



GOV. MSG. NO. 14

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

October 22, 2013.

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following interim nomination to the **Board of Dental Examiners**:

<u>BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>
Dennis Nagata	6/30/2017

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Special Session of 2013

October 29, 2013
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 14.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 14, regarding the appointment of Dennis T. Nagata, D.D.S., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Nagata's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Nagata has been serving on the Board as an interim member and is being appointed as a Dental member. Since his interim appointment, there have been two meetings, both of which he attended. Although attending only two meetings, Dr. Nagata

has already indicated a willingness to participate in the examination process as an examiner and to attend national and regional meetings to represent the Board.

Dr. Nagata has been licensed as a Dentist since September 19, 1979, and his license is current, active and in good standing. His specialty in advanced Aesthetic, Functional Dentistry and Sleep Breathing Disorders will enable him to provide unique expertise to the Board's deliberations.

Dr. Nagata's vast experience as a Dentist, his interest in serving on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community will be an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Dennis Nagata to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

October 28, 2013

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators:

I'm writing on behalf of the Hawaii Dental Association Board of Trustees and the 970 members of the Hawaii Dental Association and wish to recommend the confirmation of Dennis Nagata, DDS to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Nagata has had a dental practice in Honolulu since 1979 and is a member in good standing in the American Dental Association, the Hawaii Dental Association, and the Honolulu County Dental Society. He has volunteered on committees and has been an active participant in dental meetings and functions.

He has taught at continuing education courses here and on the mainland and has lectured to local dentists on many dental topics. He enjoys teaching and mentoring younger dentists. He will do well serving on the Board that oversees dentistry in our state. The Hawaii Dental Association gives its utmost support for his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Curt S. Shimizu, DDS
President, Hawaii Dental Association

October 29,2013

Senator Roz Baker
Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capital Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing this in support of Dr. Dennis Nagata's appointment to the Board of Dental Examiners. I have known Dennis for approximately 50 years and more to the point, he has been my dentist since he started his practice. He is the consummate professional and has consistently made sure to be proficient in the new skills and technologies in dentistry. He not only is a student of dentistry but gives of his time, at his own expense, to instruct others. His background as a practicing dentist and instructor, as well as his dedication to being proficient with current techniques and technology, make him a perfect choice for the Board of Dental Examiners and I urge you to approve his appointment.

Sincerely,
Dale Nishikawa



*Hawaii Center For
Aesthetic & Restorative
Dentistry*

September 30, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Janice Salcedo, Office Manager
The Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
415 South Beretania Street #230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Dental Examiners?

I have been in private practice for 34 years. I would like to offer my extensive knowledge and commitment to the standards and development and the enforcement of quality control in the areas affecting licensing and professional ethics that will benefit and protect the dental patient.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Dental Examiners?

As a member of the board, I believe I can provide an objective perspective on issues regarding dentistry. Public safety is my primary concern. I will help analyze and investigate dental complaints submitted to RICO using professional ethics and my extensive knowledge in dentistry.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Dental Examiners, why do you believe that you are qualified for this position?

In my 34 years of dental experience, I have been on the forefront of new materials and techniques to improve the delivery of dentistry to the general public. I take a minimum of 200 hours of continuing education yearly which allows me to keep up with technology and management in the dental profession.

As a Clinical Instructor at a post graduate institute called the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Studies (www.lviglobal.com), I instruct other dentists during live patient treatment on new materials and techniques. While teaching, we are often beta testing new materials and

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techniques with major dental companies. Therefore, I am better able to evaluate new techniques and new materials to improve the quality and safety of dental health for the public. I have hands on experience on what works best for patients in need of certain procedures.

With proper knowledge and training, there are many treatment options available in dentistry today. It is important that the new techniques are performed by qualified clinicians for public safety.

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

I hope to improve protocols relating to quality control in the areas affecting licensing and professional ethics of our dental practitioners, with the goal of health and safety of the dental patient.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Dental Examiners?

I am realistic, practical, and objective and I make decisions based on those qualities.

I have a **thirst for knowledge** and continue to keep up with new materials and techniques.

I am **compassionate and relationship oriented** and can easily put myself in another person's shoes and view issues from their perspective.

With these qualities I believe I can help the Board of Dental Examiners make good decisions on dental health to benefit dentistry in Hawaii.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Dental Board?

I have been asked to review cases that were "complaints" as an expert witness in the past. In doing so, I have had to place myself in an objective frame of mind and review cases with as much objectivity as possible. In all of the cases, the resolution was a "win-win" situation for both parties.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Dental Examiners? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts at this time. If any conflict does arise I will immediately state the conflict and withdraw from any decision making involving the conflict of interest issue.