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**Board Meeting Minutes of 6/23/2023**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Cheryl Miller - Chair Carla (Jess) Wolfrum Joshua Westerberg	<b>Division Staff:</b>	Katie Stuart, Executive Officer Russell Spencer, General Counsel Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing Program Manager Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Jacqueline Mabrey	<b>Others Present:</b>	Josh Scholer, Department of Financial Management

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Cheryl Miller.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 03/31/2023 & 05/24/2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**Financial Update:** Ms. Stuart presented the financial report to the Board.

**Licensing System ITN Update:** Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Division has entered into a contract for their new Licensing Information System. The goal for implementation of the new system is mid-year 2024.

**New DOPL Board Website:** Ms. Stuart informed the Board that all DOPL Board webpages will be updated to be consistent and have information easier to locate for the general public.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Public Comments Regarding Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR):** Ms. Stuart presented the following public comments which were received via email regarding changes to the Board's rules:

I just wanted to reach out in regards to the upcoming changes to the Rules of the State Board of Dentistry. I would propose that in regards to rule 50 the board would look at allowing online and/or virtual continuing education options for licensed denturists. This would provide

denturists an option to obtain the necessary CE credits if for some reason they are not able to attend the annual association meetings.

Thank You,

Thank you and your staff for the work that you are doing on the Administrative rules for Dentistry.

I have two quick comments:

KS2 - I believe that we need a standardized exam. The Oregon and Washington models are great since scope of practice etc. is substantially equivalent to Idaho. They have considerably more experience administering the exams due to the larger volume of applicants.

KS6 - My opinion is that we should not restrict a licensee's ability to have more than one intern if said licensee has the physical capacity in their practice to accommodate more than one. It just feels too restrictive to me. The law should allow as much freedom within statutory limits as possible.

Again thank you for working with our group. You are appreciated.

Please leave bill as it is. It has worked for our profession for over 40 years.

Sincerely, Terry L. Barnes, LD-17

**Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR):** Ms. Stuart started the discussion by discussing a few changes to the rules from the last Board meeting. She informed the Board that the removal of Rule 200.02 was recommended as the Board does not have the authority to approve someone to take the examination. Ms. Stuart went on to inform the Board regarding Rule 300 Internship, the Board does not have the authority to state that the internship cannot take longer than two (2) years to require reporting requirements to set internship supervisor requirements, or require registration statements.

Ms. Stuart then presented edits to the Board's rules. In discussing Rule 100 Examinations, the Board stated they would still like to have an Idaho exam in addition to accepting another exam for licensure. During the discussion, the Board was informed that the cost to take the additional exam could be between two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) and four-thousand dollars (\$4,000) per exam and that although it would cost less for an applicant to take the Idaho exam, accepting the additional exam would provide an alternative making Idaho less restrictive.

Ms. Stuart also stated that she is still researching additional information from Headmasters and that it could cost the Board up to \$5,000 for them to write the exam. Mr. Spencer added that the new exam allows the state Board to set the exam passing score and recommended that the Board keep the passing score as currently stated in the rule.

Ms. Stuart presented edits to Rule 300 Internship as previously discussed in that the Board does not have the statutory authority to allow additional requirements and per statute, an internship cannot take longer than 2 years.

Ms. Stuart presented edits to Rule 350 Continuing Education. Ms. Stuart discussed with the Board that statute does not limit the mode of CE and therefore no rule is necessary to establish the lack of such limitation. Ms. Stuart also informed the Board that the Division is going toward a more educational approach versus discipline for continuing education and provided information regarding CE guidance documents which will be placed on the Board's website.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the rules as proposed with amended changes to Rule 100 Examinations to use the Universal Testing Services (UTS) Exam as an alternative

exam for applicants. The vote was: Mr. Westerberg, aye; Ms. Wolfrum, aye; and Ms. Miller, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**Board Chair Election:** Ms. Stuart explained that the Board's statute has a Chair and a Secretary/Treasurer therefore, both need to be elected annually. A motion was made and seconded to elect Cheryl Miller as Chair and Jaqueline Mabrey as the Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

The next meeting is on 09/08/2023.