

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Dentistry?

I previously served on the Board of Dentistry for eight years, and I feel I still have more to give. It was my honor to serve on the Board.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Dentistry?

The main role and responsibility are to ensure the safety of the people of Hawaii. The protection of the people comes above all else. The Board also serves as a resource for the Governor and the Legislature in the matters dealing with Dentistry and Hygiene.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Dentistry member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I feel I am qualified because I served on the Board previously. I served as a Member, Vice Chair, and Chair. I served as the Chair for five years. I am also a retired Army Colonel. I served as an Armor Officer for 10 years, and as a Dental Officer for 20 years. I served on Active Duty, and in the Hawaii Army National Guard. I was the MEDCOM Deputy Commander as my last assignment. By my dental profession, I am an Endodontic Specialist.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to continue the safe administration of dental services to the people of Hawaii. As with any profession, new and more advanced techniques are developing. The way we did dentistry when I was in Dental School over 29 years ago is not like what is taught today. We need to ensure that the Dentists and Hygienists are able to practice their profession with all of the most modern and advanced skills available to them.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Dentistry.

Leadership, Open to new ideas; willing to work and compromise

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Dentistry member.

I served as the Chair of the Board of Dentistry during the darkest time in dentistry in Hawaii, the death of a child from Kailua, and a patient on the Big Island. Because of this, the way Anesthesia and Sedation are administered have changed for the better. Strict guidelines were already in place, but through legislation and help from the Board, they were greatly improved.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Dentistry? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee and conflict of interest. As in the past, I can recuse myself from any vote, and we have a Board Attorney present to advise us if there are any potential conflict of interests. I am able to set aside personal interests and place the Public's safety above all else.

Testimony of the Board of Dentistry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

On the following measure:

**G.M. 534, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PAUL GUEVARA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

and

**G.M. 535, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PAUL GUEVARA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board supports the appointment and reappointment of Paul Guevara, D.M.D, M.D.S., to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Guevara has been licensed as a dentist since March 24, 2003, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He currently works in private practice as an endodontist and is a resident instructor at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. In addition, Dr. Guevara serves as an examiner for dental licensure exams and helps determine whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry. He also attends national and regional examinations and meetings.

Dr. Guevara was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on August 30, 2020, and he has attended all meetings since his appointment. He is a valuable member and contributes greatly to board discussions. Dr. Guevara previously served as chairman of the Board from 2015 to June 2019. During that time, Dr. Guevara volunteered his personal time and energy to attend legislative hearings, and he was committed to keeping the Board informed with current trends in the practice of dentistry. Dr. Guevara continues to demonstrate an aptitude for and understanding of all board matters, and he is always prepared for each meeting. By sharing insights he has gained over his many

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years of experience as a licensed dentist in active practice, Dr. Guevara has made significant contributions to the Board's deliberations.

Dr. Guevara's interest in serving on the Board, knowledge and experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



Hawaii Dental Association

To: Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., March 10, 2021
Location: State Capitol via Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
Re: Dr. Paul Guevara, GM 534 and GM 535

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) is a professional association comprised of approximately 950-member dentists. **We are in support of GM 534 and GM 535**, nominating Dr. Paul Guevara to the Board of Dentistry.

The Board of Dentistry is the regulatory agency charged with overseeing the licensure of dentists, dental hygienists, and ensuring that dentistry is conducted safely in our state. Dr. Guevara has demonstrated a long commitment to community and public service and previously served as chair of the Board. He has served in many positions in the dental field both in the military and private sector, including service as the Deputy Commander of the Medical Detachment of the Hawaii Army National Guard. Along with his military service Dr. Guevara is active in dental education, lecturing at the local and national level. Dr. Guevara has been an active volunteer with the Aloha Medical Mission, which provides both medical and dental care to under-served people in Hawaii and abroad. He has served as a volunteer leader in the Hawaii Dental Association and consistently made significant contributions to promoting oral health in the community.

HDA is a statewide membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii's Board of Dentistry. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Dr. Paul Guevara.

Honorable Senator Baker:

I have known Dr. Guevara for over 30 years. We attended the same dental school and served in the Hawaii Army National Guard Medical Detachment together. He is a proven leader, citizen and dentist. He previously served on the Board of Dentistry as Chairman. He brought clarity and transparency while serving as the Chair.

I offer my full support for Dr. Guevara as a member of the Board of Dentistry.

Respectfully,

Dr. Norman S. Chun

Aloha Senator Baker,

I'm writing in regards to the endorsement of Paul Guevara, DMD for membership to the Board of Dental Examiners.

I have known him for almost 20 years, first as a peer in dentistry, and then as a fellow officer in the Hawaii Army National Guard. Although he has retired from the Guard, he works part time at my office.

I have always known him to be of high moral bearing. He has a vast depth of knowledge in the profession of dentistry. He's an exemplary leader. His judgement has always been based on patience and temperance.

Dr. Guevara has my highest endorsement for the position on the Board.

Sincerely,

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President, Temple Valley Dental Group
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From: **Keiki Dental** <keikidental@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 1, 2021, 17:47

Subject: Dental board member recommendation

To: <baker4@capital.hawaii.gov>

Dear Senator Baker,

I express my full support for Dr. Paul Guevara to be a Hawaii Board of Dentistry member to represent our profession and be an advocate for public health in dentistry. I have known him since 2009, and both personally and professionally, he has my full support for the position.

Mahalo for your service!

Yongsok Do, DMD

Dear Senator Baker

I would like to highly recommend Dr Paul Guevara, DMD, for a position on the Board of Dentistry.

Dr Guevara previously served voluntarily for two(2) terms as a member of this board.

He understands the complex rules and regulations that guide and protect our Public needs;

He will be an asset to our Public's safety.

He gave generously of his time and is willing to do so once again.

Respectfully yours,

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