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## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**May 13, 2025**

### Investigative Committee Meeting

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

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Anthony Caputo, DDS  
Brown “Skip” Harris, DDS  
Mahdi Ali, DMD, MPH, MHSM  
Mahshid “Mia” Asrari, DDS, MS  
Mari Fukami, DMD, MS  
Jeffrey Garelick, DDS  
Umar Imtiaz, DDS, MS  
Sabah Kalamchi, DDS, FFDSRS  
Deborah Kappes, RDH  
Katie Lee Martin, DMD, MPH, MS  
Mindy Motahari, DMD, MA Edu

Chairperson  
Vice-Chairperson  
Committee Member  
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**X**

Joined/departed as denoted in the body of the minutes  
Absent

#### STAFF PRESENT

Ryan P. Edmonson  
Seamus Monaghan, Esq.  
April Romero  
Jaime Shapiro  
Jessica Solis  
Tanya Vasquez  
Yazmin Bustamante

Executive Director  
Assistant Attorney General  
Chief Compliance Officer  
Compliance Officer  
Compliance Officer  
Compliance Officer  
Executive Assistant

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Caputo. Roll call of the committee members was taken and a quorum was established.

#### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Dr. Garelick introduced himself, and the Committee welcomed him as its newest member.

**III. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. § 38-503**

Dr. Motahari declared a conflict of interest with agenda item no. V.A.16.202500022.

**IV. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A. Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the April 1, 2025 committee meeting.

**Audio Start Time:** 0:21:50

**Motion:** Dr. Kalamchi moved to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2025 committee meeting.

**Second:** Ms. Kappes

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

*Dr. Garelick abstained.*

**V. ITEMS FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Audio Start Time:** 0:24:50

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board dismiss cases for agenda item nos. V.A.1.202400359, V.A.2.202400421, V.A.4.202400457, V.A.5.202400472, V.A.6.202400479, V.A.7.202400497, V.A.9.202400516, V.A.10.202500013-MP, V.A.13.202500016, V.A.15.202500021, V.A.17.202500023, V.A.18.202500024, V.A.19.202500034, V.A.21.202500038, V.A.22.202500044, V.A.23.202500045, V.A.25.202500053, V.A.26.202500054, V.A.27.202500056 and V.A.28.202500069.

**Second:** Dr. Garelick

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

A. Review of Investigation(s)

3. 202400426

**Audio Start Time:** 0:33:00

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(23) for non-compliance with a subpoena.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 10-aye, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

*Dr. Garelick voted against the motion.*

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in risk management. In addition, to impose a \$500 fine for non-compliance with a subpoena.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

8. 202400498

**Audio Start Time:** 0:43:35

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in risk management.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

11. 202500014-MP

**Audio Start Time:** 0:47:40

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14).

**Second:** Dr. Garelick

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in risk management, 4 hours in management of surgical complications and 6 hours in diagnosis and treatment planning of complex surgical procedures.

**Second:** Dr. Garelick

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

12. 202500015

**Audio Start Time:** 0:57:10

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14).

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 7-aye, 4-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

*Drs. Caputo, Ali, Fukami and Ms. Kappes voted against the motion.*

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 6 hours of CE in diagnosis and treatment planning, including alternative treatment planning approaches and 4 hours in risk management.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 8-aye, 3-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

*Drs. Caputo, Fukami and Ms. Kappes voted against the motion.*

14. 202500018

**Audio Start Time:** 1:23:55

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1263(A)(4) as it relates to 32-1236(I) and 32-1201.01(24).

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in risk management and to impose a \$100 fine for the violation of A.R.S. § 32-1236(I).

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

16. 202500022

**Audio Start Time:** 1:35:00

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14).

**Second:** Dr. Martin

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

*Dr. Motahari was recused and did not participate in the matter.*

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 12 hours of CE in the areas of diagnosis and treatment planning, restoration of crown and bridge and management of complications. In addition, to order restitution in the amounts of \$6,818 to the patient and \$2,272 to the insurance.

**Second:** Ms. Kappes

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

*Dr. Motahari was recused and did not participate in the matter.*

20. 202500036

**Audio Start Time:** 1:51:40

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in risk management.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

24. 202500048

**Audio Start Time:** 1:53:20

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in risk management.

**Second:** Dr. Fukami

**Vote:** 11-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent. Motion passed.

**VI. COMPLAINT LOG**

The Committee reviewed the Board's open complaints.

**VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

The Committee was informed of the recent legislative break.

**VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

The Committee inquired when they can expect to receive proposed meeting dates for 2026. Staff indicated that the meeting dates would be provided in August to allow for sufficient time to approve the proposed dates.

**IX. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

A. June 24, 2025

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Caputo adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.