

The Board of Examiners of Electrologists held a meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023

The meeting was held by video conference due to the Coronavirus pandemic protocols

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Zalka M.D., Chairperson
Arlene Romajas, LPN,CPE
Jan O'Neil, CPE
Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

ALSO PRESENT: Dianne Bertucio, Board Liaison
Alfreda Gaither,DPH
Chris Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Daniel Shapiro,Deputy Attorney General
Shawn Rutchick,Assistant Attorney General
Dante Costa,Public Health Policy Associate
Aden Baume,DPH
Celeste Dowdell, License & Application Analyst
Judith Bailey, License & Application & Analyst
Kathleen Ross, DPH
3 Guests

Dr. Alicia Zalka called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from Wednesday, February 8,2023. Dr. Zalka made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Arlene Romajas. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIR UPDATE

None

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Investigations Update

Individuals still under investigation and No updates at this time.

B. Examination Update

Celeste Dowdell stated a practical examination is scheduled for June 13,2023. Currently, four candidates will be participating, three are retakes and one is a new candidate. Chris Andresen, Section Chief approved opening examination rooms at 8:30 and close entry at 9:00, so examination can begin promptly at 9:00 with closed doors. He also approved changing the order of the written questions for each examination date.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Board received approval for the following:

A. Dante Costa, DPH will submit a final draft for continuing education units for CPR hours to comply with the current American Heart Association and American Electrolysis Association guidelines.

B. Daniel Shapiro, reported on declaratory ruling from the Medical Board concerning electrologist working on Nevis (mole). In summary, the possibility that a mole's composition might change if a hair is removed from it does not mean that the procedures to do so are outside the scope of the practice of electrology. The medical board has decided to have the electrolysis board conduct their own ruling. After general discussion, the board has recommended any person that requests Electrolysis in a Nevis seeks medical clearance through their Dermatologist or Primary Care Physician. Dr. Alicia Zalka made motion to withdraw medical declaratory ruling and approve recommendation, seconded by Jan O'Neil. Unanimously approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 by Dr. Zalka and seconded by Arlene Romajas.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan O'Neil, CPE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists