

VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF THE REGULATORY ADVISORY PANEL ON THE CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCES, SEDATION, AND ANESTHESIA REGULATIONS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) of the Board of Dentistry (Board) was called to order on February 2, 2018 at 1:56 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S., Chair

**PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Malinda Husson, D.D.S.  
Carol Russek, J.D.  
David Sarrett, D.D.S.

**PANEL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jacques Riviere, D.D.S.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With four members of the RAP present, a quorum was established.

Ms. Reen read the emergency evacuation procedure.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The December 1, 2017 minutes were accepted as presented by consensus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Catherine Harrison, CRNA, stated that she was present to clarify any questions concerning sedation provided by CRNAs in dental practices.

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** Dr. Alexander expressed his appreciation for the information and recommendations the RAP received at the December 1, 2017 Open Forum. He explained that the draft of Part VI of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Dentistry provided for discussion includes the recommendations received throughout the text as well as the notes that he and Dr. Sarrett had added.

Ms. Reen noted that a number of changes in the draft address provisions for moderate sedation to conform to the 2016 ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students. She said these changes do not need discussion because they are being addressed in a regulatory action currently in process.

Dr. Alexander facilitated a page-by-page review and discussion of the draft. Recommendations the RAP agreed to advance included:

- Requiring a review of medication use and a focused physical examination in patient evaluation requirements.
- Noting that the guidelines that address sedation of pediatric patients issued by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatrics should be considered.
- Adding the provision on special needs patients in the ADA Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists.
- Clarifying the supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists.
- Clarifying the provisions on minimal sedation.
- Permitting consideration of extenuating patient circumstances in the monitoring and discharge requirements.
- Adding oxygen saturation to the monitoring requirements.
- Requiring a 3 person treatment team for moderate sedation.

**NEXT STEPS:**

Ms. Reen said the proposed changes will be made to a new draft of Part VI of the Regulations and sent to the RAP for review. She recommended that each panelist submit comments on the draft for Dr. Alexander's review so he might decide if it is necessary to convene the RAP for further discussion. She added that once the RAP proposal is complete the recommendations will go to the Regulatory-Legislative Committee for review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, Dr. Alexander adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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John M. Alexander, D.D.S, Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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