



**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING OF  
THE ELECTIVE FACIAL COSMETIC SURGERY PERMIT  
CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

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**Members Present:**

Robert Gramins, DDS – Chair  
Louis Gallia, DMD, MD  
Anil Punjabi, MD, DDS  
Peter Scheer, DDS

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Brian Wong, MD

**Also Present:**

Nellie Forgét, Program Coordinator  
Karen Fischer, Executive Officer  
Michael Placencia, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst  
Spencer Walker, DCA Legal Counsel  
Bruce Whitcher, DDS, Board Liaison to Committee

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Dr. Robert Gramins called the roll by videoconference and established a quorum at 3:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 : Approval of July 9, 2014 and October 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

M/S (Gallia/Scheer) to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2014 and October 1, 2014 meetings.

**Approve:** Gramins, Punjabi, Scheer, Gallia **Oppose:** none **Abstain:** none  
**Approve:** 4 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 The motion passed.

**Agenda Item 3 – Staff Report**

Mrs. Nellie Forgét informed the Committee that staff drafted proposed regulatory language and a revised permit application for the Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery (EFCS) Permit program.

Mrs. Forgét also reported that there were currently 27 EFCS permit holders.

**Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Regulatory Language for Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery Permit Application and Renewal Process**

Mrs. Forgét gave the background on Business and Professions Code 1638.1, explaining that statute is unclear on what a permit-holder must submit to establish the six year continued competency requirement. She informed the Committee that staff drafted regulatory language regarding the six year continued competency requirement. Mrs. Forgét presented the drafted regulatory language for the Committee to review and take action on. Staff asked that the Committee either approve the language to forward to the Board to initiate the rulemaking process at a future meeting or appoint a subcommittee to work on the language further. Mrs. Forgét reminded the Committee that statute only specifies that evidence for the six year continued competency requirement only needs to be acceptable to the Committee and what the Committee establishes as the requirement does not necessarily need to be reviewed by the Committee.

Dr. Robert Gramins suggested changing the operative report requirement and having board certification as the only requirement to satisfy the six year continued competency. Mrs. Forgét explained that board certification is only a requirement for EFCS Pathway A applicants to submit upon initial licensure and the requirement for six year continued competency should apply to both pathways.

Mrs. Karen Fischer, Executive Officer, explained that the six year continued competency requirements that were suggested in years past, such as malpractice insurance and active status at a general acute care hospital, were actually requirements for biannual renewal therefore it would be redundant to require them at the six year mark. She clarified that the Committee can make recommendations that are as simple as requiring continuing education (CE) specific to elective facial cosmetic surgery within the established 50 units of CE already required to renew the DDS license. Another option could be requiring a specific number of operative reports, which would not only require staff review but also the Committee's review.

The Committee voiced their concern that operative reports are not justification of continued competency as opposed to going to an objective continuing education course where someone is teaching. The Committee emphasized the job of the Committee and the Department of Consumers Affairs is to protect the public and require high standards for permit holders, while considering workload for the Committee and staff. Dr. Gramin's suggested requiring a continuing education requirement in addition to operative reports to cover all aspects of competency. Mrs. Forgét presented language that staff previously drafted for continuing education as a six year continued competency requirement. The Committee went back and forth on what exactly would be the six year continued competency requirements and specifically the number of hours that would be required for continuing education.

M/S (Gramins/Scheer) to accept as the proposed six year continued competency requirements as follows:

Every six years, prior to renewal, the permit holder shall submit ten (10) operative reports that are specific to the procedures the licensee is permitted to perform, and twenty four (24) hours of continuing education from a provider approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP), or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) specific to the procedures the licensee is permitted to perform.

**Approve:** Gramins, Punjabi, Scheer **Oppose:** Gallia **Abstain:** none  
**Approve:** 3 **Oppose:** 1 **Abstain:** 0 The motion passed.

Dr. Louis Gallia opposed the proposed six year continued competency requirement of 10 operative reports because he believes permit holders should be subjective to similar, not excessive, requirements compared to other surgical boards. The Committee is asking permit holders to maintain the same number of operative reports for the renewal as they did for their initial application process. He emphasized that other surgical board most likely do not require these standards. He informed the Committee that he would look into other surgical board's requirements and notify the Committee with his findings.

**CLOSED SESSION** – Consideration of Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery Permit Applications

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Recommendations to the Dental Board of California Regarding Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery Permit Applications**

Dr. Gramins reported that the Credentialing Committee reviewed one (1) application.

Applicant Dr. R.D: The Committee determined to recommend to the Board to issue Dr. R.D. a permit for Category I (cosmetic contouring of the osteocartilaginous facial structure, which may include, but not limited to, rhinoplasty and otoplasty) and Category II (cosmetic soft tissue contouring or rejuvenation, which may include, but not limited to, facelift, blepharoplasty, facial skin resurfacing, or lip augmentation) privileges.

Open Session adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

MINUTE BOOK FOR THIS ITEM IS PREPARED BY NELLIE FORGÉT, EFCS PERMIT PROGRAM COORDINATOR.

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