

Dental Hygiene Board of California Licensing and Examination Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 7, 2022

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 11133, neither a public nor teleconference location was provided. Members of the public observed and participated using the WebEx link provided in the agenda.

Licensing and Examination Committee Members Present:

Dr. Carmen Dones, Chair, DHBC Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Educator Member
Sonia “Pat” Hansen, DHBC RDH Member

Licensing and Examination Committee Members Absent:

Noel Kelsch, DHBC Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Member
Erin Yee, DHBC Public Member

DHBC Staff Present:

Anthony Lum, Executive Officer
Albert Law, Special Investigator
Adina Pineschi-Petty, Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Education, Legislative, and Regulatory Specialist
Michael Kanotz, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Legal Counsel for the DHBC

1. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Carmen Dones, Chair of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC, Board) Licensing and Examination Committee (Committee), reviewed meeting guidelines and called the meeting to order at **11:00 a.m.** Chair Dones completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with two members present. Committee members Noel Kelsch and Erin Yee was absent and excused.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

There was no public comment.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Alternative Pathway to Licensure Taskforce Recommendations and to Provide a Recommendation to the Full Board.

Dr. Carmen Dones, Chairperson of the Dental Hygiene Board’s Licensing and Examination Committee (L & E Committee), stated this meeting was to review the Alternative Pathway to Licensure Taskforce’s recommendation to eliminate the clinical examination licensure requirement for students who’ve graduated from a California (CA) dental hygiene program if they apply for the license within three years of graduation. She stated the taskforce met several times over the past two years to discuss and create the recommendation. Because CA dental hygiene programs teach with competency-based techniques and their students

provide supervised dental hygiene services to patients for over a year, she said the taskforce determined that a clinical examination is not needed as a requirement for licensure if the student applies for the license within three years of graduation. If applying after three years, the student will need to complete a board-approved clinical examination. Dr. Dones reported Licensure requirements will still include the completion of the following: 1) Graduation from a CODA accredited and Board approved dental hygiene educational program; 2) Completion and passing score on the NDHBE examination (national boards); 3) Completion and passing score on the California Law & Ethics examination; and 4) Completion of the extended functions of Soft Tissue Curettage, Local Anesthesia administration, and Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Analgesia if not completed in a CA dental hygiene educational program.

Dr. Dones stated that because out-of-state dental hygiene education can't be verified and only accepted if completed through a CODA accredited institution, a clinical examination requirement will remain for those individuals coming from out-of-state if they apply within three years of completing and successfully passing a board approved clinical exam.

Dr. Dones reported that the taskforce recommends the L & E Committee to review and approve the draft statutory language amending Business and Professions Code section 1917 as presented, thereby removing the clinical examination requirement for licensure if the student applies within three years of graduation. Additionally, she requested the L & E Committee to then recommend this language to the full Board.

Motion: Dr. Carmen Dones moved to recommend to the Board an amendment to Business and Professions Code section 1917 removing the clinical exam requirement for California dental hygiene school graduates if they apply for the license within 3 years of graduation, amendment to the remainder of the subsection regarding out of state applicants, and reenumeration of the remaining subsections.

Second: Sonia "Pat" Hansen.

Member discussion: None.

Public comment:

Dr. Vickie Kimbrough, Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program (DHEP) Director supported the recommendation and questioned why three years was considered as the timeline. Executive Officer Anthony Lum provided the Committee's rationale for the three-year timeline.

Lisa Kamibayashi, West Los Angeles College (WLA) DHEP Director, supported the recommendation, stating that WLA students have a high success rate on clinical boards and shared her concerns with the costs associated with those clinical boards.

Paul Kim, 2023 WLA DHEP Class President, supported the recommendation and requested the Board review portfolio pathway to licensure.

Vote: Motion for the L & E Committee to recommend to the Board an amendment to Business and Professions Code section 1917 removing the clinical exam requirement for California dental hygiene school graduates if they apply for the license within 3 years of graduation, amendment to the remainder of the subsection regarding out of state applicants, and renumeration of the remaining subsections. Passed 2:0:2.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Noel Kelsch			X - Absent
Erin Yee			X - Absent

4. Future Agenda Items.

None.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at **11:33 a.m.**