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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

August 17, 2021

Anesthesia and Sedation Committee Meeting

On the aforementioned date, members of the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners’ (“Board”) Anesthesia and Sedation Committee (“Committee”) held a meeting at the Board’s office, in Boardroom B, 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

	<i>Anthony Herro, DDS</i>	Chairperson and Board Member
X	Lisa B. Bienstock, DMD	Board Member
	<i>Ali Baghai, CRNA</i>	Committee Member
	<i>Edward H. Christensen, DDS</i>	Board Member
	<i>Randall J. Balzic, DDS</i>	Public Committee Member
*	<i>Jason W. Brady, DMD</i>	Public Committee Member
	Jeffrey N. Brownstein, DDS	Public Committee Member
X	Jonathan Jerman, MD	Public Committee Member
	<i>Randall Lout, DDS</i>	Public Committee Member
	<i>Heath Snell, DDS</i>	Public Committee Member
X	Absent	
	Left the meeting early as denoted in the body of the minutes	
*	Temporarily left the meeting at 3:58 p.m. and returned at 4:00 p.m.	

Committee members in italics participated in-person

STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL PRESENT

<i>Ryan P. Edmonson</i>	Executive Director
<i>Kristina C. Gomez</i>	Deputy Director
<i>Mary D. Williams, Esq</i>	Assistant Attorney General
<i>Sherrie Biggs</i>	Assistant Deputy Director
<i>Sussie Adams</i>	Program Projects Specialist
<i>Selena Acuna</i>	Compliance Officer
<i>Yazmin Bustamante</i>	Executive Assistant
Jessica Thomas	Rules Administrator

Staff members in italics participated in-person

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Dr. Herro. Roll call of the committee members was taken and a quorum was established.

III. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (“NPR”)

Ms. Williams informed the Committee that in order to bring the Anesthesia and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) into the Board’s jurisdiction, a statutory change would be required. The Committee requested that board staff work with Ms. Williams to amend the NPR in a way that allows the Committee to further discuss recommendations for future legislative changes.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the specifics on permits. Dr. Herro clarified that the 1304 permit is currently issued to Dentists; not CRNAs. The Committee considered utilizing the State of California's language for issuing permits as the credentialing body. After further discussion, the Committee concurred to pursue statutory changes to recommend and present to the Board.

The Committee proceeded to discuss regulations for pediatric designation. Dr. Lout recapped the progress made on the draft NPR pertaining to 1301, 1302 and 1303 permits and provided clarification to the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the 1303 Minimal Sedation Permit and the designation on pediatric patients eight years of age and younger. After discussion, the Committee concurred that it would be proactive to include the pediatric designation. Dr. Snell commented that for initial applicants coming out of residency, the age of the patient should be taken into consideration. Dr. Lout subsequently offered to implement verbiage for the 1302 permit to ensure the rules are safe for the public.

Mr. Edmondson suggested contacting the Arizona State Board of Nursing for clarification on whether they have jurisdiction on pediatric designation and if it is through statute or rule in addition to CRNAs capability or ability to go into the practice without working with a Dentist. The Committee discussed including all documents into a single NPR draft and concurred to review and streamline the terminology.

The Committee proceeded to discuss training offered by the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons for dental assistants to learn medical dosage and emergency situations.

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Dr. Brady left the meeting at 3:58 p.m. and returned at 4:00 p.m.

The Committee proceeded to discuss provisional permits and on-site evaluations. Dr. Herro stated that the new renewal timeframe may eliminate the need for provisional permits. Dr. Blazic expressed his opinion against provisional permits due to residents graduating without appropriate training to set up their office in order to be properly equipped to handle an emergency situation. The Committee acknowledged the value of having on-site evaluations with a simulated emergency.

IV. STUDY/REVIEW OF ADVERSE OCCURRENCE REPORTS

The Committee members discussed whether the study/review of adverse occurrence reports needed to continue to be an agenda item. Dr. Blazic commented that the information would help him publish a study on adverse occurrences for the State of Arizona. After further discussion the Committee concurred to keep it as an agenda item for future meetings.

V. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

None were discussed.

II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals addressed the Committee.

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE MEETINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Dr. Blazic requested that board staff agendaize an item to permit the Committee to work with other Boards. Board staff will work with the Assistant Attorney General for appropriate language.

VII. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

A. September 17, 2021

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Dr. Snell moved to adjourn at 3:52 p.m.

Second: Mr. Baghai

Vote: 8-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent. Motion passed.