

Iowa Dental Board Report - January 27, 2023

The Iowa Dental Board meeting was held Friday, January 27, 2023. The meeting was held at the Dental Board office for attendance in person or via Zoom. The attendees included leadership and staff from the Iowa Dental Association (IDA); the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association (IDHA) and their lobbyist; Delta Dental of Iowa representative; and other public attendees.

The meeting was timely and efficient. The governor has asked the legislature to oversee reorganization of government entities to streamline government activities and avoid redundancy. Investigators for the state entities including the dental board investigators will be combined in one state agency. Future rule making by the dental board will require an awareness of previous rulemaking to avoid redundancy. Review of dental board rules for unnecessary redundancy will be done.

The legislature is considering legislation involving Dentist and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compacts. A licensure compact is an agreement between 2 or more states allowing dentist and dental hygienist licensees from the participating states to practice in other participating states without "satisfying burdensome and duplicative requirements of the other states" for licensure. The dentist and dental hygienist licensees must "function within the Scope of Practice authorized by the Remote State". Also, the licensure compact will facilitate the relocation of military members and their spouses who are licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene

The board approved adoption of an amendment that recognizes the application of silver diamine fluoride by hygienists as permitted as part of scope of practice.

There was brief discussion about work force issues and implementation of rules related to dental assistants and expanded functions.

The next dental board meeting is scheduled in April 14, 2023. The meeting will be offered in person at the Iowa Dental Board office or via Zoom. The dental board truly respects and appreciates the attendance and involvement of dental licensees. Please consider attending the meeting.

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