

CANADIAN DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, February 18, 2022
Via Zoom videoconference

A meeting of the CDRAF Board of Directors took place on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. EDT.

PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Maurice Coady, Registrar, Dental Council of Prince Edward Island
Dr. Randall Croutze, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Dental Association and College
Ms. Caroline Daoust, Directrice générale et secrétaire, (CDRAF Chair), L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec
Mr. Daniel Faulkner, Registrar and CEO, (CDRAF Vice-Chair), Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
Dr. Chris Hacker, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia
Mr. Dan Leger, Registrar, New Brunswick Dental Society
Dr. Doug Mackey, Registrar, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia
Dr. Arun Misra, Registrar, (CDRAF Treasurer), Manitoba Dental Association
Dr. Paul O'Brien, Registrar, Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board

STAFF:

Dr. Jack Gerrow, CDRAF Executive Director
Ms. Angie Sherban, CDRAF Executive Assistant

REGRETS:

Dr. Gerry Uswak, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Dr. Paul Allison, Executive Director, Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry
Dr. Nancy Auyeung, CDRAF representative to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Ms. Lee Callan, Co-Director, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada
Dr. Joy Carmichael, Past-President, New Brunswick Dental Society

Dr. Marie Dagenais, Registrar/Executive Director, National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Mr. Frédéric Duguay, Co-Director, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Ms. Karyn Leslie, Deputy Registrar, Regulatory Affairs, Government of Yukon

Dr. Debora Matthews, Chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Ms. Kim Phillips, Manager, Communications, National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Dr. James Richardson, President, National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Dr. Sandy Venditti, President, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Ms. Daoust, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. EDT. Board members and guests were invited to do introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Daoust stated that an item would be added to 'New Business', namely:

- Update from RCDC and NDEB on progress regarding National Assessment for the Certification of Dental Specialists.

The agenda was approved, as amended.

MOTION #1: Coady/Hacker

THAT the agenda of the meeting of February 18, 2022 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The CDRAF Board was provided with minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2021 for information. Ms. Daoust noted that these minutes were approved by members electronically. There was no further discussion.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 National Competency Standards for General Dentists

Dr. Gerrow reported that following the discussion at the CDRAF Board on October 15, 2021, the Working Group on National Competency Standards for General Dentists was asked to develop competencies in areas that were incomplete. The Working Group met on several occasions with dental specialists (who are also academics) to complete competencies for oral medicine, oral pathology, radiology and orthodontics. A copy of the revised draft document was provided in the resources.

There was no discussion on the document and the Board confirmed that the draft document could be circulated to stakeholders for feedback. The feedback will be returned to the Working Group for review. It is expected that when the document is adopted, CDAC will implement the competencies in its standards.

It is anticipated that a final document can be considered during the CDRAF Board at its meeting in August 2022.

MOTION: Mackey/Coady

THAT the CDRAF Board approves the draft document entitled, “Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) for a Beginning Dental Practitioner in Canada” revised 2022” for circulation widely for comment.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

Dr. Gerrow undertook to add an explanation in the preamble to the document with regard to “Taught/Tested”.

5. NATIONAL DENTAL EXAMINING BOARD OF CANADA (NDEB)

Dr. Dagenais provided an update on NDEB’s new National Dental Examination on Clinical Competence (NDECC) which will replace the current Assessment of Clinical Skills (ACS).

She reviewed the advantages of this new examination:

- More seats available
- It can be held year round.
- Lower stress environment for candidates.
- Better exam conditions with amenities.
- There will be more control over equipment and materials.

The new Test Centre in Ottawa is almost complete, following delays associated with the pandemic and recent protests in Ottawa. These disruptions delayed the first administration date from June 2022 to September 2022.

Ms. Daoust thanked Dr. Dagenais for her informative presentation.

6. COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION OF CANADA (CDAC)

Dr. Matthews was introduced as the newly-elected Chair of CDAC. She provided an update to stakeholders on the mandate and work of CDAC.

She reported on the work of CDAC's Governance Review Steering Committee (GRSC). A draft frame timetable has been approved and it is anticipated that a draft written report will be available for circulation to stakeholders for feedback by May and transition by the end of September.

Dr. Matthews looked forward to a collaborative relationship between CDAC and CDRAF.

7. CDRAF STRATEGIC PLAN

A copy of the strategic plan was provided for information. Dr. Gerrow reported that it is expected the CDRAF Board meeting on August 18-19, 2022 will be held in-person in Montreal, at which time the Board will develop its next strategic plan for 2023-2025.

The Board was asked if it wished to engage a facilitator for this task, but it was agreed that there was enough experience within the Board to undertake the work.

8. CDRAF BY-LAWS

A copy of the CDRAF By-Laws was provided to the CDRAF Board for information.

9. CDRAF REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The details of meetings and representatives were confirmed as follows:

April 29, 2022

Canadian Dental Association – Annual Board Meeting (virtual)

- Jack Gerrow and Caroline Daoust

June 17-20, 2022

ACFD – Annual Board Meeting (in-person/virtual –*tentative)

*(*Dr. Allison advised that a survey will be sent out to stakeholders to canvass preference for virtual or in-person – a decision will be finalized in early March).*

- Jack Gerrow and Caroline Daoust

July 6-8, 2022

CEO/Registrars - Annual Meeting (in-person & virtual available)

- Jack Gerrow

October 22, 2022

NDEB – Annual General Meeting (in-person/virtual - TBD)

- Jack Gerrow and Dan Faulkner (Caroline Daoust alternate)

Date to be confirmed

CDAC – Annual General Meeting (in-person/virtual – TBD)

- Caroline Daoust and Nancy Auyeung

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.2 Update from RCDC and NDEB on progress regarding National Assessment for the Certification of Dental Specialists

Ms. Daoust referred to the written update received on February 16, 2022 from RCDC and NDEB on their progress to-date regarding a National

Assessment for the Certification of Dental Specialists. She asked the CDRAF Board for suggestions on how to respond to RCDC and NDEB.

Dr. Dagenais and Dr. Richardson reported that several meetings have been held with RCDC and it has been a collaborative effort. Initially, the transition was for 2023, but RCDC has indicated it is not able to do so before 2024.

Dr. Richardson confirmed that all requirements from CDRAF are understood by NDEB and RCDC.

There were concerns expressed about the establishment of a “New Company”. Some Board members were concerned that this would be costly, time consuming and unnecessary. As well, there were questions raised regarding governance.

Dr. Richardson reminded CDRAF that the intent of the document was to provide an update on the progress made to-date, and he asked CDRAF if it was satisfied with the direction of the work so far and encouraged feedback as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the CDRAF Board would review the update and provide feedback to RCDC and NDEB on the proposal during a special meeting of the CDRAF Board on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 1pm EST. Agreement to proceed with a Board meeting without notice was obtained.

10.3 National Recognition of Dental Specialties Application

Dr. Gerrow reported that, pursuant to Step 2 of the *Process for Recognition of a New Dental Specialty*, the final application for recognition of dental anaesthesia as a national specialty from the Canadian Academy of Dental Anaesthesia (CADA), received November 2021, was posted on the CDRAF website and widely circulated for comment. This involved stakeholders, including dental specialty associations and provincial and territorial governments.

To-date, 16 submissions were received. Following the deadline for response of March 1, 2022, the comments submitted would be provided to CADA for its reply. The CDRAF Board will review the final application,

submissions and CADA's response for consideration to determine whether the proposed specialty meets the "Criteria for the Recognition of a New Specialty" at its fall 2021 meeting.

10.3 Request from Canadian Dental Association (CDA) re National Legislative Changes

The CDRAF Board was provided with a copy of an email message from Dr. Benoit Soucy, Chief Knowledge Officer, at CDA, requesting updates on national legislation affecting dentistry within their respective jurisdictions that can be shared with FDI for a survey it is conducting.

British Columbia: Vaccine mandate for all health professionals.

Prince Edward Island: Vaccine mandate for all health professionals.

Chief Dental Officer: All public servants in government are required to be vaccinated.

10.4 Canada Health Measures Survey

Dr. Taylor thanked Registrars for their licensure information in response to the survey conducted by Statcan.

11. MEETING DATES FOR 2022

The following CDRAF Board meeting dates were confirmed for 2022:

- Friday, April 22, 2022
- Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19, 2022 (in-person, Montreal)
- Thursday, October 13, 2022

12. FOR INFORMATION

There were no added items for information.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.