# GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334 August 4, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:	Staff present:		
Dr. Michael Knight, President	Eric Lacefield, Executive Director		
Dr. Don Spillers, Vice-President	Max Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General		
Dr. Greg Goggans	Thomas McNulty, Assistant Attorney General		
Dr. Lacey Green	Stacy Altman, Chief Investigator		
Dr. Glenn Maron	Rodriquez Washington, Investigator		
Ms. Misty Mattingly	Clint Joiner, Attorney		
Dr. Larry Miles	Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I		
Dr. Ami Patel			
Dr. David Reznik (via Teams)	Visitors:		
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld	Dr. Richard Callan, Promethean Dental Systems/SRTA		
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz	Dr. Jerry Cooper, Promethean Dental Systems		
Ms. Lisa Selfe	Rhonda Banks, Dental College of Georgia		
Dr. Lisa Shilman	Merrilee Gober, Medical Association of Georgia		
Dr. JC Shirley	Dr. Randy Kluender, Georgia School of Orthodontics		
Dr. Brent Stiehl	Callie Michael, Georgia School of Orthodontics		
Dr. Nancy Young	Michelle Boyce, GDHA		
	Ethan James, GDHA		
	Emily Yona, ADSO		
	Luke Ray, Dental College of Georgia		
	Ashton Blackwood, Dental College of Georgia		
Public Hearing			

## **Public Hearing**

Dr. Knight called the public hearing to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### **Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists**

Dr. Knight stated that the purpose of the rule amendment is to remove language which is merely a restatement of O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74. He further stated that the main feature of this proposed amendment is to clarify the licensee duties by clarifying the language of the rule and removing language which is duplicative of O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74.

Written responses were received from Suzanne Newkirk, Pam Cushenan, Cynthia Hughes, Augusta University, Lamara Moore, GDHA, Elaine Kennedy, and Kathryn Starr.

Mr. Ethan James, GDHA, commented that GDHA understood that the Board wanted to remove the redundant language, but requested the references to the law be hyperlinked in the rule for ease of understanding so that a constituent could easily see what the law is.

Ms. Mattingly agreed with Mr. James' comments and stated that she felt it would be helpful to dentists and dental hygienists if the Board's rules contained a hyperlink when the law is referenced. Mr. Joiner responded by stating that when the Secretary of State's office records the rules online, they already add

these hyperlinks which take you to the current version of the law. Dr. Shirley inquired if that existed for any rule. Mr. Lacefield responded affirmatively and stated all rules contain hyperlinks to the law.

There being no further comments, Ms. Mattingly made a motion to adopt Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The public hearing concluded at 10:05 a.m.

#### **Open Session**

Dr. Knight called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Knight welcomed the visitors.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the July 7, 2023, meeting. Ms. Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **Report of Licenses Issued**

Dr. Goggans made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Dr. Maron seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **Correspondences**

**Correspondence from Dr. Mitchell Levine, American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine:** The Board discussed Dr. Levine's letter regarding the growth of two (2) different business models that provide unsuspecting patients with an oral appliance, but without the appropriate inclusion of a trained dentist in the provision of care. Dr. Maron commented that he shared Dr. Levine's concerns. He stated that this is happening more and more. He discussed his concerns regarding physicians assigning medical assistants and nurses to take dental impressions to send off to a lab to fabricate oral appliances. He continued by stating that he did not know if the Board had any control over what physicians or their assistants do in their practices because of the broad scope of their licenses. Dr. Maron stated that it creates a slippery slope in terms of quality of care. He explained that many things are required in monitoring sleep appliances and this is a concerning issue.

Dr. Maron inquired if a letter from the President of the Board of Dentistry to the President of the Georgia Composite Medical Board bringing this matter to their attention would be appropriate. Mr. Changus responded by stating that the Board could forward Dr. Levine's letter to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and express its concerns regarding the matter. He stated that he did not know how often the Georgia Composite Medical Board was seeing this issue, but the Board of Dentistry could bring it to their attention. He added that he did not know if the Georgia Composite Medical Board understands that this practice is prevalent. Mr. Changus continued by stating that medical assistants are utilized sometimes for more than they should be, but the Board may want to point out it is not appropriate in this scenario.

Dr. Spillers commented that orthodontists are seeing this issue more and more. He continued by stating that patients are being sent to orthodontists due to TMJ problems, the device not fitting properly, etc. He agreed that it is a concerning issue and should be brought to the attention of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

Dr. Goggans agreed that it should be brought to their attention, but felt the Board should first encourage physicians to work together with their local dentist to do what is best for the patient.

Dr. Maron stated that he would be happy to work with Dr. Spillers in drafting a letter stating the Board of Dentistry would like to begin having an open dialogue with the Georgia Composite Medical Board regarding the issue. He further stated that once he and Dr. Spillers draft the letter, it would be provided to Dr. Knight for review. Dr. Goggans commented that it would be a good opportunity to have a working group between both boards.

## <u>General – Dr. Michael Knight</u>

Dr. Knight reminded the members to assist as much as possible in reviewing exam applications that are placed on Sharepoint for board member review. He added that this is the busiest time of year where the board office receives numerous exam applications, many of which are from new graduates.

## **External Committee Reports**

**CDCA-WREB-CITA Steering Committee Report – Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. JC Shirley, Ms. Misty Mattingly, RDH**: Dr. Shirley reported that the Steering Committee recently met. He explained that the organization is a combination of groups that combined in 2022 and currently administers the ADEX exam. He stated that the Steering Committee includes at least one (1) dentist and dental hygienist from each state who is a current board member. He further stated that the minutes from the Steering Committee meeting were not yet approved, but he would share them with the Board once they are available.

Dr. Shirley discussed the highlights of the meeting. He stated that from 2022-2023 there was a 43% increase in candidates taking the ADEX dental exam. He added that the numbers were similar for dental hygiene.

Dr. Shirley discussed pass/fail rates. He stated that passage of the OSCE portion was 99%; the lowest scores were for endodontic and posterior restorative portions, but everything else was above 95%. He further stated that the ADEX exam is administered in every state except New York and Delaware. He added that only fourteen (14) candidates took a patient-based exam across the country. Dr. Shirley stated that the number is even less for dental hygiene.

Dr. Maron inquired if the pass rate was higher than in the past. Ms. Mattingly responded by stating that it is about 3% lower in the manikin-based exam versus a patient-based exam. She explained that the reason for that is with a patient-based exam, the candidate sees the patient ahead of time and can prep whereas with the manikin-based exam, the candidate steps into it and they tell the candidate what he/she will be doing that day. Ms. Mattingly stated that the manikin-based exam is more realistic as to how the candidate would really practice.

Dr. Shirley stated that the Steering Committee discussed changes with the exam. For example, they are changing the days certain components are being offered. He stated that if the candidate fails the exam, there are enough exams available across the country where he/she can take it again quickly. He added that there is a waiting period of ten (10) days before the candidate can retake the exam.

Dr. Shirley reported that with the combination of all three (3) testing organizations, they are working on some infrastructure changes such as a candidate management system that will make it easier for candidates to apply. He stated that there will also be a new portal for educators, a score portal for administering the exam, and a portal that allows states to review candidate scores. Mr. Lacefield commented that board staff have access to the portal to retrieve candidate scores.

Dr. Shirley stated that a representative from the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) was present at the meeting. The representative reported that the AADB is reorganizing its organization such as removing corporate sponsors, changing CEOs, etc. Dr. Shirley added that the AADB is wanting to propose another interstate compact. He explained that there is a compact that has already been proposed and three

(3) states have adopted it. He added that it has been supported by the American Dental Association and the American Dental Hygiene Association and was originally funded by the Department of Defense. Dr. Shirley stated that the AADB is looking to create an alternative compact since there were concerns about the original compact model taking away authority of the state board. He further stated that there is a compact for almost every profession and dentistry and dental hygiene are one of the last ones to have a compact. Dr. Shirley continued by stating that the compact is for licensure portability and suggested the members review the information if he/she was not familiar with it.

Dr. Shirley discussed the compact being proposed. He stated that it will allow boards to keep their autonomy and have one (1) organization that does all of the primary source verification. He added that the AADB is proposing the organization be renamed the Federation of State Dental Boards and utilize ADEX as the clinical licensure exam.

Dr. Shirley stated that he thought it was important for the Board to know it is out there and is something for the Board to monitor closely. Ms. Mattingly commented that there are three (3) states that have legislation that has been enacted and five (5) states that have pending legislation. Dr. Shirley noted that in order for the compact to go into effect they have to have ten (10) states. He stated that one of the issues is they will be behind the curve. He further stated that the Council of State Governments are pushing the first compact and it has to go through the state legislature.

Dr. Goggans commented that twenty-five (25) states have been introduced in; there are three (3) states that have enacted legislation and five (5) states that have pending legislation. He stated that this will most likely happen. Dr. Shirley commented that the Department of Defense was behind this and was putting money behind it. He stated that the federal law passed earlier this year that took care of what the compact was going to do. He further stated it was his opinion that the Department of Defense money will go away.

**CRDTS Steering Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl:** Dr. Stiehl reported that CRDTS has started its CARE Program, which offers remediation and re-education for licensees and students. He stated that the CARE Program would be an additional alternative for anyone needing remediation. He further stated that they have the haptic system which is similar to the haptic system utilized by Promethean Dental Systems. He added that CRDTS would be happy to come speak to the Board regarding the CARE Program if the Board desires.

**Dental College of Georgia Liaison Report – Dr. Michael Knight:** Dr. Knight reported that he has spoken with Dr. Young about moving the Board's monthly meeting to the Dental College of Georgia in December. Dr. Goggans made a motion for the Board to hold its December 1, 2023, meeting at the Dental College of Georgia. Dr. Patel seconded. Discussion was held by Dr. Reznik who stated that he may not be able to attend. There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee (PDMP) Report – Dr. Lisa Shilman: No report.

CRDTS Examination Committee Report – Dr. Ami Patel: No report.

## GDHEA Liaison Report - Dr. David Reznik, Ms. Lisa Selfe, RDH: No report.

# Attorney General's Report – Mr. Max Changus

No report.

# **Executive Director's Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield**

**Annual Report FY2023:** Mr. Lacefield noted that information regarding the FY2023 Annual Report, FY2023 dentistry budget, as well as the exam rule comparison had been added to Sharepoint, per the

Board's request. He stated that he would be happy to answer any questions the Board had regarding this information. He added that the budget information was from FY2023, but he will provide quarterly updates going forward. Dr. Maron thanked Mr. Lacefield for putting together the information.

**New Investigator:** Chief Investigator Altman reported that a new investigator was hired. He introduced Mr. Rodriguez Washington to the Board. Mr. Washington will be working out of the Augusta area.

Dr. Knight commented that the investigative staff do a great job. He noted that the number of complaints received were up compared to last year and with having only one (1) investigator handling those, it is impressive. He stated that having two (2) investigators on board now would help get more accomplished.

## Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

No report.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Local Anesthesia Course Submission:** Ms. Mattingly discussed the course submission provided by CMH Consulting, LLC. She commented that the course meets the requirements. She explained that the course will be in person, but eventually it will be a hybrid course. She stated that it the course could be approved, but to inform the course provider that once the course is hybrid, he will need to maintain 1:5 ratio when they are providing injections.

Dr. Shirley inquired as to what the timeline was for the course provider obtaining CODA approval. Ms. Mattingly responded by stating that she did not know. She stated that the feedback she has heard from educators around the state is they did not want to submit the course to CODA until the Board's rule was effective. She further stated that now that the rule has been approved and is effective, it has put schools behind in obtaining CODA accreditation.

Ms. Michelle Boyce, GDHA, spoke to the Board. She stated that Savannah Technical College has been CODA approved. She further stated that other schools are in the process of sending their faculty to Florida to obtain the training so they can develop the curriculum. She added that she knows that Lanier Technical College has submitted their documents to CODA.

Ms. Mattingly commented that schools all taught anesthesia except the actual insertion. She explained that because anesthesia is on the national board exam, the schools always taught everything up until insertion, but now that the schools have to do the insertion piece it has to be submitted to CODA for approval. She added that many schools are behind in submitting their program to CODA because they were waiting to see if rule would be approved. Ms. Mattingly noted, as Ms. Boyce stated, that many schools are sending their faculty to Florida because it is the only state that meets the sixty (60) hour requirement and they have multiple courses available all over the state.

Dr. Shirley noted that the schools are educational facilities, whereas this course submission is different. Ms. Mattingly responded by stating that the course provider is a consultant, who also teaches at the school. She added that he will need to maintain the 1:5 ratio. After further discussion, Ms. Mattingly made a motion to approve the course submission from CMH Consulting, LLC. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Rules Discussion:** Rule 150-15-.04 Communications and Rule 150-17-.04 Witness Lists and Respondent Statements: Mr. Lacefield stated that these two (2) rules had the Board's former address listed. He further stated that the address has been updated in each rule. Ms. Selfe made a motion to post Rule 150-15-.04 Communications and Rule 150-17-.04 Witness Lists and Respondent Statements. Dr. Maron seconded. Discussion was held by Dr. Shirley who inquired if an address needed to be listed in the rule. He stated that

the Board needs to get away from snail mail unless there is a legal requirement. Mr. Changus responded by stating that the idea is the Board is providing notice to those who want to communicate with the Board and how to do it. He added that there is a place in the world for having a physical address. Dr. Shirley stated that he was just trying to decrease the chance of having to go through the rules process again. There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## Rule 150-15-.04. Communications

All communications, including correspondence, motions, and pleadings, shall be filed with the Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, <u>2 Martin Luther King</u>, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta, GA <u>30334</u> <del>2 Peachtree Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303</del>. Copies shall be furnished to all parties of record, including the attorney representing the State. An original of all correspondence, motions, and pleadings shall be filed with the Executive Director and shall comply in all respects with Rule 150-18-.04.

## Rule 150-17-.04. Witness Lists and Respondent Statements

- (1) Should a party seek a list of the names of witnesses, including experts, whom another party expects to call or may call on its behalf, the party seeking the list must communicate the request in writing (by mail, personal service, or electronically) to the other party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing. Such a request must also be filed with the Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, <u>2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334</u><u>2</u><u>Peachtree Street, 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303</u>. The party of whom the information is requested shall, within a reasonable time prior to the commencement of the hearing but at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing, provide such a list to the requester.
- (2) The parties may also, within a reasonable period of time prior to the hearing, exchange copies of documents and designate documents already in the possession of the other party which are intended to be introduced as evidence at the hearing. Upon request, the parties shall make available to each other for inspection, copying, testing or sampling any tangible item intended to be introduced as evidence, within a reasonable period of time prior to the hearing. Where a party seeks documents or other evidence already in the possession of the other party which are intended to be introduced as evidence at the hearing, the party seeking the documents must communicate a request for the evidence in writing (by mail, personal service, or electronically) to the other party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing. Such a request must also be filed with the Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, 2 Peachtree Street, 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. The party of whom the information is requested shall, within a reasonable time prior to the commencement of the hearing but at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing, provide such evidence to the requester or file a motion seeking an order to quash the request.
- (3) If a licensee makes a general or specific written request to the Board for exculpatory, favorable, or arguably favorable evidence that is relative to pending allegations concerning the licensee, the Board must furnish the requested information, indicate that no such information exists, or refuse to furnish the information requested prior to a hearing.
  - (a) The Board is not required to furnish information made confidential by state or federal law, until such requested information has been determined to be exculpatory, favorable, or arguably favorable pursuant to the in camera procedure specified in part (b) of this subsection.
  - (b) Once the Board has furnished exculpatory, favorable, or arguably favorable information, has indicated that no such information exists, or has refused to furnish such information, a licensee may request a prehearing in camera inspection of the remainder of the investigative file by the Board or its designee. The Board or its designee shall furnish the licensee with all material that would aid in the licensee's defense that is exculpatory, favorable, or arguably favorable. The Board or its designee shall seal a copy of the entire investigative file in order to preserve it in the event of an appeal.
- (4) If a party refuses to or neglects to produce documents, evidence, witness lists or statements in accordance with a request pursuant to 150-17-.04(1) or 150-17-.04(2), the Board or its designee may

issue an order compelling production by motion of the requester or on its own motion. Where the party of whom information is requested has filed a motion to quash the request for production pursuant to 150-17-.01 and 150-17-.04(2), the Board or its designee may issue an order to quash the request for production upon good cause shown by the party requesting such an order. If a party subsequently refuses to or neglects to produce the requested materials in spite of an order compelling it to do so, the Board or its designee shall have the same rights and powers given the court under the Georgia Civil Practice Act. The Board or its designee may certify the facts to the Superior Court of Fulton County or any county where the offense is committed for appropriate action, including a finding of contempt. The Board or its designee shall have the power to issue writs of fieri facias in order to collect fines imposed for violation of a lawful order of the Board or its designee.

(5) The parties shall be required to confer either in person or by telephone, in reasonable advance of a scheduled hearing date but at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing, in a good-faith attempt to reach an agreement as to the admissibility of any documents or tangible items intended to be offered in evidence for either side. The parties may stipulate as to any matter of fact and such stipulation will satisfy a party's burden of proving the fact alleged. The parties shall be encouraged to reach pre-hearing stipulations which could facilitate adjudication of the case. The Board or its designee, upon its own motion or upon the request of either party, may schedule a pre-hearing conference to hear and rule on motions or other preliminary matters, or otherwise facilitate adjudication of the case.

Dr. Goggans made a motion and Dr. Spillers seconded that the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the relevant code sections.

In the same motion, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the relevant code sections to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry.

**Tuberculosis Cases:** As a point of information for the members of the Board and public, Dr. Maron stated that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is investigating cases of tuberculosis that came from dental products. He further stated that there were no cases of tuberculosis associated with dental products in the state of Georgia. Dr. Maron added that Dr. Reznik has done most of the research regarding this matter. Dr. Maron stated that he, along with Dr. Reznik, participated on a call with the CDC earlier this month. He wanted to note that the Board's job is to protect the public and wanted to make sure the Board and public were aware.

**Teledentistry:** Dr. Maron stated that teledentistry was allowed during the pandemic. He further stated that when the pandemic ended, the Board stopped allowing teledentistry. He added that telemedicine is still very popular. He inquired if the Board could look into promulgating a rule that would allow teledentistry in the state of Georgia. Dr. Maron stated that he believes there are many who are still doing it and do not realize they are in violation of the law. He inquired as to the Board's thoughts on the matter.

Ms. Mattingly commented that she thinks the Board should further discuss it and create a pathway for teledentistry to be allowed. She explained that there are access to care issues in Georgia and teledentistry would allow for patients in underserved populations to be cared for.

Dr. Spillers agreed the Board needed to have a discussion on the matter. He stated that the Board needs to define what teledentistry is because it can be very wide or very narrow. Mr. Changus responded by stating that House Bill 441 that was currently in the legislature regarding teledentistry was recommitted. He stated

that it was not passed in the last legislative session, but there were several hearings on it. He further stated that may be a good vehicle or good place to start in terms of how that bill was looking to define teledentistry.

Dr. Goggans inquired if a representative from GDA had a comment regarding teledentistry. The representative responded by stating that the bill was introduced, but did not pass. The representative stated that they will send a copy of the bill to Mr. Lacefield to be shared with the Board.

Dr. Reznik inquired if the Board could create a committee that could decide what should be in the bill. Dr. Spillers agreed and stated it would be good to provide information to the legislators.

Mr. Scheinfeld suggested GDA forward a copy of the bill to Mr. Lacefield, and the Board review the language and work from there. He added that the Board could have a rule ready for consideration for when the bill may pass.

Mr. Lacefield inquired if the Board was looking to create a committee that would look at a potential rule regarding teledentistry. He added, that for clarification, rules and bills are not the same. He explained that teledentistry was previously allowed through the Governor's Executive Order due to the pandemic. He stated that if the law is changed, the Board would be looking to create a rule that would allow for teledentistry. Dr. Maron commented that the bill could get pushed further down the road. He stated that the Board is its own body, and as such should not have to wait on the legislature in order to start working on it. There being no further discussion, Dr. Knight appointed Dr. Maron, Ms. Mattingly, Dr. Miles, Mr. Scheinfeld and Dr. Spillers to the Committee, with Dr. Spillers as Chair.

Dr. Schultz commented that if teledentistry were still being performed, could an email be sent from the Board or GDA advising dentists in Georgia that the Governor's Executive Order permitting teledentistry was no longer in effect. Mr. Lacefield responded by stating that a statement could be posted to the Board's website alerting everyone that the provisions for teledentistry that were allowed during COVID-19 have expired. Dr. Schultz suggested the Board put a statement on its website and requested GDA provide a link to it on the GDA's website.

**Local Anesthesia Course Submission:** Ms. Mattingly stated that she wanted to clarify what she previously stated regarding the local anesthesia course submission. She stated that Rule 150-5-.07(2)(a)(1)(iv) states, "Laboratory and clinical instruction shall be provided with a faculty to student ratio of no greater than 1:5 under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed in this state."

Dr. Maron made a motion and Ms. Selfe seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h), § 43-11-47(h), and § 43-1-2(h), to deliberate and receive information on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Lacey Green, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Ms. Misty Mattingly, Dr. Larry Miles, Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. David Reznik, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Ms. Lisa Selfe, Dr. Lisa Shilman, Dr. JC Shirley, Dr. Brent Stiehl, and Dr. Nancy Young.

# **Executive Session**

## **Appearances**

- A.V.P.
- K.M.B.

# Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

• C.C.C.

• J.C.C.

## **Applications**

- J.P.
- G.A.H.
- E.E.S.
- S.N.
- A.B.
- T.E.
- C.J.H.
- G.J.K.
- A.H.N.
- G.N.H.
- L.E.B.
- M.K.T.
- A.C.E.
- S.L.P.
- R.M.D.
- L.L.J.S.

#### Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl

Dr. Stiehl provided the Board with an update regarding the cases discussed by the Investigative Committee earlier that morning.

#### Attorney General's Report - Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

• B.S.F.

Mr. Changus provided legal advice regarding the Board's authority to draft rules related to teledentistry.

Mr. Changus provided an update regarding pending litigation.

#### **Executive Director's Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield**

No report.

## Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

No report.

No votes were taken in Executive Session. Dr. Knight declared the meeting back in Open Session.

#### **Open Session**

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve all recommendations based on deliberations made in Executive Session as follows:

## **Appearances**

• A.V.P.	Denied Credentials Applicant	Denial upheld
• K.M.B.	Denied Dental Hygiene Credentials	Overturn denial and refer to the
		Department of Law

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Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases		
• C.C.C.	<b>Request to Terminate Probation</b>	Approved request
• J.C.C.	Correspondence	Reviewed for informational
		purposes only.
<b>Applications</b>		
• J.P.	Dental Exam Applicant	Approved application
• G.A.H.	Dental Exam Applicant	Denied application
• E.E.S.	Dental Hygiene Credentials	Approved application
• S.N.	Initial Moderate Enteral CS	Approved for provisional permit
• A.B.	Initial Moderate Parenteral CS	Table pending receipt of
		additional information
• T.E.	Initial Moderate Parenteral CS	Table pending receipt of
		additional information
• C.J.H.	Notification of Change in Location	Schedule to meet with the
		Sedation Committee
• G.J.K.	Initial General Anesthesia	Approved for provisional permit
• A.H.N.	Dental Reinstatement Applicant	Approved application
• G.N.H.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approved application
• L.E.B.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approved application
• M.K.T.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approved application
• A.C.E.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Refer to Legal Services
• S.L.P.	Injectable Pharmacologics	Approved application
• R.M.D.	Injectable Pharmacologics	Approved application
• L.L.J.S.	Injectable Pharmacologics	Approved application

The Board directed staff to administratively approve injectable pharmacologics applications even if the board-approved course taken is older than one (1) year.

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• B.S.F. Public Consent Order accepted

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## Executive Director's Report - Mr. Eric Lacefield

No report.

#### Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner No report.

Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Dr. Young who recused herself from the vote regarding J.P. In the same motion, Dr. Maron abstained from the vote regarding J.P.

## **Miscellaneous**

Dr. Knight made a change to the members appointed to the committee working on teledentistry. The members are now Dr. Goggans, Ms. Mattingly, Mr. Miles, Mr. Scheinfeld and Dr. Spillers, with Dr. Spillers as Chair.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I Minutes edited by Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director