

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2025**

**Following Board members were present:**

Dr. David Reznik, President  
Dr. Brent Stiehl, Vice-President  
Dr. Gregory Goggans  
Dr. Michael Knight  
Dr. Glenn Maron  
Ms. Misty Mattingly  
Dr. Larry Miles, Jr.  
Dr. Ami Patel  
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld (Virtual)  
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz  
Dr. Lisa Shilman  
Dr. J.C. Shirley  
Dr. Don Spillers, Jr. (Virtual)  
Dr. Debra Wilson (Virtual)

**Staff present:**

Tommy McNulty, Sr. Assistant Attorney  
General  
Itovia Evans, Deputy Director – Licensing  
Stacy Altman, Deputy Director – Investigations  
Angela Johnson, Board Administrative Support  
Kimberly Holland, RDH BSDH – Complaint  
Investigator

**Following Board members were not present:**

Dr. Lacey Green  
Ms. Lisa Selfe  
Dr. Nancy Young

**Visitors:**

Luke Ray, DCG  
Catrice Opichka, CRDTS  
Richael Cobler, CRDTS  
Shenese Ferguson, GDHA  
Randy Kluender, Georgia School of  
Orthodontics

Jon Hoin, GDA  
Pam Cushenan, GDHA  
John Watson, ADSO  
Amanda Lancaster

**Open Session**

Dr. Reznik established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Reznik welcomed the visitors and asked them to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Goggans made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from June 6, 2025, meeting. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from Sedation Committee's May 27, 2025, meeting. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Report of Issued**

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

**Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance:**

**Soo Jin Lee – Request for Variance of Rule 150-7-.04(3)(c) and Rule 150-7-.04(1)(c)**

Dr. Lee's request was tabled at the May 2025 meeting. The Board requested that Dr. Lee supplement her request with information on what she has been doing since 2023.

Dr. Lee requested a waiver for the requirement of 1,000 hours of full-time clinical practice per year, as her recent residency training at UCLA (2021-2023) did not qualify as "full-time clinical practice" under the Board's rules. She cited a personal hardship due to becoming the primary caregiver for her parents in Massachusetts after her father's stroke, which prevents her from completing the required hours there. Dr. Lee also highlighted the shortage of orofacial pain specialists in Georgia, with only five active practitioners statewide.

The Board discussed Dr. Lee's supplemental information but determined that her request did not demonstrate sufficient hardship. The Board acknowledged the need for specialists but reiterated that residency hours do not count toward the clinical practice requirement.

Dr. Knight made a motion to deny the variance request. Dr. Shilman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the variance request.

**Donghong Sin – Request for Waiver Rule 150-3-.09(4)(d)**

Dr. Sin sought a waiver from Rule 150-3-.09(4)(d) requiring 40 continuing education (CE) hours, including 20 hours in-person, asserting that he completed 20 CE hours in 2024 and additional hours would be a burden.

The board discussed this request, noting that he had the entire year to complete the remaining in-person CE and had not established sufficient hardship.

Dr. Goggans made a motion to deny the waiver request. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the waiver request.

**Kruti Shah – Request for Variance of Rule 150-7-.04(1)(c)**

Dr. Kruti Shah requested a waiver for the rule requiring 1,000 hours of full-time dental practice within the U.S. or its territories for the past five years to obtain licensure by credentials. She graduated and practiced full-time in New Zealand for 12 years.

The Board discussed this waiver and suggested that Dr. Shah apply for licensure through an alternative pathway such as application by examination.

Dr. Knight made a motion to deny the waiver request. Dr. Maron seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the waiver request.

**Sara Kidder – Waiver of Rule 150-5-.05(4)(d)**

Ms. Kidder requested reconsideration of a denied waiver for the in-person CE requirement, or alternatively, a six-month extension. She cited hardship due to being stationed in Florida with her Air Force spouse. The board denied the reconsideration, reasoning that she did not demonstrate sufficient hardship, especially as she was not applying to practice in Georgia but merely to maintain her license while out of state and accessible CE opportunities existed in her vicinity in Florida.

The Board directed her to utilize online resources from various organizations to locate courses in her vicinity that would meet this obligation.

Dr. Knight made a motion to uphold the denial of the waiver petition. Dr. Shilman seconded the motion, and the Board voted to uphold the denial of the petition.

**Dr. Shaun Anderson Thompson– Request for Variance of Rule 150-7-.04(2) and Rule 150-7-.04(5)**

Dr. Thompson's request was tabled at the June meeting. The Board requested additional

information concerning his practice in Singapore, his proposed scope of practice in Georgia, and to allow time for obtaining good standing verification from Singapore.

Dr. Thompson requested a variance of rules regarding the 1,000-hour clinical care requirement (as his experience was outside the U.S.) and the recognition of his 2009 clinical licensing exam. He cited a significant family hardship: his 8-year-old daughter's celiac disease diagnosis necessitates an immediate move from Asia to Georgia by July 2025 for appropriate medical care and school admission in Roswell.

Dr. Goggans moved to approve the variance petition. Ms. Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the variance request.

#### **Eric Patrick Becker – Request for Variance of Rule 150-3-.01(7)(g)**

Dr. Becker's request for a variance from Rule 150-3-.01(7)(g), seeking to allow his August 2020 ADEX manikin-based examination results for licensure, was tabled at the June 6, 2025, Meeting. The Board requested additional information regarding Dr. Becker's activities since his graduation. The Board noted that similar situations arising from the pandemic had been previously approved under emergency rules, recognizing that he met the same standards as those who took the exam at a later, accepted date

Ms. Mattingly moved to approve the variance petition. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the variance request.

#### **Correspondence**

Email from Ronnie L. Hold, DDS with Blue Ridge Dentistry requesting that the Board amend the diode laser rule for the inclusion of photobiomodulation (PBM) therapy

Dr. Hold sent an email requesting the Board amend to Rule 150-5-.08. This rule currently permits Georgia dentists to delegate the use of diode lasers to dental hygienists for laser bacterial reduction/disinfection of the gingival sulcus. Dr. Hold is asking for the inclusion of Photobiomodulation (PBM) therapy as a delegable duty.

Dr. Maron suggested the Board research Dr. Hold's request before responding, and Dr. Shirley agreed. The Board then assigned this review to the Hygiene Committee

Dr. Maron made a motion to table the discussion for 30 days, and Dr. Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted to table the discussion for 30 days to allow the Board additional time to research the issue.

#### **General – Dr. David Reznik**

Dr. Reznik discussed changes in committee assignments.

He announced that the Rules Committee will consist of: Dr. Miles, Ms. Mattingly, Dr. Knight, Dr. Reznik, and Dr. Goggans.

The Investigate Committee members will be Dr. Stiehl (Chair), Dr. Maron, Dr. Green, Dr. Knight, and Dr. Shirley. Dr. Reznik and Dr. Schultz will serve as Ad Hoc members.

For the Licensure Overview Committee, the members are Dr. Shilman (Chair), Dr. Miles, Ms. Mattingly, Dr. Patel, and Dr. Wilson.

The CE Audit Committee includes Dr. Goggans (Chair), Dr. Green, Dr. Patel, Mr. Scheinfeld, and

Ms. Selfe.

The Committee on Licensure by Credentials will be Dr. Goggans (Chair), Dr. Reznik, Mr. Scheinfeld, Ms. Selfe, and Dr. Wilson.

The Sedation Committee will consist of: Dr. Maron (Chair), Dr. Knight, Dr. Schultz, Dr. Shilman, and Dr. Shirley.

The Infection Control Committee members are Dr. Shirley (Chair), Dr. Reznik, Ms. Selfe, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Young.

The Dental Hygiene Committee includes Ms. Mattingly (Chair), Ms. Selfe, Dr. Reznik, Dr. Young, and Dr. Patel.

Finally, the Legislative Committee will consist of: Dr. Reznik (Chair), Dr. Stiehl, Dr. Knight, Dr. Maron, and Dr. Goggans.

Ms. Mattingly asked if she or Ms. Selfe could be added to the Legislative Committee. She emphasized the importance of Dental Hygienist representation, especially given the projection that the next legislative session will be robust.

Dr. Reznik requested that Board members help with application reviews during the renewal process.

### **Internal Committee Reports**

#### **Infection Control Committee – Dr. JC Shirley, Dr. David Reznik, Dr. Nancy Young, Dr. Debra Wilson, Ms. Lisa Selfe, RDH**

Dr. Shirley asked when the new water line rule would become effective. Dr. Reznik advised that the Governor has signed, and the rule is pending.

#### **Dental Hygiene Committee**

Ms. Mattingly advised that she will be reaching out to the Committee to schedule the first meeting.

### **External Committee Reports**

#### **Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee (PDMP) Report – Dr. Lisa Shilman**

No Report.

#### **CRDTS Steering Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl**

Dr. Stiehl advised that there is a meeting scheduled for August 22-23, 2025, and that he will be representing the Board at the meeting.

#### **CRDTS Examination Committee Report - Dr. Ami Patel**

No Report.

#### **Dental College of Georgia Liaison Report (DCG)– Dr. Michael Knight**

No Report.

#### **CDCA-WREB-CITA Steering Committee Report – Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. JC Shirley, Ms. Misty Mattingly, RDH**

Dr. Shirley discussed the new realignment of the examination boards. He reported that CDCA-WREB-CITA is merging with the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) to form a single organization under the ADEX name. Finalization is expected later this summer, pending approval of revised bylaws. The new ADEX will have two main branches: the Council on Examinations (which develops exams) and CWC (which administers exams).

The Council on Examinations will replace the previous Steering Committee, focusing exclusively on the content, scoring, and criteria of the clinical dental and dental hygiene examinations. The merger aims to expand state board involvement in examination development, allowing each state dental board to appoint one dentist and one dental hygienist to the Council on Examinations. Exam content or structure will not change due to the merger, and existing ADEX exams will remain in place.

Dr. Shirley would like the Board to appoint the members once this merger has been approved.

#### **GDHEA Liaison Report – Dr. Michael Knight, Ms. Lisa Selfe, RDH**

Dr. Knight reported that the Committee will be reaching out to schools to get more information to report back to the Board. Dr. Reznik commented that he would like to know how many students are enrolled in the dental/ hygiene school and how many are expected to graduate this year.

#### **Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Tommy McNulty**

No Report

#### **Executive Director’s Report** – Presented by Mrs. Angela Johnson in the absence of Executive Director Clint Joiner

No Report

#### **Legal Services** – Presented by Mrs. Angela Johnson in the absence of Executive Director Clint Joiner

No Report.

#### **Miscellaneous**

##### **Discussion on Dental Practice Ethics**

Dr. Maron spoke regarding that the ethics and quality of care within the dental profession, particularly concerning the shift from a "caring, healing profession" to a business-driven model. Dr. Maron expressed great concern about profit motivation, seemingly overshadowing patient care, noting a significant increase in complaints to the investigative committee related to financially driven and outlandish treatment plans. Both Dr. Maron and Dr. Reznik emphasized the board's responsibility to protect the public and highlighted that a large percentage of complaints are "monetarily based."

##### **CRDTS Care Program Presentation**

Catrice Opichka, Director of Special Programs for CRDTS gave a presentation about the CRDTS Care Program. CRDTS is requesting that Georgia to accept CRDTS CARE as an approved remediation option for dental licensees.

Ms. Opichka stated that the “key components” of the program are: Customized Remediation Plans, Based on board orders, assessments, and licensee needs; Pre-Assessment Tools Didactic and clinical evaluations and Ethics & Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS); Learning Plans that include detailed coursework mapped to areas needing improvement with didactic education, Zoom sessions, typodont homework, and one-on-one training; and Post-Assessment reports sent to board with progress and recommendations.

She continued, stating that the “Didactic & Clinical Content” includes recordkeeping, ethics, periodontal staging/grading, local anesthesia (with VR/haptic simulation) and diagnosis/treatment planning, restorative dentistry, implants, and medical emergencies.

The program is approved in Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana, Iowa, South Dakota, New Mexico, Idaho, Texas, Illinois, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Washington.

Dr. Shirley asked about the program's start date and number of students. Ms. Opichka responded approximately 2.5 years ago. Regarding the number of students, it varies, with 3 to 5 hygiene students per month and dozens of dental students monthly.

Dr. Shirley asked about the cost of the programs. Ms. Opichka responded that the program is case-by-case, so it varies depending on individual needs and the assessment plan. The initial pre-assessment costs \$4,015.00, which includes assessment, reports, and post-assessment. The second phase can range from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00, again, depending on the assessment results. Most participants fall within the \$8,000 to \$12,000 range.

For the one-on-one hygiene program Ms. Mattingly inquired about, the cost is \$5,000.00.

Dr. Knight inquired about the costs for a dentist ordered to undergo assessment and complete a program, it was clarified that the range is typically \$10,000 to \$30,000. The program is currently offered in Topeka, Kansas. The duration of the program varies and needs to be factored in based on individual needs. There are plans to expand to other locations in the future.

Dr. Reznik thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Dr. Maron made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Dr. Knight 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), § 43-1-2(h) and § 50-14-3(b)(2). Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Gregory Goggans, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Ms. Misty Mattingly, Dr. Larry Miles, Jr., Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. David Reznik, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Lisa Shilman, Dr. Jeffrey S. Shultz, Dr. J.C. Shirley, Dr. Don Spillers Jr., Dr. Brent Stiehl, and Dr. Debra Wilson.

**Executive Session**

**Appearances:** C.Y. and H.U.

**LOC Recommendations**

A.S.	K.Y.	B.C.G.	G.Y.
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**Applications**

JDC	MI	ES	SG	JH	AA
BH	AS	RC	DR	DE	MS

**Correspondence:** SH

**Investigative Committee’s Referral Case List:**

250073	250215	250052	250242	250151	250837
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**Attorney General’s Report** – Mr. Tommy McNulty

**Signed Orders**

L.R.K.	J.T.
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**Open Cases**

K.G.P.	S.S.	T.R.	S.M.	M.P.	D.M.	K.B.
L.K.R.	J.H.	M.K.	A.N.	M.I.	L.A.	

**Investigations & Compliance Report** – Mr. Stacy Altman  
Deputy Director Altman updated the Board on ongoing cases.

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

<b>Open Session</b>
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Dr. Goggans made a motion to approve all recommendations based on deliberations made in Executive Session as follows:

**Appearances**

C.Y.	Appear to Discuss Denial of Application	Denial upheld
H.T.U.	Appear to Discuss Denial of Application	Application approved

**LOC Recommendations**

A.S.L.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approve with Private Consent Order
K.Y.Y.	Dental Hygiene Licensure by Examination	Approved
B.D.G.	Dental Hygiene Licensure by Examination	Approved
G.Y.	Dental Licensure by Examination	Approved

**Applications**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of License/Permit</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
J.D.C.	Examination	Tabled for AG opinion
M.I.	Examination	Approved
E.S.	Credentials	Tabled for AG opinion
S.G.	Credentials	Denied
J.H.	Parenteral Conscious	Approve
A.A.	General Anesthesia	Approve
B.H.	Sedation Evaluation	Send 30-Day Notice to Respond to the deficiency letter
A.S.	Sedation Evaluation	Send 30-Day Notice to Respond to the deficiency letter
R.C.	Provisional Permit Extension Request	Granted. The new deadline is September 15, 2025
D.R.	General Anesthesia/ Sedation Evaluation	Send 30-Day Notice to schedule onsite inspection
S.A.	Provisional Permit Extension Request	Upheld as denied
D.E.	Requesting to Meet with the Board to discuss the denial of her sedation permit	Approved
M.S.	Hygienist Reinstatement	Tabled for additional information

**Correspondence**

S.H. – Request to Inactive License – Approved

**Investigative Committee’s Referral Case List:**

<b>Case #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
250073	Unprofessional conduct	Refer to AG’s Office
250215	Unprofessional conduct	Remain close and send reminder that soliciting patients is not allowed
250052	Standard of Care and Unprofessional Conduct	Close insufficient evidence
250242	Unprofessional conduct	Close with Letter of Concern
250151	Unprofessional conduct	Refer to AG’s Office
250837	Standard of Care and Unprofessional Conduct	Close no violation

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Board of Dentistry, 2 MLK Jr. Drive SE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Minutes recorded by Angela C. Johnson, Board Administrative Secretary

Edited by J. Clinton Joiner, II, Executive Director