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**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
ELECTIVE FACIAL COSMETIC SURGERY PERMIT CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

NOTE: In accordance with Government Code Section 11123.5, the Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery Permit Credentialing Committee (Committee) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met by teleconference/Microsoft Teams on October 8, 2025, with the following primary physical meeting location available for Committee and public member participation:

Dental Board of California
Lake Tahoe Room
2005 Evergreen St., Suite 1290A
Sacramento, CA 95815

Members Present

Robert Gramins, DDS, Chair (Remote)
Andre Guerrero Fernandes, DDS, MD (Remote)
Louis Gallia, DMD, MD
Anil Punjabi, MD, DDS (Remote)
Peter Scheer, DDS (Remote)

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Christy Bell, Interim Executive Officer
Jodi Ortiz, Chief of Licensing and Examination Division
Jessica Donaldson, Licensing Analyst
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

The Committee Chair, Robert Gramins, DDS, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Jodi Ortiz, confirming the presence of four Committee members and establishing a quorum. Committee Member Andre Guerrero Fernandes, DDS, MD, joined the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Committee Chair Gramins requested public comment on items not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present for the meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on October 23, 2024 Meeting

Minutes

Motion/Second (M/S) (Punjabi/Scheer) to approve the October 23, 2024 meeting minutes.

Committee Chair Gramins requested public comment before the Committee acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on this item.

Committee Chair Gramins called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Ortiz took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Fernandes, Gallia, Gramins, Punjabi, Scheer

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Recusals: None

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 4: Election of Committee Officers

Ms. Ortiz requested nominations for Committee Chair to serve a four-year term.

Committee Member Louis Gallia, DMD, MD, nominated Committee Chair Gramins as Committee Chair. Committee Chair Gramins, citing his 17 years serving as Committee Chair, declined the nomination.

Committee Chair Gramins nominated Committee Member Peter Scheer, DDS, as Committee Chair. Committee Member Scheer accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

(M/S) (Punjabi/Gramins) to elect Committee Member Peter Scheer, DDS, as Committee Chair for a four-year term.

Ms. Ortiz requested public comment before the Committee acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Ms. Ortiz took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Fernandes, Gallia, Gramins, Punjabi, Scheer

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Recusals: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Ortiz requested nominations for Committee Vice Chair for a four-year term.

Committee Member Scheer nominated Committee Member Anil Punjabi, MD, DDS, as Committee Vice Chair. Committee Member Punjabi declined the nomination.

Committee Member Punjabi nominated Committee Member Louis Gallia, DMD, MD, as Committee Vice Chair. Committee Member Gallia declined the nomination.

Committee Member Punjabi accepted Committee Member Scheer's nomination.

(M/S) (Gramins/Gallia) to elect Anil Punjabi, MD, DDS, as Committee Vice Chair for a four-year term.

Ms. Ortiz requested public comment before the Committee acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Ms. Ortiz took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Fernandes, Gallia, Gramins, Punjabi, Scheer

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Recusals: None

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 5: 2026 Committee Meeting Dates

Ms. Ortiz presented the meeting materials for this item.

Committee Chair Gramins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 6: Recess Open Session

Committee Chair announced his recusal from part of the Closed Session discussion due to a conflict of interest. Open Session was recessed at 3:26 p.m.

Agenda Item 7: Convene Closed Session

Closed Session convened at 3:26 p.m.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery (EFCS) Permit Application(s) – Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(2), the Committee will convene in Closed Session to deliberate on applicant qualifications for EFCS permits.

The Committee considered two EFCS permit applications.

Agenda Item 9: Adjourn Closed Session

Closed Session was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Agenda Item 10: Reconvene Open Session

Open Session reconvened at 4:09 p.m.

Agenda Item 11: Chair’s Report on Closed Session Items – Recommendation(s) to the Board on EFCS Permit Application(s)

Committee Chair Gramins did not present the Chair’s report on Closed Session due to a conflict of interest involving one of the applicants under consideration.

Agenda Item 12: Discussion of Recent Amendments to Business and Professions Code Section 1638.1 and Status of Additional Proposed Amendments

Ms. Ortiz presented the meeting materials for this item.

Committee Member Gallia asked who approved the recent amendments to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1638.1. Ms. Welch responded that she and Board staff drafted a legislative proposal that contained the amendments to resolve concerns raised by the Committee during application reviews. The legislative proposal was presented to the Board during public meetings and included in the Board’s 2024 Sunset Review Report. During the Sunset review process, legislative committees reviewed the amendments in the Board’s Sunset bill through the public legislative process.

Committee Member Gallia requested information from the Board about the new statutory changes around removing the “limitations” on permits and requested an explanation of the Committee’s involvement and disclosure in the decision to amend BPC section 1638.1. Ms. Welch stated that Board staff made the Committee aware of the amendments several times over the past two years. However, the Committee does not have jurisdiction to review legislation, so the Committee, as a whole, could not provide comments on the amendments, but the Committee had been advised that individual Committee members could comment on the amendments on their own behalf.

Committee Member Scheer expressed concern about recent changes affecting consumer protections. He questioned the relative weight of the Residency Program requirement versus the variety of operative reports submitted. He also asked for clarification on how the Committee should conduct application reviews now that certain limitations have been removed.

It was suggested that limited permits should have been grandfathered in. Committee Member Gallia inquired on how many limited permits would be affected by the changes to BPC section 1638.1. Ms. Ortiz replied that eight permits would be affected.

Committee Member Scheer requested that a list of acceptable EFCS procedures be presented to the Board, noting that such a list showing the procedures in which applicants have demonstrated competence would help streamline case reviews. Dr. Fernandes, Dr. Punjabi, and Dr. Gallia agreed. Ms. Welch explained that BPC section 1638.1 did not specifically state the types of operative reports that had to be submitted with the permit application to obtain a Category I or II permit. As such, applicants submitted operative reports demonstrating the hard and/or soft tissue procedures they wished to perform, not understanding that those reports could limit the permit issued to them under a particular category. Because there are many types of hard or soft tissue procedures that could be performed, it seemed unlikely there could be a specific list of the types of procedures for which the applicants would have to submit operative reports to obtain unlimited category permit privileges. Committee Member Gallia stated that there were only a few procedures – rhinoplasty, otoplasty, and genioplasty for hard tissue procedures, and rhytidectomy (face lifts) [and blepharoplasty] for soft tissue procedures.

Ms. Welch also explained that as for grandfathering in the old limited permits, that would be confusing for applicants, Board staff, and the public going forward. The Board already has some licenses, registrations, and permits that have grandfathering provisions that become very difficult to manage long term. It was cleaner to require all limited category permit holders to apply for a new unlimited category permit.

Ms. Ortiz commented that if individual Committee members wanted to share their concerns about recent changes, they could do so at the November Board meeting, or they could submit their concerns in writing to the Executive Officer.

Committee Member Gallia asked Committee Chair Gramins whether the application review process had worked, and Committee Chair Gramins stated he thought there was no problem at all. He just wished the Committee would have been consulted on the amendments. He asked for this item to be placed on the agenda to give the Committee Members clarification of what they needed to do under the new amendments.

Committee Member Gallia stated the amendments were not well-written to begin with and now the Board was tweaking the language. He reiterated that the prior permits should have been grandfathered in and asked if any Committee or Board members of associations consulted on the amendments.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Committee Member Gallia left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Committee Member Scheer reiterated his concerns about not being informed by the Board of legislative changes affecting the Committee. Dr. Gramins and Dr. Punjabi agreed.

Committee Chair Gramins stated the new 24 hours of continuing education required in the amendments was too much.

The continuing education requirement was inserted to replace the prior requirement that every six years, prior to the renewal of the permitholder's license and permit, the permitholder had to submit evidence acceptable to the Committee that the permitholder had maintained continued competence to perform the procedures authorized by the permit.

Committee Member Punjabi stated he thought it was time for the Committee to meet in person as it might be easier to hammer out these issues. Committee Chair Gramins responded that it was not the Committee's job to make a recommendation on the amendments; the Committee cannot meet to discuss it, so he was not sure it made sense to meet in person on this issue.

Committee Member Punjabi stated that Botox and facial fillers are not surgical procedures and are not too complex.

Committee Chair Gramins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment

Committee Chair Gramins adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING WERE PREPARED BY JESSICA DONALDSON, EFCS
PERMIT PROGRAM COORDINATOR
