

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 10, 2024, open session meeting of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (Board).

Present: Mary Moore, DABR
Wesley Van Pelt, Ph.D.
Arthur Robinson
Donald Manger, D.P.M.
Donald Denny, M.D., Vice- Chairperson

Vacancy: One dentist
One hospital administrator
One physician
One public member
Two radiologic technologists
One radiologist

Also, Present: Elizabeth Delahunty, DAG
Cassidy Patterson, Bureau of X-ray Compliance (Bureau)
Andrew Simoneau, Bureau
Ashley Toro, Bureau
Britney Ferdetta, Bureau
Steven Frato, Bureau

Guests:	Cynthia Zamora	American Institute
	Frank Preston	ACI Medical & Dental School
	Jennie Lichtenberger	St. Barnabas Medical Center
	Justyna Jucha	St. Barnabas Medical Center
	Jaclyn Klepladlo	Rowan College of South Jersey
	Mira Peyyeti, DMD	Dental Assistants Learning Center
	Joy McMahon	RCSJ- Cumberland Campus
	Felicity Aaronson	
	Merryl Fulmer	
	Matthew Williamson	
	Ronda R.	

1. Call to Order and Introduction:

Dr. Denny called the meeting of the Board to order at 9:35 a.m. Dr. Denny announced that notice of the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State, designated personnel in the DEP and three newspapers. Additionally, a notice of this meeting was sent to all radiologic technology educational programs and individuals having business at this meeting and was published on the Radiation Protection Element's website. Dr. Denny also outlined the format for public discussion and comments.

2. Review of the May 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Van Pelt made note of minor corrections that were made during the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Van Pelt and seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the May 9, 2024; meeting minutes as written after the corrections were made. With four of six members who were present at the May 9, 2024 meeting voting in favor of the motion, the minutes were approved. Mr. Robinson requested that all corrections to the minutes be sent to the Bureau within the review timeline to make final for the Board's vote.

3. Chairperson's Report

None

4. Program Evaluation Committee Report

Mr. Robinson reported that the Committee met on July 1, 2024, and reviewed four program's approval statuses. The Committee's findings and recommendations follow:

a. GS Dental Academy (Neptune) - School of Dental Radiologic Technology - Application for Second Location Approval:

GS Dental Academy submitted its initial application on May 20, 2024. The Bureau completed its review and found the application administratively complete and in compliance with the Board's accreditation standards.

GS Dental Academy will offer its dental radiography curriculum within its dental assisting program. Didactic and laboratory classes will be taught 1 day a week for 13 weeks. The curriculum includes 32.5 actual hours of didactic instruction and 26 actual hours of laboratory instruction. GS Dental Academy's laboratory/clinical Option "D". Laboratory resources are present to support this option. GS Dental Academy offers the capability of having students perform laboratory competencies on location. GS Dental Academy is requesting a class capacity of 10 students.

The minimum didactic passing score is 75%. Students must pass the final didactic examination with at least a 75%. The laboratory includes all Board required evaluations for Option "D". Students must achieve a 75% on each evaluation to pass the laboratory portion of the program.

The students have the option to find their own clinical office or complete clinical at the GS Dental office in Neptune and must submit a Clinical Affiliate Agreement that is signed by the proprietor, certifying that the students will be provided appropriate supervision and have access to sufficient equipment to pass the clinical component of the

curriculum, students must pass all Board required clinical competency evaluations for Option “D” with 100% competency.

The required textbook used for instruction are “Essentials of Dental Radiography- For Dental Assistants and Hygienists”, 10th Edition, 2018, N.J.A.C. 7:28-19 and the Board’s accreditation standards. A qualified instructor is employed.

As a result, the Committee recommends that GS Academy’s -Neptune location, application be approved. The Committee’s recommendation was unanimously approved.

b. Rowan College of South Jersey - School of Dental Radiologic Technology - Application for Approval

Rowan College submitted its initial application on February 15, 2024. The Bureau completed its review and informed the applicant school of its findings on April 24, 2024. An application response was received on May 13, 2024. The Bureau found the application administratively complete and in compliance with the Board’s accreditation standards.

Rowan College of South Jersey will offer its dental radiography curriculum as both a standalone and within a dental assisting program. Didactic and laboratory classes will be taught 1 day a week for students within the standalone program for 13 weeks and 4 days a week for DA students for 13 weeks. The curriculum includes 25 actual hours of didactic instruction and 20 actual hours of laboratory instruction. Rowan College of South Jersey’s laboratory/clinical Option “D”. Laboratory resources are present to support this option. Laboratory sessions will be off site at Cumberland County Board of Vocational Educational instructional facility. Rowan College is requesting a class capacity of 20 students for the option within dental assisting and a capacity of 10 within the standalone program.

The minimum didactic passing score is 75%. Students must pass the final didactic examination with at least a 75%. The laboratory includes all Board required evaluations for Option “D”. Students must achieve a ‘pass’ on each evaluation to pass the laboratory portion of the program.

The student must find their own clinical office for completing clinical education requirements and must submit a Clinical Affiliate Agreement that is signed by the proprietor, certifying that the students will be provided appropriate supervision and have access to sufficient equipment to pass the clinical component of the curriculum, students must pass all Board required clinical competency evaluations for Option “D” with 100% competency.

The required textbook used for instruction are “Frommer’s Radiology for the Dental Professional”, 10th Edition, 2018, N.J.A.C. 7:28-19 and the Board’s accreditation standards. A qualified instructor is employed. Additionally, a representative from Rowan informed the Bureau that the school is looking to employ another qualified instructor in September and have an adjunct available if the professor cannot attend class.

As a result, the Committee recommends that Rowan College of South Jersey’s application be approved with a class capacity of 20 students for the option within dental assisting and a capacity of 10 for the standalone program. The Committee’s recommendation was unanimously approved.

c. Middlesex College- New School Dental Radiologic Technology Application

On January 24, 2024, Middlesex College submitted a new school application to teach the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners’ (Board) approved dental radiologic technology curriculum as stand-alone course. The Bureau completed its review and found the application administratively incomplete. On March 7, 2024, a letter of findings was sent to Middlesex College. Middlesex College was provided with 90 days to complete its application. According to N.J.A.C. 7:28-19.14(a), if after 90 days, an application remains incomplete, the application will be forwarded to the Board for its consideration.

On June 6, 2024, Middlesex College submitted an application response. This response includes exhibits (such as, lesson plans, lab evaluations, and program policies) that were not included in the original application. The Bureau completed its review and found the application still administratively incomplete, and several items do not comply with the Board’s accreditation standards.

The Committee finds that some of the Bureau’s March 7, 2024, findings were not corrected. The Committee also finds that the application does not demonstrate compliance with the following Board’s accreditation standards: (1) Section II (Curriculum Requirements) (2) Sections IV (Admissions Requirements) and (3) Section V (Program Policies). A final letter of findings was sent to the program on June 19, 2024.

As a result, the Committee recommends that Middlesex College’s application be denied. The Committee’s recommendation was unanimously approved.

d. Dental Assistants Learning Center- Initial Application Board Meeting

On December 13, 2023, Dental Assistants Learning Center submitted a new school application to teach the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners’ (Board) approved

dental radiologic technology curriculum as part of their dental assisting program. The Bureau completed its review and found the application administratively incomplete. On March 7, 2024, a letter of findings was sent to the Dental Assistants Learning Center. The Dental Assistants Learning Center was provided with 90 days to complete its application. According to N.J.A.C. 7:28-19.14(a), if after 90 days, an application remains incomplete, the application will be forwarded to the Board for its consideration.

On April 8, 2024, Dental Assistants Learning Center submitted its application response. This response includes exhibits (such as, program catalog, the narrative response and program policies) that were not included in the original application. Dr. Mira Peyyeti, the program's president/ CEO, submitted additional information to the Bureau via email on April 22, 2024, and May 20, 2024. The Bureau completed its review and found the application still administratively incomplete, and several items do not comply with the Board's accreditation standards. Therefore, the Bureau is forwarding its findings to the Program Evaluation Committee for consideration.

The Bureau made the committee aware that in addition to the pre-application meeting, Bureau staff spoke with Dr. Peyyeti, additional times and explained the application requirements; provide guidance and clarification. Additionally, the bureau was prepared to present Dental Assistants Learning Center's application at the May 2024 Board meeting. However, the committee deemed that the program was still within the 90-day allotted period and gave Dental Assistants Learning Center additional time to fix the deficiencies within the application.

The Committee finds that some of the Bureau's March 7, 2024, findings were not corrected. The Committee also finds that the application does not demonstrate compliance with the following Board's accreditation standards: (1) Section II (Curriculum Requirements) and (2) Section III (Candidate Publications). A final letter of findings was sent to the program on June 19, 2024.

As a result, the Committee recommended that Dental Assistants Learning Center's application be denied. Discussion took place amongst members regarding the major and minor deficiencies within the application. Ultimately, the Committee's recommendation was unanimously approved based on past practice of previous applications before the Board to deny the application.

5. Credentials Committee Report

Dr. Denny reported that the Committee met on July 2, 2024, and reviewed one initial radiologic technology license application. The Committee's findings and recommendation follow:

a. Robert Dowe Moral Character – Initial Application:

Mr. Dowe submitted an application for an initial license in dental radiologic technology and answered “yes” to the moral character statement indicating that he was convicted of a crime. According to Mr. Dowe’s application, Mr. Dowe: (1) Is at least 18 years of age as required in N.J.S.A. 26:2D-29(a)1; (2) Has completed an approved high school education as required in N.J.S.A. 26:2D-29(a)3; (3) Has completed a dental radiography program approved by the Board in June 2023 as required in N.J.S.A. 26:2D-29(b)4 and (4) Has passed a Board approved examination in dental radiography (i.e., DANB in October 2023) as required in N.J.S.A. 26:2D-31(a).

N.J.S.A 26:2D-29(a)2 states that an applicant for a license must be of good moral character. According to Mr. Dowe’s application, on November 9, 2018, Mr. Dowe was charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in the 4th degree. Mr. Dowe was sentenced to 1 year of probation. Mr. Dowe was ordered to remain offense free, pay \$955 in fines, maintain employment, submit to drug screenings, and comply with the standard conditions of probation. On January 31, 2019, Mr. Dowe was charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking in the 3rd degree and was sentenced to 1 year of probation to run concurrent with his first probation and pay \$1,155 in fines. The sentenced probation was completed January 31, 2020.

Robert Dowe completed the dental radiology program at Cape May County Technical School on April 12, 2024, and passed the DANB Radiation Health and Safety Examination on January 13, 2024. On June 17, 2024, a Party Court History was provided to the Bureau indicating that Mr. Dowe is not on pretrial monitoring, is not on probation, has no active warrants, is not being detained, and has \$2,045 of fees currently pending.

After careful consideration of Mr. Dowe’s initial application, the committee finds that Mr. Dowe has submitted evidence of rehabilitation and dedication to his career path. However, the committee finds that Mr. Dowe has not completed all the court requirements since there are outstanding fines that have not been paid. Therefore, Committee recommends to the Board that Mr. Dowe’s initial license be sanctioned. Under this sanction, Mr. Dowe would be allowed to retain his license provided that he: (1) submits proof of paying all fines 30 days prior to the October 2026 Board meeting (2) informs the Board, within 15 calendar days of any change in payment plan or amount owed (3) informs the Board, within 15 calendar days of any change to his conviction status.

Amended Committee’s recommendation: The Board was made aware that based on past practice and legal advice from the Board’s attorney, the Board cannot sanction a license solely due to outstanding court balances. Board members agreed. Mr. Robinson then proposed a new motion that did not involve a sanction. Ultimately granting the applicant a license due to his completion of the Board’s requirements and the court’s probation. The new recommendation was unanimously approved.

6. Technologist Education and Licensing Section Report

The following issues were presented to the Board by Ms. Patterson. Details regarding each issue are contained in the report.

a. Program Changes:

1. Since the Board's October 2023 meeting, the following program changes have occurred that require Board approval:

There have been no program changes that required Board approval.

The following individuals were approved as a clinical preceptor in an acting status:

a. Christopher Vincent Lomotan, R.T.(R)	Hudson County Community College
b. Mery Haroun, R.T.(R)	Mercer County Community College
c. Jennifer VanBuskirk, R.T.(R)(CT)	Mercer County Community College
d. Dorata Skowronska, R.T.(R)	Mercer County Community College
e. Diana Carolina Garcia, R.T.(R)	Mercer County Community College
f. Kelsea E. Corvasce, R.T.(R)(CT)	Mercer County Community College
g. Richard E. Schwartz, R.T.(R)	Middlesex College
h. Michael Markiewicz, RT(T)	MSKCC
i. Rebecca Day, RT(T)	MSKCC
j. Shahzeb Ahmed RT(T)	MSKCC
k. Kevin Patrick Gilbride, R.T.(R)	JFK
l. Angela M. Crosgile, R.T.(R)(T)	JFK

Item 2 does not require Board approval, since it was approved by the JRCERT:

2. New Acting Program Director
Effective May 15, 2024, Michele Vegliante, MPH, CNMT is the Program Director of the nuclear medicine technology program at Rowan College of South Jersey Gloucester Campus. Additionally, effective that same day, Rachel Zorfass, MBA, CNMT is the Clinical Coordinator of the nuclear medicine technology program.

New Clinical Site

The JRCERT approved University Radiology Group - Freehold, NJ as an additional clinical setting for the radiography program sponsored by Mercer County Community College.

b. Technologist Licensure Update:

As of June 28, 2024, there were 22,245 radiologic technologists and 944 nuclear medicine technologists (23,189 total technologists) licensed in New Jersey. FY 2024 to date (i.e., from July 1, 2023, to June 28, 2024): 1,334 initial licenses have been issued.

c. 2024-2025 Radiologic Technology License Renewal:

On December 31, 2024, over 23,000 licenses will expire. The TEALS section has created a detailed plan containing the steps toward another successful renewal. Both the mail-in and on-line renewal payment options will continue. It is planned that all renewal invoices will be mailed in October 2024. An update will be provided at the October 31, 2024, meeting.

Medical Physicist and Medical Physicist Assistant Certifications Renewal

On December 31, 2023, 315 medical physicist and medical physicist assistant certifications expired. On October 12, 2023, the bureau initiated the issuance of the certification invoices. Bureau staff mailed the invoices on Monday, October 23, 2023. Medical physicist and medical physicist assistant had until January 31, 2024, to pay their invoices for their certifications to remain active. As of June 28, 2024, 272 medical physicists and medical physicist assistants have renewed their certifications. Bureau staff has called all physicists with open invoices to remind them to renew.

d. Update of Sanctioned Technologists:

An update was provided on all technologists with an active Board issued license sanction.

7. Old Business

a. Always Health Institute Program Status Update

At the May 2024 Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation to put Always Health Institute's stand-alone dental radiography program on probation after a program inspection found numerous violations with the Board's standards. The Board agreed that the program should be re-inspected prior to the July 10, 2024, Board meeting to further evaluate the program's probationary status. However, the bureau contacted AHI to schedule a time for a re-inspection and the program informed the Bureau that they were going on summer break and would not have a full class complete the program until late August. Therefore, the Bureau would not be able to determine if the corrective action plan was fully implemented. The

Bureau has scheduled a re-inspection for September 4, 2024, and AHI's probationary status will be on the agenda at the October 2024 Board meeting.

8. New Business

a. Proposed 2025 Board Meeting Dates

Possible 2025 meeting dates: Wednesday, February 5th; Thursday, May 8th (possibility for meeting to be in person); Wednesday, July 9th; and Thursday, October 30th.

b. Dental Curriculum

Dr. Denny made comments regarding the dental curriculum flowchart that is used to evaluate program applications and what laboratory and clinical pathways they must adhere to based on the registered units used for instruction. Dr. Denny and Dr. Van Pelt asked some questions to clarify the curriculum requirements and the possibility of the requirements being outdated. The Board members brought up the idea of possibly updating the curriculum.

9. Public Comments

- a. Jaclyn Klepadlo made comments regarding Dr. Denny's dental curriculum questions brought up during New Business. She stated that the dated curriculum is hard to implement, and equipment is difficult to find. She asked if the curriculum could be reviewed and possibly updated in the near future.

10. Closed Session

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Moore to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. This motion was unanimously approved. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on October 31, 2024. Board members and guests will be permitted to attend via TEAMS.



Arthur Robinson, Manager
Bureau of X-ray Compliance
Member, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

10/31/24

Date

My signature indicates that the above minutes of the July 10, 2024, Board meeting are reflective of the activities of such meeting and were approved by majority vote at a subsequent meeting of the Board as indicated by the date above.