

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
COUNCIL ON DENTAL HYGIENE MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2009; 5:30 P.M. EDT  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Baker at 5:30 p.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Members present:

Ms. Tammy Baker, R.D.H., Chair  
Dr. Wade Winker  
Ms. Brenda Kitchens, R.D.H.  
Ms. Maria De La Cruz  
Ms. Anne McLaughlin, R.D.H.

Ms. Mary Pelletier, R.D.H. advisor

Staff present:

Michael Flury, Board Counsel  
Sue Foster, Board Director  
Cindy Ritter, Program Administrator

Others present:

Paula Schad, R.D.H., F.D.H.A.  
Randall Collette, Esq.  
Don Erbes, D.D.S., F.D.A.  
Betty Dalton, R.D.H.  
Carroll Cameron, R.D.H., Ed.D.  
Telka Jackson, R.D.H.  
Norine Dowd, R.D.H.  
Joe Thomas, D.D.S., Chair of Board of Dentistry  
Janice Elkins, R.D.H.  
Katie Woods, R.D.H.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2008 MINUTES**

Following review, the Council took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Winker to approve the minutes with correction of spelling of Ms. Schad's name  
Second: by Ms. Kitchens  
Vote: unanimous

**ITEM FOR TOPIC DISCUSSION**

**Dental Hygiene Examination Requirement Comparison Chart**

**Detailed Dental Hygiene Examination Information on Various Examinations**

Testing Services provided information to the Council consisting of comparisons of the following exams: Florida, North East Regional Board, Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc., Western Regional Examining Board, Southern Regional Testing Agency, and Delaware. Patients, costs, the accepting states, examiners, ultrasonics, time, administrations per year, sites, the clinical procedures, etc. were among the information presented on the comparison charts.

There was considerable discussion on the merits of moving to a regional examination vs. investing in updates and performing a task analyses of our current examination. The Council requested information on the pass rate of the various examinations.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Council:

Motion: by Ms. Kitchens to have the Council meet again after the Exam Development Committee has made revisions and after more information is received from Testing  
Second: by Ms. McLaughlin  
Vote: unanimous

**Letter from Florida Dental Hygiene Association**

Ms. Paula Schad, R.D.H., sent a letter to the Board of Dentistry regarding updates to the Florida exam or moving to one of the regional exam. Dr. Thomas sent a response to this letter.

**Rule 64B5-2.0144, F.A.C., and 466.007(3)(b), Florida Statutes**

This matter was placed on the agenda in error. This rule had been previously addressed by the Council and had been noticed by board counsel.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Budget Reports – Expenditures by Function, 2006-2008**  
**Chapter 456.017, F.S. regarding Examinations**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.