

UNAPPROVED  
MINUTES

BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE  
August 10, 2018

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Examination Committee convened on August 10, 2018, at 1:06p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**PRESIDING:** James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.  
Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD  
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.  
Carol R. Russek, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Sheila Beard, Executive Assistant

**BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Watkins asked if the Committee members had reviewed the February 2, 2018 minutes and asked if there were any corrections needed. Dr. Bonwell moved to accept the minutes presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

**DISCUSSION:** Letter from JCNDE - The letter included in the agenda package from JCNDE was accepted for informational purposes.

**Acceptance of Clinical Examinations**

**ADHA** - Dr. Bonwell acknowledged the letter included in the agenda package and shared the information presented at the recent SRTA meeting. Extensive conversation went forth surrounding ADHA's support to eliminate clinical exams.

**ADEA** - Ms. Reen informed the Committee that this matter continues to come before the Board and should be addressed by the Committee. Ms. Reen stated when licensing by credentials the Board must be aware what will be good for Virginia. The information for ADHA and ADEA will be added to the September Board Meeting package.

**Acceptance of Regional Exams** - Ms. Reen informed the Committee that it must review the examinations of all the regional testing agencies and recommend to the Board which examinations are acceptable. Ms. Reen stated there are inconsistencies between regional exams and how results are reported, which seem to change year to year. Currently, the prosthodontics section of the WREB exam is optional and is a required section of all other regional exams. There is a concern that many applicants are applying with no intention to practice in Virginia.

Dr. Watkins asked if it would be beneficial for a Board representative to be part of each exam agency in order to keep up with the changes that take place.

Ms. Reen informed the Committee that Guidance Document 60-25, as currently written, cannot be enforced. Ms. Reen suggested that consideration should be given to possibly accepting ADEX exams only and that the Board put a new policy in place. The Board can make changes to this Guidance Document in September. Mr. Rutkowski reminded the Committee that guidance documents are not enforceable as law and recommended a regulatory change. Ms. Reen stated the Board can choose to adopt a fast-track regulatory action at the September Board meeting.

Dr. Dawson made a motion to change Guidance Document 60-25 to read "All examinations taken after January 1, 2019 must include, at a minimum, sections on Endodontics; Prosthodontics; operative dentistry consisting of a Posterior Class II and Anterior Class III restorations; and Periodontal" for dental licensure applicants by examination or credentials. This motion was seconded by Dr. Bonwell and passed.


Dr. Bonwell made a motion to adopt a regulatory action to change the policy for exam acceptance under the section of licensure by examinations and credentials.

The next Exam Committee meeting is being considered for September 13, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 2:54pm

**Virginia Board of Dentistry  
Examination Committee  
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James D. Watkins, D.D.S., Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sandra K. Keen, Executive Director

November 22, 2019  
Date