

Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia

Board Meeting 2020-07

Via Zoom - Videoconference: May 18, 2020 - 7:00 pm

A meeting of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia was held on May 18, 2020 via zoom teleconference at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance:

Dr. Daniel Albert (Chair)
Dr. Shelly Anderson (Vice-chair)
Dr. Kevin Walsh
Dr. Chris Baker
Dr. Terrie Logue
Dr. Russell MacSween
Dr. Sunita Sharma
Dr. David Dignan
Ms. Marina Crawford
Ms. Donna Rushton
Mr. Grég Fevens
Mr. David Melvin
Dr. Martin Gillis (Registrar)
Dr. Curtis Gregoire (Deputy Registrar)
Ms. Jane Donovan (Executive Assistant)
Ms. Valerie Benoit (Receptionist)
Mr. Chris Holland (IT)

Observers: Mr. Jason Cooke (Legal Counsel)
Dr. Ferne Kraglund (Dalhousie/ DHW)

Agenda. 1 **Call to Order**

At 7:03 pm the Chair welcomed Board members and provided general instructions regarding the proceedings.

Agenda. 2 **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

The Chair asked the Board if they had or knew of any Board members who had a conflict of interest with the agenda. No conflicts were identified.

Agenda. 3 Approval of the Agenda

The Chair reviewed the agenda and no additions were noted.

It was moved and seconded – Dr. Chris Baker and Mr. David Melvin

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"To approve the agenda as presented."

Motion Carried

Agenda. 4 COVID-19: Recap of events

a) Draft Guideline – Reopening Dental Clinics (Emergency / Urgent)

Dr. Albert, Dr. Walsh and Dr. Gillis provided an update to the Board members regarding the proposed Reopening Plan Guideline for Dental Clinics for Emergency and Urgent Care. The return to practice working group of the Board (Phoenix) created a draft guideline which ensures that return to practice will be done in a manner that protects patients and all dental health care professionals via stringent safety measures including COVID-19 screening protocols for patients, enhanced infection control policies, new personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements, and required changes to waiting rooms and reception areas to ensure proper social distancing. The draft guideline has been sent to the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) and the Department of Health and Wellness for review.

b) May 15, 2020 Meeting, CMOH / DHW

A teleconference was held on May 15, 2020 with Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), representatives from the oral health professions, the Department of Health and Wellness, and representatives from the Provincial Dental Board (Drs. Albert, Walsh and Gillis). The COVID-19 Reopening Plan Guideline for Dental Clinics was presented to the CMOH. Dr. Strang discussed his plan for the next phase which is based on the epidemiology available. Amid some concerns, Dr. Strang will review the guideline presented and has asked that all oral health stakeholders to provide a letter in support of the Provincial Dental Board's Guideline before it is approved.

Agenda. 5 **Next Meeting** – May 29, 2020

Agenda. 6 **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

It was moved and seconded – Dr. Chris Baker and Dr. Sunita Sharma

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“To adjourn the meeting.”

Motion Carried

Approved,



Dr. Daniel Albert, Chair



Date