAN:

13                   I make the motion.

14 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

15                   Second?

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17                   Second.

18 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

19                   Christina, roll call, please.

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21                   Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
22                   aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
23                   aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
24                   Zehring, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MR. ROUSE:

3 Item 24 is Ronaldo Santana. This is an  
4 Application for a Restricted Faculty  
5 License.

6 Regarding the Application of  
7 Ronaldo Santana at item 24, I believe  
8 the Chair would entertain a motion to  
9 grant the Application for a Restricted  
10 Faculty License.

11 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

12 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

13 DR. SULLIVAN:

14 I make the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

16 Second?

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

20 Christina, roll call, please.

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22 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
23 aye; Groody, nay; Funari, aye; Jaspán,  
24 aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
25 Zehring, aye.

1 [The motion carried. Theresa Groody opposed the  
2 motion.]

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4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Item 25 on the agenda is Paulina  
6 Stepanov for an Application for a  
7 Dental Hygienist by Endorsement.

8 Regarding the Application of  
9 Paulina Stepanov at item 25, I believe  
10 the Chair would entertain a motion to  
11 grant the Application for Licensure as  
12 a Dental Hygienist by Endorsement.

13 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

14 Yes. Do I have a motion, please?

15 DR. SULLIVAN:

16 I make the motion.

17 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

18 Second?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

22 Christina, roll call, please.

23

24 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,  
25 aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,



1                   aye; Groody, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
2                   aye; Lugo, aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye;  
3                   Zehring, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, and Jennifer Unis  
7 Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Vice Chairperson, exited the  
8 meeting at 12:44 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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10                                   SECRETARY GROODY ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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12 MR. ROUSE:

13                                   Item 20 on the agenda is Albert  
14                                   Hazzouri.

15 [James Doherty, Esquire, Scanlon, Howley & Doherty,  
16 P.C., counsel for the respondent, provided a  
17 presentation to the Board.]

18                   Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board  
19 Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison, objected to any  
20 additional presentation about a matter currently  
21 before the Board.]

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23 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, and Jennifer Unis  
24 Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Vice Chairperson, reentered  
25 the meeting at 12:48 p.m.]

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2 CHAIRMAN CASEY RESUMED THE CHAIR

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
5 at 12:48 p.m. the Board entered into Executive  
6 Session with Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
7 to have attorney-client consultations and for the  
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.  
9 The Board returned to open session at 1:07 p.m.]

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11 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, and Jennifer Unis  
12 Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Vice Chairperson, exited the  
13 meeting at 1:07 p.m.]

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15 SECRETARY GROODY ASSUMED THE CHAIR

16 \*\*\*

17 MR. ROUSE:

18 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
19 Sunshine Act, the Board is returning  
20 back into public session after having  
21 Executive Session with Board Counsel to  
22 have attorney-client consultation and  
23 for the purpose of conducting quasi-  
24 judicial deliberation.

25 Regarding item 20 on the agenda,

1                   which is the Reactivation Application  
2                   of Albert Hazzouri at item 20 on the  
3                   agenda, I believe the Chair would  
4                   entertain a motion to provisionally  
5                   deny the Reactivation Application for  
6                   Licensure as a Dentist.

7 SECRETARY GROODY:

8                   Yes. I entertain that motion.

9 DR. FUNARI:

10                   I'll make the motion.

11 SECRETARY GROODY:

12                   Second?

13 DR. LUGO:

14                   Second.

15 SECRETARY GROODY:

16                   Roll call, Christina.

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18                   Claggett, aye; Groody, aye; Funari,  
19                   aye; Jaspán, aye; Lugo, aye; Matta,  
20                   aye; Wyant, aye; Zehring, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Shawn Casey and Jennifer Unis  
22 Sullivan recused themselves from deliberations and  
23 voting on the motion.]

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25 [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Vice

1 Chairperson, reentered the meeting at 1:09 p.m.]

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3 VICE CHAIR SULLIVAN ASSUMED CHAIR

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5 MR. ROUSE:

6 Item 13 on the agenda regarding the  
7 Emergency Joint Petition for  
8 Reinstatement of a License to Practice  
9 Dentistry of Thomas J. Donahue, D.M.D.,  
10 at Case No. 22-46-017142, I believe the  
11 Chair would entertain a motion to grant  
12 the Emergency Petition for  
13 Reinstatement of a License to Practice  
14 Dentistry

15 VICE CHAIR SULLIVAN:

16 Do I have a motion?

17 DR. FUNARI:

18 I'll make the motion.

19 DR. JASPAN:

20 Second.

21 VICE CHAIR SULLIVAN:

22 Christina, could you do the roll call  
23 vote, please?

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25 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Groody,

1                   aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan, aye; Lugo,  
2                   aye; Matta, aye; Wyant, aye; Zehring,  
3                   aye.

4 [The motion carried. Shawn Casey recused himself  
5 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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7 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, reentered the  
8 meeting at 1:11 p.m.]

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10                                   CHAIRMAN CASEY RESUMED THE CHAIR

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations - Regulatory  
13 Report

14 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to  
15 the Regulatory Report for July showing the status of  
16 regulations. He noted 16A-4621 regarding the  
17 anesthesia update and 16A-4628 regarding the general  
18 revisions regulation. He mentioned prior discussion  
19 at the last Board meeting regarding the comments from  
20 the exposure draft for both the regulation on the  
21 anesthesia update and general revisions.

22           Mr. Rouse informed Board members of some  
23 amendments since the last meeting. He noted a  
24 comment about whether someone who was a dental  
25 hygienist who had a monitoring permit from another

1 jurisdiction and whether they required the 10 live  
2 patients. He referred to (iii)(A), the jurisdiction  
3 where the dental hygienist is so licensed or  
4 permitted requires completion of, noting he add  
5 "substantially' for it to read, a completion of a  
6 substantially equivalent course in monitoring of  
7 nitrous oxide oxygen inhalation analgesia accredited  
8 by CODA or by the Commission on Dental Accreditation  
9 of Canada prior to obtaining certification,  
10 endorsement, or other such authority.]

11 MR. ROUSE:

12 Chairman Casey, did the Board want to  
13 entertain a motion to adopt this annex  
14 and direct Board Counsel to draft a  
15 preamble?

16 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

17 Yes. Do I have a motion?

18 DR. FUNARI:

19 I make the motion.

20 DR. SULLIVAN:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

23 Roll call, please.

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25 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,



1           Mr. Rouse explained that the five recommendations  
2 that are supported by PDA are to remove the  
3 restrictions on granting restricted faculty licenses  
4 by relying on the dental schools and U.S. CODA-  
5 accredited specialty and clinical education programs  
6 to evaluate equivalency of basic dental education for  
7 the first dental degree and the good standing of the  
8 faculty candidates in all previous states in which  
9 they work or practice.

10           Mr. Rouse noted that the second one was to allow  
11 graduates from advanced education in general  
12 dentistry and graduate practice residency programs to  
13 be granted restricted teaching licenses. He also  
14 noted the third one is to allow faculty with  
15 restricted licenses to practice in their specialty or  
16 clinical area at the main dental school building and  
17 all clinics operated by the dental school.

18           Mr. Rouse noted the fourth one was to amend  
19 Section 2(g) of the Dental Law to allow dental  
20 schools to provide a yearlong clinical training for  
21 dentists from other states or countries who do not  
22 have unrestricted or restricted dental licenses in  
23 the commonwealth.

24           Mr. Rouse noted the fifth one is to consider  
25 applications from dental schools to grant restricted

1 teaching licenses to faculty who have not received  
2 their education from a U.S. CODA-accredited program  
3 but are recognized as international experts based on  
4 their global impact in their area of practice.

5 Mr. Rouse addressed an additional comment for  
6 § 33.203 regarding advertising of specialties and  
7 concern because regulations only allow people who are  
8 in a specialty that is recognized by the American  
9 Dental Association and are the only ones that can  
10 advertise a specialty.

11 Mr. Rouse noted that the question was whether or  
12 not there could be some type of mechanism within the  
13 regulations for specialties that are not recognized  
14 by the American Dental Association (ADA), whether  
15 there are certain conditions or things that they  
16 could show so that they would be able to advertise  
17 their specialty.

18 Dr. Jaspan commented that unless the specialty is  
19 recognized by the ADA that somebody holding  
20 themselves out as a specialist in any particular area  
21 without the required training that is accepted by the  
22 ADA should not be allowed to do so. He stated anyone  
23 holding themselves out as a specialist should have  
24 completed the required training as specified by the  
25 American Dental Association.

1           Dr. Funari noted the Federal Trade Commission  
2 basically said that it does not hold and have  
3 successfully sued states and state boards to get that  
4 requirement eliminated, where it would be inviting a  
5 lawsuit that they would not win.

6           Dr. Lugo commented that the cases the FTC looked  
7 at also deal with other boards that are not state  
8 related and professionally composed, where the Board  
9 needs to make that distinction because that is very  
10 different than the oversight of state related. He  
11 agreed that what might be in question is the  
12 designation of the specialties, but every board  
13 relies on that type of inquiry and approval of what a  
14 specialty requires.

15           Dr. Lugo did not think the Board was equipped to  
16 evaluate every single credential or diploma that  
17 exists outside of the mainstream other than programs  
18 like expanded function dental assistant (EFDA),  
19 anesthesia, and the programs that are within their  
20 four squares.

21           Mr. Rouse offered to research how other states  
22 addressed the advertising.

23           Mr. Rouse addressed a comment at the last meeting  
24 concerning a recommendation to include basic life  
25 support as part of the definition of cardiopulmonary

1 resuscitation (CPR). He referred to § 33.105,  
2 biennial renewal licenses and certificates, where as  
3 a condition of biennial renewal, license and  
4 certificate holders shall maintain current  
5 certification in infant, child, and adult CPR. He  
6 noted adding "including basic life certification and  
7 continuing education requirements specified in  
8 subchapter F" and asked whether that was an  
9 appropriate way to state it or whether basic life  
10 support comes in some different way.

11 Dr. Lugo explained that basic life support might  
12 be more complex or the curriculum might be different  
13 than CPR. He noted there is a curriculum that is  
14 specifically life support for health professionals,  
15 which is what they take and maybe specifically using  
16 the language that is basic life support for health  
17 professionals, whether it is branded whatever way it,  
18 would be regulatory and curriculum that is more  
19 advanced than for the general population.

20 Dr. Sullivan suggested it to read, CPR for health  
21 providers, not basic life support for health  
22 providers.

23 Ms. Townley commented that saying just basic life  
24 support means there would be a lot of certificates  
25 that they no longer would be able to accept because

1 they do not specify that.

2 Mr. Rouse noted that he would amend the language  
3 and referred to § 33.211(a)(11), where an amendment  
4 was made based on a comment at the last Board meeting  
5 for it to read, engaging in or permitting a pervasive  
6 pattern of refusal to accept patients into their  
7 practice or denying dental service to patients solely  
8 based on a patient's actual or perceived disability,  
9 noting the addition of "solely based on."

10 Dr. Lugo commented that there are other issues  
11 and asked whether there is already a definition that  
12 covers a lot of challenges that could be more  
13 encompassing for a type of regulation rather than  
14 being so limited because it does not describe whether  
15 it is physical or mental.

16 Mr. Rouse stated it would have to comply with the  
17 Americans with Disabilities Act.

18 Dr. Lugo asked whether they are covered through  
19 the Americans with Disabilities Act.

20 Dr. Funari explained that it only applies for  
21 accommodation. He noted that some practices are not  
22 equipped to handle certain types of disabilities. He  
23 did not think they could mandate all dental practices  
24 to be trained and equipped to handle every  
25 disability, but it also cannot be used as a blanket

1 excuse for a practice to not be equipped and not take  
2 any of those patients.

3 Dr. Funari commented that some people wash their  
4 hands as soon as they see that there is a disability  
5 involved and is what they want to prevent. He noted  
6 the difficulty in drawing the line of what must be  
7 accepted or allowed to be referred someplace else.

8 Mr. Rouse informed Board members that he would  
9 look at advertising and how other states have  
10 addressed the disability issue.

11 Dr. Sullivan commented that if they keep  
12 disabilities listed under the ADA, then some of the  
13 other issues would not apply. She noted that not all  
14 perceived disabilities are covered under the  
15 Americans with Disabilities Act and would take them  
16 out of that realm when there is concern about  
17 treating someone with other issues.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous

20 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to  
21 Senate Bill 739 of 2023 regarding telemedicine for  
22 the Board's information.

23 Dr. Funari explained that it is just putting it  
24 into a finalized form and tighten up prescribing  
25 certain medications, where they would be required to

1 have met and examined the patient physically face to  
2 face because it was not a requirement during COVID.  
3 He also mentioned that telemedicine was allowed  
4 across state lines during COVID but the bill tightens  
5 that up, where they need to have a license in  
6 whatever state the patient is to provide treatment.

7 Mr. Rouse noted it also talks about insurance  
8 coverage and reimbursement for telemedicine and  
9 conditions under which someone who is out of state  
10 wants to receive services from someone who is in the  
11 Commonwealth and also someone who is in the  
12 Commonwealth who wants to receive services out of  
13 state.

14 Dr. Jaspan asked whether a provider would be able  
15 to have a telemedicine consultation with a patient  
16 while the patient was in another state.

17 Mr. Rouse explained that the bill states that  
18 telemedicine may be provided to patients physically  
19 located outside this Commonwealth to the extent  
20 permissible by the laws of the state where the  
21 patient is located.

22 Dr. Funari mentioned that there are also a number  
23 of administrative requirements for telemedicine.

24 Mr. Rouse addressed House Bill 1457 of 2023  
25 regarding amendments to the Dental Law. He referred

1 to the definitions at Section 2 of the Dental Law,  
2 noting the definitions would be placed in Section 1.1  
3 with a number of new definitions. He noted it also  
4 adds Section 1.2, which is a specific definition for  
5 the practice of dentistry. He also noted Section  
6 11.12 would be added regarding medical loss ratio.

7 Dr. Funari noted working with PDA and lobbyists  
8 on bills as president of the Pennsylvania Society of  
9 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (PSOMS). He stated PDA  
10 and PSOMS originally advocated for the bill, noting a  
11 mirror image of the bill recently passed in  
12 Massachusetts about tracking medical loss ratios of  
13 the insurance companies.

14 Dr. Funari mentioned the second part of that was  
15 a provision mandating they spend 83 percent of the  
16 premium dollars on patient care, where they could  
17 have no more than 17 percent in administrative costs.

18 He informed everyone that more bills are showing up  
19 in other states. He noted the bill that was  
20 originally submitted and advocated for by the PDA and  
21 PSOMS had that mandated reimbursement.

22 Dr. Funari mentioned being alerted that it was  
23 pulled out and would be finding out the particulars  
24 of what is going on. He stated the whole idea of the  
25 bill was to have insurance companies identify their

1 medical loss ratio and make sure they are spending  
2 the minimal amount on patient care. He also noted  
3 working in unison with the medical side of the House  
4 to make it all-encompassing to include dental.

5 Mr. Jarabeck asked why the medical loss ratio is  
6 coming in through practice acts versus through the  
7 Insurance Department and insurance law because it is  
8 more work to go through individual practice acts,  
9 when many practice acts do not focus on insurance  
10 issues.

11 Acting Commissioner Claggett read a comment from  
12 Marisa Swarney, Director, Government Relations,  
13 Pennsylvania Dental Association, noting a drafting  
14 error with the bill that the prime sponsor is in the  
15 process of fixing, where the bill should only include  
16 medical loss ratio (MLR) language and should amend it  
17 be Insurance Company Law, not the Dental Law. She  
18 noted the MLR language would require reporting to the  
19 PA Insurance Department and does not establish a  
20 percentage or patient rebates as happened in  
21 Massachusetts.

22 Mr. Rouse thanked Ms. Swarney for the  
23 information.

24 Mr. Rouse had nothing new to offer since the last  
25 meeting regarding the American Association of Dental

1 Boards (AADB) Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.  
2 Acting Commissioner Claggett informed everyone  
3 that AADB would be providing a presentation to the  
4 Board at the September meeting.]

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6 Report of Board Chairperson

7 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, reported another  
8 successful MOM-n-PA event in Allentown with a lot of  
9 turnout, along with tremendous support from the  
10 community.]

11 Chair Casey noted working with Ms. Townley to set  
12 up a Committee Meeting in October.]

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14 Report of Acting Commissioner

15 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
16 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed  
17 everyone that the Bureau of Professional and  
18 Occupational Affairs (BPOA) licensing staff moved to  
19 2525 North 7th Street in Harrisburg on July 10, 2023.  
20 He noted that all mail should be sent to their post  
21 office box. He stated the Board's website has been  
22 updated, and a notification was sent to all licensees  
23 via email.]

24 Acting Commissioner Claggett also informed  
25 everyone that Board meetings would continue to be at



1 [Theresa A. Groody, DHSc, EFDA, CDA, Secretary, had  
2 nothing specific to report other than they are  
3 continuing to clean up the review process.]

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5 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening  
6 Committee

7 [Godfrey Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D., noted reviewing  
8 three cases and one case is currently pending.]

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10 Report of Committees - Scope of Traditional and  
11 Emerging Practice Committee - No Report

12 [Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D., had nothing to report but  
13 noted a meeting is in order to review what was  
14 presented on the lasers.]

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16 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Chairman, thanked everyone  
17 for attending this meeting. He noted the next  
18 scheduled meeting date is September 8, 2023.

19 Dr. Funari informed Mr. Rouse of a Federal Trade  
20 Commission letter to the state of New Jersey, dated  
21 July 14, 1987, that outlines the FTC's comments on  
22 New Jersey's Dental Board regarding their advertising  
23 regulation.]

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25 Adjournment

1 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

2 Do I have a motion to end the meeting?

3 DR. SULLIVAN:

4 I make the motion.

5 DR. LUGO:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN CASEY:

8 That concludes today's meeting.

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10 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
11 Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.]

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## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Dentistry meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Dentistry meeting.



Derek Richmond,  
Minute Clerk  
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11	11:17	Official Call to Order
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13	11:18	Roll Call
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15	11:20	Introduction of Attendees
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17	11:28	Approval of Minutes
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19	11:28	Appointment - Angie Wallace, RPH
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21	11:59	Appointment - Michael McDonald
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23	12:02	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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25	12:16	Report of Board Counsel
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27	12:36	Review of Applications
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29	12:48	Executive Session
30	1:07	Return to Open Session
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32	1:14	Report of Board Counsel
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34	1:52	Report of Board Chairperson
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36	1:53	Report of Acting Commissioner
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38	1:59	Report of Committees
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40	2:02	Adjournment
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