



Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

February 2, 2023

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

On the aforementioned date, members of the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners’ (“Board”) Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”) held a virtual/telephonic meeting. The Committee did not meet in executive session.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| | Anthony Herro, DDS | Chairperson and Board President |
| | Aditya Dynar | Board Member |
| | Russell Jeffrey Morrow, DDS | Board Member |
| | Anthony Caputo, DDS | Committee Member |
| | Kevin Earle | Committee Member |
| X | Brown “Skip” Harris, DDS | Committee Member |
|  | Jeffery J. Tonner | Committee Member |
|  | Joined/deperted as denoted in the body of the minutes | |
| X | Absent | |

STAFF PRESENT

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| Ryan P. Edmonson | Executive Director |
| Kristina C. Gomez | Deputy Director |
| Seamus Monaghan Esq. | Assistant Attorney General |
| Sherrie Biggs | Assistant Deputy Director |
| Yazmin Bustamante | Executive Assistant |

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Dr. Herro. Roll call of the committee members was taken and a quorum was established.

II. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A. Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the November 17, 2022 committee meeting.

Motion: Dr. Herro moved to approve the Open Session Minutes from the November 17, 2022 committee meeting.

Second: Mr. Dynar

Vote: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent. Motion passed.

III. SCOPE AND NAME OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

Motion: Dr. Herro moved to adopt the name “Guideline Steering Committee”.

Second: Mr. Dynar

Vote: 5-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent. Motion passed.

IV. GUIDELINES AND COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Edmonson informed the Committee that the Board's Sunset Audit Report from 2014 had the recommendation to establish guidelines for the Board to review a history of prior board action against licensees. As a result, guidelines were established at the time. During the 2022 Sunset Audit, the same recommendation was reported. Mr. Edmonson further stated that staff has contracted with Ms. Williams to help draft guidelines. During discussion, the Committee concurred that every violation does not constitute disciplinary action.

Mr. Tonner joined the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Mr. Monaghan indicated that the Board should establish if a violation has occurred, identify the issue and then inquire from staff if there has been prior board action imposed related to the same issue. This would help the Board ensure that it takes consistent action and determine if rehabilitative action is helping the licensee. The Committee further discussed the repercussions probation can have on a licensee and concurred to also review what options are available for the Board to consider once it determines that a violation occurred.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

The Committee concurred to discuss how to view history of priors and what options besides CE are available once established that there is a violation. In addition, to get clarification on whether a specialist consultant should evaluate a general dentists case and discuss if they are held to the same standard as it applies to administrative court.

VI. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The Committee directed staff to coordinate a meeting date for February.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Herro adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.