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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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Investigative Committee Meeting

On the aforementioned date, members of the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners’ (“Board”) Investigative Committee (“Committee”) held a meeting at the Board’s office, in Boardroom A, 1740 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The meeting was also held virtually and telephonically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee did not meet in executive session.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Louis Sommerhalter, DDS

Anthony Caputo, DDS

Timothy, Cross, DDS

David Dodell, DMD

Michael Domingo, DDS

Mari Fukami, DMD, MS

Brown “Skip” Harris, DDS

Sabah Kalamchi, DDS, FFDSRS

Deborah Kappes, RDH

Rebecca Lavene, DMD

Mindy Motahari, DMD, MA Edu

Chairperson
Committee Member
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Committee members in italics participated in-person

STAFF PRESENT

Ryan P. Edmonson

Kristina C. Gomez

Julie Cutler, DMD

Benjamin Berschler, DMD

Sherrie Biggs

Lisas Schmelling

Mary Ford

April Romero

Yazmin Bustamante

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Deputy Chief Investigator
Investigator
Assistant Deputy Director
Chief Compliance Officer
Compliance Officer
Compliance Officer
Executive Assistant

Staff members in italics participated in-person

GUESTS PARTICIPATING AND/OR PRESENT

Anthony Herro, DDS
David Fishman

Board President and Licensed Dentist
Board Investigator

Guests in italics participated in-person

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Dr. Sommerhalter. Roll call of the committee members was taken and a quorum was established.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

All Committee members introduced themselves and board staff welcomed the Committee.

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Herro welcomed the Committee and expressed appreciation for the members desire to serve for the benefit of the public and State of Arizona.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Edmonson informed the Committee that the next meeting would include a training session with the Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”) to discuss public meeting law and determine the Committee’s role, scope and parameters of activity. Mr. Edmonson then proceeded to explain the complaint process.

V. CURRENT PROPOSED LEGISLATION REGARDING A STATUTORY ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Edmonson stated that although the Board has statutory authority to establish an investigative committee in a volunteer capacity; board staff are working to formally establish an investigative committee during the 2022 legislative session in order to provide compensation. Mr. Edmonson further indicated that there are no term limits to allow members to serve as able to.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

The Committee concurred to participate in an open meeting law training session with the AAG and begin the investigation of complaints.

VII. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The Committee discussed possible future meeting dates.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m. due to a lack of quorum.