

DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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**Dental Board of California
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 16, 2012**
Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen Street, Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95815

Members Present:

Bruce Witcher, DDS President
Huong Le, DDS, Vice President
Steve Afriat, Public Member
Luis Dominicus, DDS
Judith Forsythe, RDA
Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Steven Morrow, DDS
Thomas Olinger, DDS

Members Absent:

Fran Burton, Secretary
Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Rebecca Downing, Public Member

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer
Denise Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer
Kim Trefry, Enforcement Chief
Nancy Butler, Supervising Investigator
April Alameda, Investigative Analysis Unit Manager
Dawn Dill, Licensing and Examination Unit Manager
Lori Reis, Complaint and Compliance Unit Manager
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Sarah Wallace, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst
Karen Fischer, Associate Analyst
Linda Byers, Executive Assistant
Spencer Walker, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Bruce Witcher, President, called the meeting of the Dental Board of California to order at 8:32 a.m. Dr. Huong Le, Vice-President, called the roll and a quorum was established.

The Board immediately went into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters.

The Board returned to open session at 10:58 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Regional Examinations Presentation by Guy Champagne, DDS, Past President of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX)

Dr. Shampaine, Chairman of the Northeast Regional Board (NERB), introduced Dr. Bruce Barrette, President of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX). Dr. Shampaine began his presentation by stating that the patients are the stakeholders when licensing dentists; they are the ones at risk if someone is licensed inappropriately. Licensure exists for the protection of the public. Dr. Shampaine stated that a licensure exam is not to determine who should get a license; it's there to determine who should not get a license. Each state had its own licensure examination until 1968. There was no mobility between states.

ADEX is an organization of state dental boards that function as a national examination committee for the participating state boards and testing agencies.

California was one of the founding states of ADEX. Dr. Ariane Terlet, former California Dental Board Member, was the first secretary of ADEX. Many of California's principles of examination were incorporated when ADEX was established.

Dr. Shampaine explained that ADEX is not a testing agency. ADEX representatives develop a widely accepted examination which is administered by examination agencies such as the Southeast Regional Testing Association (SERTA) and the Northeast Regional Board (NERB) according to ADEX rules. It is the most widely accepted licensure examination in the United States with forty states now accepting ADEX's licensure examination.

Dr. Shampaine reviewed many of the details of the ADEX organization and some examination details. He stated that the next goal of ADEX is to create a Uniform National Clinical Examination which will be accepted for licensure by all State Dental Boards, thereby allowing mobility of the Dental Graduate.

Dr. Shampaine stated that one out of five dentists in the United States is licensed in California.

The goal of ADEX is to have the Dental Board of California consider accepting the ADEX examination as an additional licensure pathway.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL Meetings Commenced at 11:40 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment following adjournment of the Licensing, Certification and Permits Committee meeting.

The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m. and will resume at 8:30 a.m. Friday, August 17, 2012.