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May 26, 1977

John W. Trinward, D.M.D.  
Secretary  
Board of Dental Examiners  
Vernon Street  
Bethel, Maine 04217

Dear Dr. Trinward:

In your letter of May 2, 1977 you requested clarification of the voting powers of the consumer member of the Board of Dental Examiners regarding the professional competency of licensed dentists and hygienists. While the statutes relating to the Board of Dental Examiners provide for the appointment of a public member to that Board, 32 M.R.S.A., Sec. 1071, there is no limitation placed upon the voting powers of that public member. It is the opinion of this office that absent a statutory statement to the contrary, the public member of the board or commission has the authority to vote on all matters coming before the board or commission, including competency and professional standards, in the same manner as any other board or commission member.

If you have any further questions, we would be pleased to respond to them.

Yours very truly,

DAVID CLUCHEY  
Assistant Attorney General

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