



**Dental Board of California Meeting
August 5, 2009
Teleconference**

Members Present:

Suzanne McCormick, DDS, President
John Bettinger, DDS, Vice President
Fran Burton, Public Member
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Rebecca Downing, Public Member
Huong Le, DDS
Thomas Olinger, DDS
Bruce Witcher, DDS

Members Absent:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS, Secretary
William Baker, Public Member
Judith Forsythe, RDA

Staff Present:

Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. and established a quorum.

Discussion and possible action regarding the application for provisional approval by Western University Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine

Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel, reported that the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 1024 states that dental schools requesting provisional approval must do so in the first academic year. The Dental Board received an application from the Western University Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine.

According to Section 1024, the Board may review reports from relevant accrediting agencies and may adopt those findings as their own or the Board may conduct its own investigation. In Section 1024.1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), there are twelve institutional standards required to be fulfilled by dental schools for approval. Ms. Schieldge reported that there were some requirements that had not yet been met by the school. Those requirements are: resources, including sufficient facilities and necessary equipment to support the achievement of its mission, purpose, goals, and objectives; and, patient care services, which includes mechanisms to ensure adequate preclinical, clinical, and laboratory asepsis, infection control, and disposal of infectious waste and delivery of comprehensive patient care to individual patients. The Western University Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine's Patient Care Building will not be completed until January 2010. The school cannot meet the requirements set in CCR Section 1024.1 until the patient care building is complete.

Ms. Schieldge set forth the board's options and recommended that the Board grant provisional approval to the school with the understanding that the school is subject to: (1) review and

inspection of the patient care building once construction is completed to ensure compliance with Section 1024.1 and, (2) the University addressing any deficiencies identified by staff. She also explained that the University would have to obtain final approval from the Board once their program is fully operational.

M/S/C (Bettinger/Dominicis) to grant provisional approval to Western University Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine and that the school will be subject to review and inspection of the patient care building once it is constructed to ensure compliance with CCR Section 1024.1 and the University will have to address any deficiencies identified from the site inspection. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.