

Iowa Dental Board - June 23, 2023

The Iowa Dental Board meeting was held Friday, June 23, 2023. The meeting was held at the Dental Board office for attendance in person or via Zoom. The in person attendees were few including myself and 2 representatives from the Iowa Dental Association. A small group of attendees including Delta Dental, Iowa Dental Hygiene Association lobbyist, President of the Iowa Dental Association (IDA), and IDA staff attended via Zoom.

The meeting was extremely brief. Usually, the dental board spends substantial time discussing rules and regulations. However, as part of the governor's legislative reorganization plan, the governor requested that regulatory boards not enact new regulations this year. Thus the dental board had minimal topics for discussion.

The dental board elected officers and committee members. The budget was reviewed. Continuing education courses and sponsors were approved. Waiver applications were considered.

The governor's reorganization plan for medical and dental licensing boards was graphically explained showing the alignment with government agencies that share services such as financial, investigation, board oversight etc.

Interestingly, the requirement for routine, inspection, calibration and maintenance of nitrous oxide equipment every 2 years will not be enforced in the near future and will eventually be phased out. There is a lack of trained, qualified dental service technicians able to provide the routine nitrous oxide inspection.

The next dental board meeting is scheduled in September 1, 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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