

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2001
6606 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717
Conference Room 2**

Department of Health Professions

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 1:10 p.m.
- PRESIDING:** Michael J. Link, D.D.S., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard D. Wilson, D.D.S., Secretary-Treasurer
Nora M. French, D.M.D.
Darryl Lefcoe, D.D.S.
Trudy Levitin, R.D.H.
Gopal S. Pal, D.D.S.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Robert Winters, Esquire
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deborah Southall, R.D.H.
Gary E. Taylor, D.D.S., Vice President
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Cheri Emma-Leigh, Operations Manager
John Hasty, Director, DHP
Robert Nebiker, Deputy Director, DHP
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
- COUNSEL PRESENT:** Howard Casway, Assistant Attorney General
- QUORUM:** With eight members of the Board present, a quorum was established.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Wilson, the Board moved to approve the Minutes of the General Board Meetings of October 18, 2001, November 1, 2001 and November 9, 2001 with amendments to the Minutes of the October 18, 2001 meeting.
- LEGISLATION AND REGULATION:** **Joint Commission on Health Care's (JCHC) request regarding supervision of Dental Hygienists:** The Board reviewed correspondence and legislative recommendations from JCHC, along with their request for the Board of Dentistry to consider changing its current regulations regarding supervision of dental hygienists. Dr. Link stated that the

Board has received numerous favorable comments on this issue. The Legislative/Regulatory Committee moved that the Board advise the Commission that the Board supports the introduction of legislation to change the standard of supervision of dental hygienists to general direction and that the legislation include an enactment clause authorizing the Board to adopt emergency regulations.

The question was called and the Board adopted the motion from the Legislative/Regulatory Committee.

Mr. Pat Finnerty, Executive Director, JCHC, was present at the meeting and explained further that this change in supervision would be a means of improving access to care.

A roll call vote was requested:

Nora French:	Yes
Darryl Lefcoe:	Yes
Trudy Levitin:	Yes
Gopal S. Pal:	Yes
James Watkins:	No
Richard Wilson:	Yes
Robert Winters:	Yes
Michael Link:	No

Mr. Terry Dickinson, Virginia Dental Association, also addressed the introduction of legislation to expand authority of the Board of Dentistry to issue a temporary permit to dental graduates practicing in Free Clinics and Community Health Centers. This would simply expand § 54.1-2715 of the Code of Virginia to include Free Clinics and Community Health Centers.

On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Wilson, the Board moved to support JCHC's proposal on temporary licenses.

The next JCHC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Wilson, the Board directed Dr. Link to attend on behalf of the Board.

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CLOSED MEETING:

On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted 8-0 in favor of the motion, to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia to consult with counsel.

RECONVENE:

On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Wilson, the Board voted 8-0 in favor of the motion, that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

On a properly seconded motion by Ms. Levitin, the Board agreed to table the review of information on Iowa and Alabama in order to allow sufficient time to study.

CONSENT ORDER:

A Prehearing Consent Order on Paul Goldstein, D.D.S. was presented for ratification. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Wilson the Board ratified the Consent Order.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Michael J. Link, President

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

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