

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Dental College of Georgia at August University
1430 John Wesley Gilbert Drive
Room GC-5002
Augusta, GA 30912
December 1, 2023
10:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Michael Knight, President
Dr. Don Spillers, Vice-President
Dr. Greg Goggans
Dr. Lacey Green
Dr. Glenn Maron
Ms. Misty Mattingly
Dr. Larry Miles
Dr. Ami Patel
Dr. David Reznik
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz
Dr. JC Shirley
Dr. Brent Stiehl
Dr. Debra Wilson
Dr. Nancy Young

Staff present:

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director
Max Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Clint Joiner, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Patrick Tepe, JCNDE
Rhonda Banks, Dental College of Georgia
Ashton Blackwood, Dental College of Georgia
Luke Ray, Dental College of Georgia
Margie Miller, Dental College of Georgia
President Brooks Keel, Dental College of Georgia
Dr. Richard Callan, Promethean Dental Systems/SRTA
Dr. Alan Furness, Dental College of Georgia

Open Session

Dr. Knight established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Introduction of Visitors

Dr. Knight welcomed the visitors. President Brooks Keel welcomed the Board to the Dental College of Georgia.

Appearance

Dr. David Waldschmidt and Dr. Patrick Tepe, Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, provided a presentation to the Board regarding the DLOSCE and DHOSCE.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the November 3, 2023, meeting. Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report of Licenses Issued

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

Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance

Rule Waiver Petition from Cecilia Maguire, DH006958: The Board discussed this request for a waiver of Rule 150-5-.05. Ms. Mattingly made a motion to deny the petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Dr. Maron seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. In the same

motion, the Board directed staff to advise Ms. Maguire that she would need to submit an application for reinstatement.

Rule Waiver Petition from Dr. Faraneh Khatanifar: The Board discussed this request for a waiver of Rule 150-3-.01(7). Dr. Maron made a motion to deny the petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

General – Dr. Michael Knight

No report.

Infection Control Committee Report – Dr. David Reznik

Dr. Reznik reported that the Committee met on November 17, 2023. He stated the meeting was put together by Dr. Shirley. Dr. Reznik added that Lydia Lu, PA-C, and Dr. Matt Linam presented information concerning nontuberculous mycobacteria infections. Dr. Reznik stated that, at some point, he would like the Board to hear the presentation so it can see what has been going on with dental unit water lines. Dr. Reznik further stated that the Board has made great progress with requiring continuing education in the area of infection control and infection control practices. He added that he was looking forward to how this proceeds and having a safer environment for all.

Dr. Shirley stated the CDC Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) appointed a work group to look at dental unit water lines. He further stated he was on the work group. He continued by stating that the goal is for the group to determine what the CDC recommendations for dental unit water lines are. He added that the Board's rule refers to CDC water lines and if changes are made by the CDC, it would make it easier for the Board. Dr. Reznik noted that if you are following the manufacturer's instructions for use for tubing and care of water lines, then you are meeting the requirements.

Dr. Maron stated that he previously mentioned a tuberculosis outbreak in bone graft material. He added that there has been no further evidence showing there were any cases in Georgia.

Laser Committee Report – Ms. Misty Mattingly

Ms. Mattingly reported that the Committee met on November 28, 2023. She noted that there were many members from the public on the call. She stated that the Committee did discuss a proposed rule that would allow a dental hygienist to utilize lasers. She further stated that the Committee discussed amending the language in Rule 150-5-.03 to state that a dental hygienists and dentists can use lasers with proper education. She added that the Committee will further discuss this matter in more detail at a future meeting.

Dr. Reznik stated that there was one issue concerning initiated vs uninitiated tips. Ms. Mattingly responded by stating that it would be uninitiated meaning that it does not cut into tissue and would sterilize the pocket. She added that the proposed draft she put together refers to incidental curettage. She continued by stating that the Committee did address safety, goggles, etc.

Dr. Shirley inquired as to how many states have a similar rule regarding lasers. Ms. Mattingly responded by stating that seven (7) states do not allow dental hygienists to use lasers. She added that it is part of the curriculum in some schools. She continued by stating that she was reaching out to other boards to get clarification on exactly what each state allowed.

Dr. Spillers inquired if the procedure would be initiated under the direct supervision of a dentist and after diagnosis. Ms. Mattingly responded affirmatively.

External Committee Reports

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

CRDTS Steering Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl: Dr. Stiehl reported that the Committee will be meeting in January.

CRDTS Examination Committee Report – Dr. Ami Patel: Dr. Patel reported that the Committee will be meeting in January.

Dental College of Georgia Liaison Report – Dr. Michael Knight: Dr. Knight thanked the school for hosting the Board’s meeting.

CDCA-WREB-CITA Steering Committee Report – Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. JC Shirley, Ms. Misty Mattingly, RDH: Dr. Shirley reported that there will be a virtual meeting in January.

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

Correspondence from Bernadette Molina, CODA: Mr. Lacefield discussed this correspondence regarding an invitation for board participation for 2024 site evaluations. He added that the information was emailed to the members, but no responses had been received. He requested the members to let himself or Ms. Howell know if he/she would be interested in participating. Dr. Reznik commented that he just finished a site visit and encouraged the members to participate.

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

No report.

Miscellaneous

Expanded Duties Course Submission: Ms. Mattingly made a motion to approve the course submission from Dental Assistant School of Atlanta. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Sedation Course Submission: The Board discussed the revised IV Sedation Training for Dentists, LLC, course submitted by Dr. William Moorhead. Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the course. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Sedation Evaluators: Dr. Maron made a motion to approve Dr. Bradley Shessel as an evaluator for the Sedation Committee. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners Annual Meeting: Dr. Shirley discussed the invitation to the Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners Annual Meeting that was emailed to the members. He stated he had never heard of the meeting before; however, Dr. Furness gave him some insight into it. Dr. Shirley inquired if any members had attended the meeting in the past. Dr. Young responded by stating that Dr. Richard Bennett had attended the meeting when it was held at the school.

Dr. Furness explained that it is a chance for dental examiners to get together with leaders in education to discuss concerns, issues, and what other schools are doing. Dr. Young commented that Dr. Furness would be presenting at the meeting.

Dr. Shirley inquired if there were budgeted funds to send a representative to the meeting. Mr. Lacefield responded by stating that there were funds for travel reimbursement for board members.

Dr. Maron made a motion and Dr. Reznik 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, Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Dr. JC Shirley, Dr. Don Spillers, Dr. Stiehl, Dr. Debra Wilson, and Dr. Nancy Young.

Executive Session

Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

- M.M.E.
- A.K.G.
- D.R.G.
- K.J.P.
- N.T.D.
- N.A.K.
- C.T.K.
- M.W.C.
- J.M.T.

Applications

- J.A.J.
- R.S.C.
- C.E.U.
- P.B.G.
- A.B.
- V.C.
- D.A.S.
- A.P.M.
- A.T.
- J.T.H.
- S.J.S.
- G.W.

Correspondences

- M.T.

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus discussed the following individuals:

- L.B.W.
- D.M.W.

Mr. Changus presented the following consent order for acceptance:

- D.G.C.

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield

No report.

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

- G.N.G.

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:

Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

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| • M.M.E. | Dental Faculty Applicant | Approved application |
| • A.K.G. | Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant | Approved application with Letter of Concern |
| • D.R.G. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • K.J.P. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • N.T.D. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • N.A.K. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • C.T.K. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • M.W.C. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • J.M.T. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |

Applications

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| • J.A.J. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • R.S.C. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • C.E.U. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • P.B.G. | Initial Moderate Enteral CS | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • A.B. | Initial Moderate Parenteral CS | Overturn denial and approve for provisional permit |
| • V.C. | Initial Moderate Parenteral CS | Schedule to meet with the Sedation Committee |
| • D.A.S. | Initial Moderate Parenteral CS | Approved for provisional permit |
| • A.P.M. | Initial General Anesthesia | Approved for provisional permit |
| • A.T. | General Anesthesia/Additional Sites | Approved application |
| • J.T.H. | General Anesthesia/Additional Sites | Approved application |
| • S.J.S. | Dental Reinstatement Applicant | Approved application |
| • G.W. | Dental Hygiene Reinstatement | Refer to Legal Services |

Correspondences

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| • M.T. | Request for refund | Denied request |
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Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus discussed the following individuals:

- L.B.W. Denied counteroffer
- D.M.W. Denied counteroffer

Mr. Changus presented the following consent order for acceptance:

- D.G.C. Private Consent Order accepted

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield

No report.

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

- G.N.G. Records request Approved request

Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners Annual Meeting: Mr. Lacefield stated that there are funds to cover registration and travel for the meeting. He added that if the Board wanted to send a delegate, it would need to vote on such. Dr. Knight stated he would talk to Mr. Lacefield at a later time regarding the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, 11th Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

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