



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

VIDEO CONFERENCE THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020 (CLOSED SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, called a special meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 9, 2020, by video conference, in closed session for the purpose of reviewing interruption of education reports for educational programs by the Commission.

Roll Call: Dr. John Agar, Dr. Joel Berg, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Eladio DeLeon, Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. Christopher Hasty, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Dr. John Hellstein, Dr. Jeffery Hicks (vice chair), Dr. Arthur Chen-Shu Jee (chair), Dr. Bradford Johnson, Dr. Susan Kass, Dr. James Katancik, Dr. Steven Levy, Dr. Sanjay Mallya, Mr. Charles McClemens, Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, Dr. William Nelson, Dr. Marsha Pyle, Dr. Bruce Rotter, Dr. Timmothy Schwartz, Dr. Marybeth Shaffer, Ms. Ambika Srivastava, Dr. Alan Stein, Ms. Deanna Stentiford, Dr. Marshall Titus, and Dr. Lawrence Wolinsky.

Dr. Monica Hebl, Dr. Adolphus Jackson, and Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning were not in attendance.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. Roy Thompson, Sixth District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA), was in attendance.

CODA Staff: Dr. Sherin Tooks, *ex-officio*, CODA director, and Mr. Gregg Marquardt, Ms. Michelle Smith, Ms. Jennifer Snow, and Ms. Peggy Soeldner, CODA managers, were in attendance. Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA was also in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

Commissioner Fiduciary Duties and Conflict of Interest Obligations: Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, ADA/CODA Senior Associate General Counsel, reminded the Commission of its fiduciary responsibilities and the Conflict of Interest policy.

Policy Reminder of Confidentiality: Dr. Sherin Tooks, CODA Director, read the Commission's Reminder of Confidentiality, noting the confidential nature of the Commission's materials and deliberations related to the accreditation of programs.



Consideration of Reports of the Education Review Committees: The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered, on consent, meeting reports of its Review Committees, with the exception of the Dental Assisting and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Review Committees.

Related to the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC), the Commission discussed the flexibility for the Class of 2020 noting that oral and maxillofacial surgery programs continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following discussion, the Commission approved the OMS RC report.

Related to the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC), the Commission considered the Committee's report, which included a proposed additional *temporary flexibility* for Dental Assisting Standard 2-17, as follows:

Temporary Guidance (Dental Assisting Standard 2-17): For the Class of 2020, *temporary flexibility* is permitted such that students may be permitted, under faculty supervision, to expose diagnostically acceptable full-mouth dental image surveys on two (2) patients during extramural clinical assignments.

Following consideration, the Commission directed that the *temporary flexibility* for Dental Assisting Standard 2-17 be adopted and applied retroactively to all dental assisting programs under review for interruption of education in June/July 2020. The Commission further directed that the additional *temporary flexibility* be circulated to all Commission-accredited dental assisting programs as a resource to address interruption of education for the Class of 2020.

Commission Actions: The Commission on Dental Accreditation approves, on consent, the meeting reports on the conduct of special, closed meetings to consider interruption of education for the Review Committees on Predoctoral; Advanced Education in General Dentistry, General Practice Residency, Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine, and Orofacial Pain; Dental Hygiene; Dental Laboratory Technology; Dental Public Health; Endodontics; Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology; Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology; Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics; Pediatric Dentistry; Periodontics; and Prosthodontics Education.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further approves the meeting report on the conduct of special, closed meetings to consider interruption of education for the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further approves the meeting report on the conduct of special, closed meetings to consider interruption of education for the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further adopts the *temporary flexibility guidance* for Dental Assisting Standard 2-17 (noted above), and applies the guidance



retroactively to all dental assisting programs under review for interruption of education in June/July 2020.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the circulation of the additional temporary flexibility guidance for Dental Assisting Standard 2-17 (noted above) to all Commission-accredited dental assisting education programs, as a resource to address interruption of education for the Class of 2020.

Consideration of Matters Relating to Accreditation Actions: The Commission reviewed interruption of education reports on predoctoral dental education programs, advanced dental education programs, and allied dental education programs for the Class of 2020.

Commission Action: Accreditation status was granted to programs evaluated as a result of interruption of education reports resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Accreditation actions are summarized in the “Report on the Accreditation Status of Educational Programs.” (**Appendix 1**).

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned the closed session at 3:30 P.M.

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