

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
May 1, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Greg Goggans, President
Dr. Tracy Gay, Vice-President
Ms. Becky Bynum
Dr. Richard Bennett
Dr. Michael Knight
Dr. Glenn Maron
Dr. Ami Patel
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld
Dr. Brent Stiehl
Dr. Debra Wilson
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Eric Lacefield, Deputy Director
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Kimberly Emm, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Shayna Overfelt, CDCA
Kevin Frazier, DCG
John Watson, ADSO
Emily Yona, GDA
Lauren Pollow, PDS
Misty Mattingly

Open Session

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

Introduction of Visitors

Dr. Goggans welcomed the visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the April 3, 2020 Conference Call and the April 21, 2020 Emergency Conference Call minutes. Dr. Bennett seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report of Licenses Issued

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Variance Petition from Dai Choi

Dr. Bennett made a motion to deny the rule variance petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Variance Petition from Ghazal Sadeghi

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to deny the rule variance petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Dr. Bennett seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Variance Petition from Kelsey Gass

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to deny the rule variance petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Dr. Bennett seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Waiver Petition from Dr. Brandon K. Cannon

Dr. Maron requested the Board revisit the rule waiver petition submitted by Dr. Cannon that was denied at the Board's April meeting. He stated that Dr. Cannon is an Oral Maxillofacial surgeon and holds a Tennessee dental license. Dr. Maron stated that Dr. Cannon petitioned for the waiver of Rule 150-7-.04(5)(a)(1). Dr. Bennett responded by stating that Dr. Cannon is asking the Board accept the periodontal portion on a computer versus a live patient. He stated that the Board does not offer specialty licensure in this state and the Board has set the guidelines that no matter what the applicant is doing, he/she has to meet the requirements. Dr. Bennett stated that the Board receives numerous requests of this nature and the Board has to be consistent in its response. He stated that if the Board feels this is an extenuating circumstance, that is entirely up to the Board. Dr. Bennett stated the Board discussed this matter at its April meeting and it voted to deny the petition. Dr. Goggans stated that all Dr. Cannon needs to do is pass a patient-based periodontics exam. He asked if there were any further comments. Dr. Yeargan commented that the Board needs to be consistent with what it has done in the past. Dr. Maron indicated that he did not have anything additional to add but just wanted to discuss the matter.

Correspondence from Stephanie Jaipual, ASDA

The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only.

Correspondence from Dr. Scott DeRossi, UNC

The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only.

General – Dr. Greg Goggans

No report.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

Faculty licensure: Ms. Battle discussed an inquiry she received from the Dental College of Georgia concerning candidate eligibility for a Georgia faculty license. The Board previously discussed this matter at its March meeting and the Board voted to table consideration pending additional information regarding the curriculum for the three-year advanced operative program offered by the University of North Carolina. After discussion of the additional information received, the Board recommended directing staff to respond to the Dental College of Georgia by stating that the candidate would not qualify based on the requirements listed under O.C.G.A. § 43-11-42.

DH ERC: Ms. Battle reported that she received a request from CRDTS regarding Sam Brothers, who is a dental hygiene examiner, and what the Board's pleasure is regarding her continuing to serve as such. Dr. Bennett commented that Ms. Brothers has been very involved and she is willing to serve another term. Dr. Yeargan agreed. Dr. Bennett made a motion to recommend Ms. Brothers continue serving as a CRDTS hygiene examiner. Dr. Stiehl seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Max Changus

No report.

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm

No report.

Dr. Bert Yeargan made a motion and Dr. Richard Bennett seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2), §43-11-47(h) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Dr. Ami Patel, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Brent Stiehl, Dr. Debra Wilson and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

- J.E.T.
- C.B.
- A.L.E.
- B.L.H.
- R.A.W.
- A.S.B.
- J.M.B.
- J.L.K.
- J.M.M.

Applications

- K.G.L.
- M.T.S.
- J.M.T.
- S.B.I.
- K.A.S.
- K.H.
- M.G.L.
- S.H.
- A.M.H.

Correspondences

- D.Y.C.
- V.D.D.

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan

No report.

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- J.H.J.
- C.M.W.

Mr. Changus discussed the following:

- DENT150225
- Pending litigation

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm

Ms. Emm presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- D.C.L.
- D.S.M.

Miscellaneous

- Legal advice regarding Rule 150-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct and the Governor’s Executive Order.
- Clinical/Exam requirements during pandemic.

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

Open Session

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

Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

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| • J.E.T. | Request to terminate probation | Approved request |
| • C.B. | Dental Hygiene Applicant | Approved application |
| • A.L.E. | Request to change monitoring physician | Approved request |
| • B.L.H. | Request to change monitoring physician | Approved request |
| • R.A.W. | Renewal Pending | Refer to Legal Services |
| • A.S.B. | Renewal Pending | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • J.M.B. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • J.L.K. | Renewal Pending | Approved for renewal |
| • J.M.M. | Renewal Pending | Table pending receipt of additional information |

Applications

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| • K.G.L. | Dental Examination Applicant | Approved application |
| • M.T.S. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Denied application |
| • J.M.T. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Approved application |
| • S.B.I. | General Anesthesia Applicant | Approved request for extension of provisional permit for 3 months |
| • K.A.S. | General Anesthesia Applicant | Approved request for extension of provisional permit for 3 months |
| • K.H. | General Anesthesia Applicant | Approved for provisional permit |
| • M.G.L. | Moderate Parenteral Conscious Sedation | Approved evaluation |
| • S.H. | Moderate Enteral Conscious Sedation | Approved application |
| • A.M.H. | Dental Faculty | |

Correspondences

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| • D.Y.C. | Request for refund of application fee | Denied request |
| • V.D.D. | Request for a waiver of reinstatement fee | Denied request |

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan

No report.

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- J.H.J. Public Consent Order accepted
- C.M.W. Private Consent Order accepted

Mr. Changus discussed the following:

- DENT150225 Update provided
- Pending litigation Update provided

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm

Ms. Emm presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- D.C.L. Public Consent Order accepted
- D.S.M. Public Consent Order accepted

Miscellaneous

- Legal advice regarding Rule 150-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct and the Governor’s Executive Order.
- Clinical/Exam requirements during pandemic.

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

In the same motion, the Board voted to adopt the following statement:

Whereas, the Executive Order of Governor Kemp dated 4-23-20 states that, “any previous order or rule which would prevent dental practices and clinics from providing full scope of their services subject to adhering to ADA Interim guidance for minimizing risk of Covid-19 transmission” was suspended.

The Board of Dentistry hereby clarifies their position that provided dentists and dental providers follow these ADA interim guidance and CDC guidelines for infection control and PPE they may resume elective treatment for patients in Georgia.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held via conference call on Friday, June 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director