

**BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD
OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

IN THE MATTER OF)	
RICHARD M. SQUIERS, D.D.S.)	NOTICE OF HEARING AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES
RESPONDENT.)	

COMES NOW the Iowa Dental Board (Board) and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 650 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 51.6. Respondent was issued Iowa dental license number 5405 on July 1, 1965. Respondent's license is current and will next expire on August 31, 2010. Respondent's address as reported to the Board is 206 E. State, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

1. Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on July 16, 2009, before the Iowa Dental Board. The hearing shall begin at 9:00 a.m. and shall be located in the conference room at the office of the Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Ste. D, Des Moines, Iowa.

2. Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges you are required by 650 IAC 51.12(2) to file an Answer. The Answer should specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all allegations contained in sections C and D of this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board at the following address: Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Ste. D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

3. Presiding Officer. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on pre-hearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the Board at hearing.

4. Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 650 IAC chapter 51. At hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by legal counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at hearing. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must comply with the requirements of 650 IAC 51.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at your discretion.

5. Pre-hearing Conference. Any party may request a pre-hearing conference to discuss evidentiary issues related to the hearing. The Board's rules regarding pre-hearing conferences are contained at 650 IAC chapter 51.17.

6. Prosecution. The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Theresa O'Connell Weeg, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

7. Communications. You may not contact Board members in any manner, including by phone, letter, or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties

have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board office and serve upon all parties in the case. You should direct any questions to Constance L. Price, Executive Director at 515-281-5157.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 153, and 272C.

2. Legal Authority. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 153, and 272C and 650 IAC chapters 30 and 51.

3. Default. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and 650 IAC 51.22.

C. SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

COUNT I

Respondent is charged under Iowa Code Section 153.34(4) (2009) with willful or repeated violations of the rules of the Board for practicing in a harmful or detrimental manner in violation of 650 Iowa Administrative Code 30(39).

COUNT II

Respondent is charged under Iowa Code Section 153.34(4) (2009) with willful or repeated violations of the rules of the Board for allowing untrained registered dental assistants to monitor patients under nitrous oxide inhalation in violation of 650 Iowa Administrative Code 29.6(5).

COUNT III

Respondent delegated acts to a registrant that are beyond the training or education of the registrant, or that are otherwise prohibited by rule in violation of 650 Iowa Administrative Code 30.4(44).

D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Respondent may delegate the monitoring of a patient under nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia to a registered dental assistant provided the registered dental assistant has successfully completed a Board approved course of training or receive equivalent training while a student in an accredited school pursuant to 650 Iowa Administrative Code 29.6(5)(a).
2. A dentist shall not delegate an expanded duty function to a registered dental assistant unless the registered dental assistant has completed Board-approved training pursuant to 650 Iowa Administrative Code 20.16.
3. Respondent administers nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia to patients in his dental office.
4. Respondent delegates the monitoring of patients under nitrous oxide to registered dental assistants who have not completed the required training or education.
5. Respondent did not assure that patients under nitrous oxide were continuously monitored.
6. Respondent advised the Board he has since taken proper action to address the concerns.

E. SETTLEMENT

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 650 IAC chapter 51.19. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Constance L. Price, Executive Director, at 515.281.5157.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

On this 15th day of April, 2009, the Iowa Dental Board found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.


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