

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Sedation Committee Virtual Conference Call
January 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Glenn Maron, Chair
Dr. Michael Knight
Dr. Lisa Shilman
Dr. JC Shirley
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz

Staff Present:

Clint Joiner, Executive Director
Tommy McNulty, Senior Asst Attorney General
Itovia Evans, Deputy Director of Licensing
Stacy Altman, Deputy Director – Investigations
Angela C. Johnson, Board Support
Stacey Mitchell, Licensing Analyst

Open Session

Dr. Maron established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. There were three visitors on the call.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Shilman made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Sedation Evaluation Form Revisions

The Committee discussed proposed changes to the sedation application, including concerns regarding inconsistencies among various versions of the application posted on SharePoint and the Board’s public website. Committee Members noted discrepancies in dates, content, and required monitoring equipment. The Committee emphasized that capnography is required at all levels of sedation and directed that this requirement be clearly reflected on the application.

Committee members discussed the need for the sedation application to mirror existing Board rules exactly, noting that substantive changes to requirements cannot be made through application language alone. Additional discussion addressed potential improvements to the application format, including the future goal of an electronic submission portal, the interim use of fillable forms, and the inclusion of page numbers for clarity.

Proposed edits included clarifying distinctions between agents used during clinical training versus those intended for use in practice, and questioning the necessity of requiring additional identity documentation and notarization when the applicant already holds a Georgia dental license. Members also expressed concern about language included in draft versions regarding prohibited drugs, noting that such language must be consistent with current rules.

Due to confusion over multiple versions of the application and the need for further review, the Committee voted to table discussion and action on both the sedation application and the sedation evaluation form until members could review a single, updated version in writing. It was agreed that the matter would be revisited at an in-person meeting in March, with updated materials distributed in advance. The Committee will resume discussion once the revised materials have been submitted.

Discussion of Virtual Sedation Site Inspections

Director Joiner reported that he spoke with Chairman Dr. Hawkins, who agreed to carry the Board’s agency legislation during the upcoming legislative session. The legislation includes two proposed changes related to conscious sedation and general anesthesia requirements to allow for remote inspections. Chairman Hawkins also requested that Dr. Knight and Director Joiner testify in support of the bill before the appropriate legislative committee, with timing to be determined. Dr. Maron

added that as the chair of the Board’s Sedation Committee he would be available to testify as well.

Updates to ACLS/PALS Protocols and Impact on Sedation Evaluations

The Committee discussed the issue of referencing ACLS and PALS protocols in Board rules. Director Joiner and Mr. McNulty explained the legal implications of the non-delegation doctrine, noting that the Board cannot reference evolving third-party standards without specifying a particular version. Committee Members discussed the need for a rule amendment that would allow the Board to reference a specific protocol version through policy, enabling more efficient updates while maintaining legal compliance. Director Joiner agreed to draft proposed language for Board consideration.

Dr. Schultz made a motion and Dr. Shilman seconded, and the Committee 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. Maron, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Dr. Lisa Shilman, and Dr. JC Shirley.

Executive Session

Appearances: EB, HP, MB, GJ

Applications: JC, DK, SP, AA, NS, DY, DC, LM, AE, AB

Miscellaneous: GT, MK, JT

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

Open Session

Dr. Shilman made a motion to approve the following recommendations based on deliberations made in Executive Session and send to the full Board:

Appearance

Applicant	Type of Permit	Recommendation
EMB	Additional General Anesthesia Permits	Approved with conditions
HP	Parenteral Conscious Permit	Approved
MB	Parenteral Conscious Permit	Denied
GJ	Renewal of General Anesthesia Permit and location change	Denied

Applications:

Name	Type of License	Recommendation
JC	Evaluation – General Anesthesia Permit	Approved
DK	Parenteral Conscious	Approved
SP	Evaluation – Moderate Enteral Conscious	Denied - She did not pass her inspection
AA	Evaluation – General Anesthesia Permit	Approved
NS	Parenteral Conscious	Approved
DY	Enteral Conscious	Approved
DC	Change of Location	Approved
LM	Parenteral Conscious	Approved
AE	Enteral Conscious	Denied- Missing Required Equipment
AB	Parenteral Conscious	Tabled for additional review
CY	Evaluation – General Anesthesia Permit	Approved

Discussion

Licensee	Request	Recommendation
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GT	Parenteral Conscious Application	Schedule Interview with the Committee
MK	Sedation Evaluator/ Peer Reviewer	Approved to Continue
JT	Request to Appear	Denied. Must wait 6 months

Miscellaneous

SLV: Referred to IC for alleged false advertising of “board-certified oral sedation” without a Georgia sedation permit.

Dr. Shirley seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Angela C. Johnson, Board Administrative Secretary

Edited by J. Clinton Joiner, II, Executive Director