

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334
Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2026

Board members in attendance

Dr. David Reznik, President (Via Microsoft Teams)
Dr. Brent Stiehl, Vice President
Dr. Gregory Goggans
Dr. Lacey Green
Dr. Michael Knight, Sr.
Dr. Glenn Maron
Ms. Misty Mattingly
Dr. Larry W. Miles, Jr.
Dr. Ami Patel
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld
Dr. J.C. Shirley
Ms. Lisa Selfe
Dr. Lisa Shilman
Dr. Don Spillers, Jr.
Dr. Debra Wilson

Visitors:

Jon Hoin, GDA
Iris Mason, GDHA
Janelle Adams, GDA
Keonka Williams, GDHA
Pam Cushenan, GDHA

Staff present:

Clint Joiner, Executive Director
Itovia Evans, Deputy Director – Licensing
Stacy Altman, Deputy Director – Investigations
Eric Yi, Asst. Attorney General
Angela Johnson, Board Admin. Secretary
Kimberly Holland, Investigator

Board members not in attendance:

Dr. Nancy Young

Elizabeth Lewis, DPH
Suzanne Newkirk, GDHA
Peter Shatz, GDA
Quintina Clark, GDHA
Ashton Blackwood, DCG

Abbreviations:

DPH, Georgia Department of Public Health
DCG, Dental College of Georgia
GDA, Georgia Dental Association
GA DRN, Georgia Dental Recovery Network
GHC, Georgia Highlands College

GDHA, Georgia Dental Hygiene Association
GSO, Georgia School of Orthodontics
ADSO, Association of Dental Support Organizations
ASU, Albany State University

Open Session

Due to the necessity of Dr. Reznik’s participation via Teams, Dr. Stiehl, attending in person, acted as chair for the meeting.

Dr. Stiehl established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

Introduction of Visitors

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

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the April 10, 2026 meeting. Dr. Goggans seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report on Licenses Issued

Director Joiner presented the Board’s licensing activities for ratification. He reported that since the previous meeting, 36 licenses were issued administratively, there were no applications for inactive status, and three IP approvals were granted.

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

Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance:

Brianna Tucker – Requesting Variance of Rule 150-3-.01(7)(g)

The Board reviewed a waiver request from Brianna Tucker related to the ADEX examination. It was noted that Ms. Tucker completed the ADEX exam in 2020, prior to the implementation of the new rules in 2021, and that similar requests have been approved in the past.

Dr. Spillers made a motion to approve the variance request. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Lamont Gillham - Requesting Waiver of Rule 150-3-.01

The Board reviewed a waiver request from Lamont Gilham related to retaking a portion of the examination. It was noted that the applicant previously passed the exam in 2004 but failed a portion in 2022 and requested a waiver of the requirement to retake the exam.

Following discussion, Board members determined that no sufficient hardship was demonstrated to justify the waiver.

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

Dylan Love – Waiver Request for Rule 150-7-.04(5)(a)

The Board reviewed the waiver request and application of Dylan Love and determined that he qualified for licensure under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). As a result, the Board concluded that the requested waiver was unnecessary and directed staff to proceed with processing the application in accordance with SCRA requirements.

Dr. Knight made a motion to deny the waiver petition but approve his application. Dr. Spillers seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence

Email from Alicia Mims regarding requirements for in-person, on site CE

The Board reviewed correspondence from Alicia Mims regarding in-person, on-site continuing education requirements. Board members acknowledged the correspondence and discussed the current policy, noting continued support for in-person, live continuing education as the preferred method of learning. No action was taken.

Email from YouBelong Pediatrics – Regarding Application of Fluoride Varnish

The Board reviewed correspondence from a pediatric practice (You Belong Pediatrics) regarding whether licensure is required to apply fluoride varnish to patients under the age of three. Board members discussed whether the application of fluoride varnish constitutes the practice of dental hygiene and whether such activity falls under the Board’s jurisdiction. It was noted that fluoride varnish application has been commonly performed in pediatric medical practices for many years and is generally considered to fall under the authority of the medical board when performed within a physician’s practice.

The Board noted that it likely does not have jurisdiction over procedures performed within a medical practice, even when those procedures involve oral health services. However, members expressed concern regarding the delegation of such procedures and questioned whether the performance of fluoride varnish applications by unlicensed personnel, such as medical assistants, could constitute the unlicensed practice of dentistry.

The Board discussed the distinction between a physician performing the procedure versus delegating it to staff, noting potential regulatory and patient safety implications. Additional concerns were raised about the broader implications of allowing non-dental personnel to perform procedures traditionally within the scope of dental practice.

Despite these concerns, the Board agreed that it lacks clear authority to regulate activities within a physician's practice. It was further noted that fluoride varnish application by pediatric providers is a widespread and accepted preventive practice, often driven by access-to-care issues and supported by reimbursement structures.

The Board concluded that no regulatory action would be taken at this time. However, it was suggested that a letter could be issued recommending that providers follow national guidelines and complete appropriate training, such as oral health risk assessment and fluoride application protocols.

The Board clarified that the proposed correspondence would be directed to the Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB), with a copy provided to the individual who submitted the inquiry. Members indicated that the purpose of the letter is to ensure appropriate communication and coordination between the respective boards.

The Board determined that Dr. Reznik will confer with the President of GCMB and, following that discussion, draft a letter to the Medical Board with a copy to the requester.

Email from Suzanne Newkirk regarding Teledentistry rules and Letter from GDA regarding Teledentistry

The Board reviewed teledentistry-related correspondence, including comments from Suzanne Newkirk and the Georgia Dental Association (GDA).

The correspondence raised concerns and recommendations regarding the proposed teledentistry rules, including clarification of supervision requirements, the use of synchronous versus asynchronous communication, delegation of duties, definitions within the rule, administrative burden, and alignment with existing statutes. Additional comments addressed potential HIPAA implications, referral requirements, and the need for clearer guidance to ensure compliance while maintaining access to care.

The Board acknowledged the correspondence and deferred discussion until the discussion of the teledentistry rules in general later in the meeting.

General – Dr. Reznik

No report

Internal Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Dr. Reznik, Dr. Stiehl, Dr. Knight, Dr. Maron, Dr. Goggans & Ms. Mattingly

Dr. Reznik reported that the Legislative Committee will meet Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Dental Hygiene Committee – Ms. Mattingly, Ms. Selfe, Dr. Reznik, Dr. Young and Dr. Patel
Ms. Selfe reported that the Committee will meet May 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Investigative Committee – Dr. Stiehl, Dr. Maron, Dr. Green, Dr. Knight and Dr. Shirley
No Report

License Overview Committee – Dr. Shilman, Dr. Miles, Ms. Mattingly, Dr. Patel and Dr. Wilson
No Report.

Sedation Committee – Dr. Maron, Dr. Knight, Dr. Miles, Dr. Shilman and Dr. Shirley
Dr. Maron advised that the Committee’s next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Maron reported that consensus had been reached on proposed updates to application forms, including the addition of a waiver section for applicants to complete and sign, if applicable. He noted that the revised forms are nearly finalized and ready for Board review.

Dr. Maron requested that the updated forms be distributed to all Board members via SharePoint for review, with a vote anticipated at the next meeting.

External Committee Reports

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

No Report

CRDTS Steering Committee Report – Dr. Stiehl

No Report

CRDTS Examination Committee Report - Dr. Patel

No Report

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

The Dental College of Georgia officially broke ground on its new Savannah campus on April 29, 2026, at the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University in Savannah.

ADEX Council of Examinations - Dr. Shirley, Ms. Mattingly, RDH

Dr. Shirley reported on updates to the ADEX examination, specifically the integration of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) component. He noted that ADEX and ADA licensure examinations are moving toward a combined or standardized OSCE format.

Dr. Shirley discussed the potential impact of these changes on licensure reporting and acceptance across states, including those that currently accept portfolio licensure in lieu of clinical examinations. He noted that the updated examinations are expected to remain similar in structure and scope to current formats.

No formal action was taken.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Eric Yi

No Report

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Clint Joiner

No Report

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

Director Joiner reported that amended Rule 150-5-.03, Supervision of Dental Hygienists, was received and filed by the Secretary of State’s Office on April 10, 2026, and will become effective on April 30, 2026.

He also reported that amended Rule 150-8-.05, Dental Unit Water Quality, was received and filed

by the Secretary of State's Office on April 10, 2026, and will become effective on April 30, 2026.

Discussion

Potential Disciplinary Action for Dentists Supervising Dental Hygienists with Lapsed Licenses

The Board discussed a growing concern regarding dental hygienists practicing with lapsed licenses and the need to hold supervising dentists accountable for verifying licensure compliance.

The Board noted that this issue had previously been addressed at the April 10, 2026 meeting, during which the Board reaffirmed that supervising dentists are responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable laws and rules, including verification of licensure for individuals practicing under their supervision. This discussion was placed on the record in Open Session following Executive Session.

Several Board members emphasized that dentists are legally responsible for authorizing treatment and supervising dental hygienists and, therefore, have a duty to verify that all personnel maintain active licensure. The Board discussed existing requirements, including the display of licenses, but acknowledged that outdated or fraudulent licenses may still be presented. Several members stated that dentists should independently verify licensure through the Board's website as part of standard onboarding and ongoing employment practices.

Director Joiner noted that the pharmacy profession has a similar responsibility, as pharmacist-in-charge are required to verify and maintain technician licensure despite the associated administrative burden. Several Board members agreed that a comparable level of accountability is appropriate within the dental profession.

The Board also discussed situations involving temporary staffing agencies and noted that, although such agencies may verify licensure, the ultimate responsibility remains with the supervising dentist.

The Board acknowledged that statutory limitations may apply to fines and that enforcement would be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and Board rules. It was further noted that disciplinary action could include additional measures, such as probation, where appropriate.

Following discussion, Dr. Maron made a motion that both the dental hygienist and supervising dentist be held accountable when a hygienist practices without an active license. The motion included the imposition of a fine of up to \$500 per violation, with discretion to consider the circumstances of each case. It was noted that violations could be assessed per occurrence, including per patient treated, consistent with existing enforcement practices. Ms. Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

The Board directed staff to proceed accordingly, including drafting any necessary rule language and communicating these requirements to licensees.

Teledentistry Committee – Dr. Knight - Proposed New and Amended Rules

The Board conducted an initial review of proposed Rule Chapter 150-25 governing teledentistry. Dr. Knight presented the draft rules and discussed the challenges associated with implementing the new statutory requirements. He emphasized that the purpose of the review was to solicit feedback, identify areas requiring clarification, and consider potential revisions before moving forward in the rulemaking process.

Chapter 150-25 – Teledentistry

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-2, 43-11-7, 43-11-54

Rule 150-25-.01 Definitions

- (1) The definitions contained in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54(a) are hereby incorporated by reference.
- (2) The following additional definitions apply:
 - (a) “Board Notification” means the written submission required under Rule 150-25-.02 prior to initiating teledentistry services.
 - (b) “Non-reversible treatment” means any procedure that permanently alters hard or soft oral tissues, including but not limited to extractions, irreversible pulp therapy, surgical procedures, or preparation of teeth for restorations.
 - (c) “Teledentistry Encounter Record” means the documentation required under Rule 150-25-.05 for each teledentistry interaction.

Rule 150-25-.02 Notice of Intent and Registration

- (1) Prior to providing dental care through teledentistry pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54, a licensed dentist shall file a Notice of Intent with the Board.
- (2) Notice of Intent shall be on a form specified by the Board, and shall include:
 - (a) Attestation of active Georgia licensure in good standing;
 - (b) Physical office address for provision of dental services in Georgia;
 - (c) Name, license number, and office address of the Referred Dentist;
 - (d) Attestation of HIPAA compliance;
 - (e) Attestation of compliance with professional liability insurance requirements.
- (3) An Authorizing Dentist shall annually submit an attestation of continuing compliance; which shall be submitted between December 1 and December 31.
 - (a) Attestation of continuing compliance is separate and distinct from a dentist’s renewal of his or her license, and shall be submitted in accordance with this rule without regard to when he or she may have submitted his or her license renewal.
- (4) Any change in referred dentist or physical office location shall be reported to the Board in writing within 30 days of the date of such change.

Rule 150-25-.03 Clinical Standards

- (1) Teledentistry services shall adhere to the same standard of care as in-person dental treatment.
- (2) A bona fide dentist-patient relationship shall be established consistent with statutory requirements.
- (3) An in-person clinical examination is required prior to providing or authorizing non-reversible or high-risk procedures.
Services prohibited by statute, including orthodontics and delivery of dental appliances, shall not be provided via teledentistry.

Rule 150-25-.04 Supervision and Hygienist Requirements

- (1) An authorizing dentist shall not supervise more than four dental hygienists simultaneously providing services via teledentistry.
- (2) A dental hygienist providing services via teledentistry must:
 - (a) Have at least two years of clinical experience;
 - (b) Maintain CPR certification;
 - (c) Maintain continuing education compliance;
 - (d) Maintain professional liability insurance unless exempt under sovereign immunity.
- (3) Written authorization shall be documented electronically and maintained in the patient record.

Rule 150-25-.05 Recordkeeping

- (1) The authorizing dentist shall be custodian of records as required by statute.
- (2) Each Teledentistry Encounter Record shall include:

- (a) Date and time;
 - (b) Verification of patient identity;
 - (c) Confirmation of patient's physical location in Georgia;
 - (d) Review of medical and dental history;
 - (e) Diagnostic materials reviewed;
 - (f) Written authorization documentation;
 - (g) Referral information provided;
 - (h) Informed consent documentation.
- (3) Records shall be retained consistent with existing Board retention rules.

Rule 150-25-.06 Informed Consent

- (1) Informed consent shall be obtained prior to first teledentistry service and annually thereafter.
- (2) Consent shall include:
 - (a) Statement that teledentistry is not equivalent to an in-person clinical examination;
 - (b) Disclosure that authorizing dentist will not be physically present;
 - (c) Emergency referral protocol;
 - (d) Alternatives to teledentistry.

Rule 150-25-.07 Prescribing

- (1) An authorizing dentist may prescribe non-controlled medications consistent with statute.
- (2) Controlled substances shall not be prescribed via teledentistry under this Rule.

Rule 150-25-.08 Privacy and Security

- (1) Teledentistry platforms must comply with HIPAA and applicable Georgia privacy laws.
- (2) Use of unsecured public-facing platforms is prohibited.

Rule 150-25-.09 Grounds for Discipline

Violation of O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54 or this Chapter constitutes unprofessional conduct subject to discipline under the Dental Practice Act.

Rule 150-25-.10 Board Authorization of Teledentistry Services

- (1) An Authorizing Dentist shall be authorized to provide teledentistry services only upon receipt of written notice of such authorization from the Board.
- (2) An Authorizing Dentist shall not provide or advertise the provision of teledentistry services prior to receiving written authorization from the Board.

Rule 150-25-.11 Referral Relationship and Referral Agreement

- (1) Prior to providing teledentistry services, an Authorizing Dentist shall establish and maintain a referral relationship with a Referred Dentist practicing in a physical and operational dental office located in the State of Georgia. Such referral relationship shall be evidenced and supported by a written referral agreement.
- (2) The written referral agreement shall include:
 - (a) Legal name and Georgia license number of the Authorizing Dentist;
 - (b) Legal name and Georgia license number of the Referred Dentist;
 - (c) Address of the physical and operational dental office of the Referred Dentist;
 - (d) Contact information for the Referred Dentist;
 - 1. Contact information shall be the same as that provided to patients at the time teledentistry services are performed, and shall be sufficient to allow the patient to schedule emergency treatment by the Referred Dentist, if necessary.
 - (e) Agreement between the Authorizing Dentist and the Referred Dentist that:
 - 1. The Referred Dentist shall accept referrals from the Authorizing Dentist of

- patients treated by teledentistry for in-person evaluation and treatment, if clinically indicated;
2. The Referred Dentist shall accept and manage dental emergencies for the teledentistry patients of the Authorizing Dentist, if necessary;
 3. The Referred Dentist shall transfer to the Authorizing Dentist the dental records of any teledentistry patient of the Authorizing Dentist who is treated by the Referred Dentist, and shall specify the method and timeframe for the transfer of such records;
 - (i) In no event shall the timeframe specified for the transfer of such records be more than 30 calendar days after treatment.
 - (f) The effective date of the referral agreement, and the expiration date of such agreement if specified at the time of the creation of the referral agreement.
- (3) The Referred Dentist shall be reasonably accessible to patients receiving teledentistry services. The Board may consider geographic proximity, travel time, and availability of in-person services by the Referred Dentist when determining compliance.
 - (a) An Authorizing Dentist may serve as the Referred Dentist for patients treated by the Authorizing Dentist via teledentistry. In such cases, the Board shall make the same considerations relative to the Authorizing Dentist as it would be made relative to a Referred Dentist under this Rule.

Rule 150-25-.12 Termination of the Referral Relationship

- (1) Notice of termination of a referral relationship must be made in writing to the other party to the referral agreement and shall be treated as effective immediately upon receipt by the other party. A copy of the notice of termination shall be sent to the Board contemporaneously with the transmittal, by any means, to the other party.
- (2) Upon termination of the referral relationship, the Authorizing Dentist shall:
 - (a) Immediately discontinue providing teledentistry services for any patient for whom referral coverage was to be provided under the terminated agreement, and shall not resume providing such services until such time as a new referral agreement is established by written agreement in accord with this Rule.
 1. The Authorizing Dentist may continue to treat any patient who is either unaffected by the termination of the referral agreement or who may be reasonably covered by another agreement if any, which then exists at the time of the treatment of such patient.

Rule 150-25-.13 Written Authorization of Dental Hygiene Practice in Teledentistry

- (1) Authorizing Dentists shall enter into a written teledentistry protocol agreement with any dental hygienist authorized to practice in a teledentistry setting under the Authorizing Dentist's supervision.
- (2) No dental hygienist shall practice in a teledentistry setting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54, except as authorized by written teledentistry protocol agreement with an Authorizing Dentist.
- (3) A teledentistry protocol agreement shall include the following in the protocol agreement:
 - (a) Names, addresses, telephone numbers, and license numbers, for all parties to the teledentistry protocol agreement;
 - (b) Description of the hygiene services authorized pursuant to the teledentistry protocol agreement;
 - (c) Date of initiation and amendments;
 - (d) Affirmation that the dental hygienist authorized to practice in a teledentistry setting meets the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54(e)(7)(B), that all parties to the agreement are duly licensed by and in good standing with the Georgia Board of

Dentistry. Such affirmation shall be signed and dated by all parties, and notarized as to all signatories.

- (4) A copy of the teledentistry protocol, as it exists at the time of service, shall be maintained in the patient record, and subsequent copies shall be added to the patient record each time the patient is treated in a teledentistry setting;

Rule 150-25-.14 Limits of Simultaneous Supervision

- (1) An Authorizing Dentist shall not simultaneously supervise more than four (4) dental hygienists engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in a teledentistry setting.
- (2) The Authorizing Dentist shall maintain documentation demonstrating compliance with this Rule, inclusive of logs reflecting date, time, and identity of the dental hygienist and supervising dentist.

Rule 150-25-.15 Continuous Duty of Supervision

- (1) An Authorizing Dentist shall not authorize a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene in a teledentistry setting if the dentist knows or should know that the dental hygienist is not qualified to practice under general supervision.
- (2) A dentist shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent person to be aware and to maintain awareness of the licensure and disciplinary status of all dental hygienists authorized to practice under his or her supervision in a teledental or any other setting.

Rule 150-25-.16 Technical or Other Failures of Synchronous Communications

- (1) It shall be the joint duty of the Authorizing Dentist and the authorized dental hygienist practicing in a teledentistry setting, to ensure that appropriate supervision and synchronous communication are maintained and available during the entirety of such dental hygienist practice in the teledentistry setting.
- (2) If synchronous communication becomes unavailable, for any reason, during treatment:
 - (a) dental hygiene services shall immediately cease; and
 - (b) if synchronous communication cannot be restored after a reasonable amount of time, the patient shall be rescheduled and referred to the Authorizing or Referred Dentist for completion of treatment, if necessary.
- (3) It shall be the responsibility of the Authorizing Dentist and the dental hygienist providing services in a teledentistry setting to ensure that the synchronous communications system and equipment utilized is equipped with an audible alert of loss of service or connectivity.
 - (a) It shall further be their joint responsibility to ensure that such alert is functioning at the time any dental hygiene service is provided in a teledentistry setting.

Rule 150-25-.17 Orthodontic Care Prohibited in Teledentistry Setting

- (1) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54(d), orthodontics, and delivering of dental appliances are prohibited in teledentistry.
- (2) Notwithstanding O.C.G.A. § 43-11-54, or any other provision of this Chapter, the utilization of videographic technology to monitor a patient during the course of successive in-person orthodontic examination and/or treatment by a Georgia-licensed dentist shall not be considered teledentistry.
 - (a) Such successive examination and treatment must be by a Georgia licensed dentist and not by a dental assistant or any other person acting under the direction or supervision of a dentist.

Rule 150-25-.18 Board Authority to Review Required Documentation

- (1) All documentation, protocols, agreements, and records required to be maintained by this Chapter shall be maintained in such form as to be readily available for inspection and/or production to the Georgia Board of Dentistry or its agents upon request.

- (2) Upon request from the Georgia Board of Dentistry or its agents, failure to produce any requested documentation shall be considered a violation of the Board's rules of professional conduct and shall forfeit the Authorizing Dentist's eligibility to practice in a teledentistry setting.

Notice of Intent / Registration Requirements

Ms. Janelle Adams, representing the Georgia Dental Association (GDA), expressed concern regarding the proposed annual attestation requirement, noting that the original legislative intent contemplated reporting through the regular license renewal process rather than a separate annual filing. Dr. Shirley and Dr. Spillers questioned whether an annual attestation would create unnecessary administrative burdens for both licensees and board staff. Director Joiner suggested that any required attestation could instead be incorporated into the biennial renewal process.

Dr. Peter Shatz, with GDA, suggested that registration for teledentistry be incorporated into the standard licensure process rather than maintained as a separate registration requirement.

Definition of Teledentistry and After-Hours Care

A significant portion of the discussion focused on whether routine after-hours consultations, emergency calls, review of clinical photographs, and prescribing medications for existing patients should be considered teledentistry. Several Board members expressed concern that the proposed rules could unintentionally require dentists who routinely provide emergency or post-operative care to register separately for teledentistry.

Dr. Maron noted that dentists frequently review photographs, communicate by phone or video, and prescribe medications for patients outside of normal office hours. Mr. Scheinfeld and several other Board members expressed concerns that treating these activities as teledentistry could create unnecessary burdens and potentially restrict access to care. Dr. Shilman suggested that after-hours emergency care and routine patient follow-up should be excluded from the definition of teledentistry, noting that these services are part of traditional dental practice rather than the type of remote care model contemplated by the statute. Dr. Knight and Dr. Reznik agreed that additional clarification was needed regarding what constitutes teledentistry versus routine patient care already occurring under existing dental practice standards.

Dr. Reznik emphasized that the intent of the legislation was to expand access to care in underserved areas, not to regulate routine follow-up communications between dentists and their existing patients. He stated that the Board should more clearly distinguish between true teledentistry services and ordinary patient management activities already occurring within dental practices.

Rule 150-25-.05 Recordkeeping

The Board reviewed the proposed recordkeeping requirements under Rule 150-25-.05. Dr. Maron questioned whether the provision was necessary, noting that many of the listed requirements are already standard components of a patient record. He also raised concerns regarding the requirement to document a patient's physical location in Georgia, noting that dentists may treat patients who are temporarily located outside the state. Dr. Knight acknowledged these concerns and indicated that the provision would be reviewed further as part of the rule development process.

Rule 150-25-.06 Informed Consent

The Board reviewed the proposed informed consent requirements under Rule 150-25-.06. Dr. Maron questioned whether the rule's requirement for a signed informed consent was consistent with current Georgia dental practice standards, noting his understanding that informed consent is generally not required to be in writing except in certain circumstances. He requested that the AG's office provide clarification regarding whether the statutory language specifically requires a signed

consent form. The Board agreed that additional legal review and clarification may be needed regarding the informed consent requirements contained in the proposed rule.

Rule 150-25-.07 Prescribing

The Board reviewed the prescribing provisions of Rule 150-25-.07 and discussed how the rule may affect existing patient care practices. Dr. Maron raised concerns regarding situations in which a provider conducts a teledentistry consultation and determines that a patient may require a pre-procedural medication, such as an anxiolytic, prior to treatment. Board members discussed whether such scenarios would constitute teledentistry and noted the challenges in distinguishing between traditional patient care and services provided through teledentistry. Several members expressed concern that overly restrictive definitions could unintentionally limit established practices. It was suggested that maintaining appropriate patient records may address some of these concerns and reduce unnecessary burdens on practitioners. Dr. Knight acknowledged the need for additional clarification regarding the application of the prescribing requirements.

Access to Care vs. Enforcement

Dr. Reznik emphasized the need to distinguish between routine patient care and the types of services the teledentistry statute was intended to address. He noted that the legislation was designed to expand access to care for underserved populations and expressed concern that the current definition of teledentistry may be overly broad. He encouraged the Committee to further refine the definition to better align with the legislative intent.

Ms. Pam Cushenan agreed and expressed concern that proposed requirements, including registration fees, could create barriers for dentists providing services in underserved and remote areas. She emphasized that teledentistry services remain under the supervision of a licensed dentist and encouraged the Board to avoid unnecessary burdens that could limit access to care.

Throughout the discussion, Board members emphasized the need to balance expanded access to care with safeguards against misuse of teledentistry. Dr. Knight noted that the Board's challenge is to facilitate legitimate patient care while preventing abusive or inappropriate remote practice models.

Referral Relationships

The Board discussed the proposed referral relationship requirements and comments from GDA regarding situations where a referred dentist may be unable to treat a patient because of specialty limitations, insurance restrictions, or other circumstances. Several Board members requested flexibility to allow referred dentists to exercise independent professional judgment and make additional referrals when appropriate. Dr. Knight acknowledged these concerns for further review.

Dental Hygiene Provisions

The Board discussed the proposed provisions relating to dental hygiene services in teledentistry and questioned whether those requirements should be included within the teledentistry chapter or addressed separately within the dental hygiene rules. Dr. Maron expressed concern that dental hygiene requirements have traditionally been governed under separate rules and suggested that the Board consider whether the provisions should be relocated or cross-referenced for consistency and legal clarity. Director Joiner explained that the provisions were included in the teledentistry chapter to consolidate all teledentistry-related requirements in a single location. The Board requested further review of the issue and potential alternatives for organizing the rules.

Ms. Iris Mason expressed concern that the proposed requirement for continuous synchronous communication between the authorizing dentist and dental hygienist was inconsistent with existing concepts of general supervision and would be impractical during routine dental hygiene procedures.

She suggested revising the rule to require appropriate supervision and the availability of asynchronous communication methods rather than continuous real-time communication. The Board referred these concerns to the Committee for further consideration.

Privacy, Security, and Technical Requirements

The Board reviewed the privacy and security requirements of Rule 150-25-.08, which require teledentistry platforms to comply with HIPAA and applicable Georgia privacy laws and prohibit the use of unsecured public-facing platforms. Dr. Spillers questioned how these requirements would apply to commonly used technologies, such as smartphones and FaceTime, that are frequently used in patient communications.

The Board also discussed the proposed requirement to cease treatment if communication technology becomes unavailable during a procedure. Concerns were raised that temporary communication failures could unnecessarily interrupt authorized treatment and conflict with existing general supervision principles. Dr. Knight acknowledged these concerns and indicated that the provisions would be reviewed further.

Orthodontic Services

The Board reaffirmed that orthodontic services are excluded by statute from permissible teledentistry services. Dr. Knight emphasized that the legislation was not intended to facilitate remote orthodontic treatment models and that any rules adopted must remain consistent with those statutory limitations.

Rule 150-25-.18 Board Authority to Review Required Documents

The Board reviewed the proposed provisions regarding Board authority and required documentation. Dr. Maron questioned the necessity of several provisions, noting that many appeared to address activities already performed by the Board as part of its existing regulatory responsibilities. He expressed concern that the proposed rules had become overly detailed and complex.

Dr. Knight acknowledged these concerns and explained that the Committee had attempted to balance the goal of increasing access to care with the need to address potential risks and enforcement issues. He noted that the Committee was seeking to establish an initial framework that could be refined as needed based on future experience and public feedback.

Several Board members encouraged the Committee to simplify the proposed rules where possible and focus on the primary objectives of the legislation: expanding access to care in underserved areas, ensuring patients have access to Georgia-licensed dentists, preventing misuse of teledentistry, and providing clear guidance to licensees. Dr. Knight indicated that the Committee would continue refining the draft rules and consider all comments received before presenting revised language to the Board.

Dr. Knight emphasized that this was an initial review and no formal action was taken. Board members were encouraged to submit additional comments, and the Committee will continue refining the proposed rules prior to a public hearing.

Dental Board Officer Nominations

The Board discussed officer nominations for President and Vice President. Dr. Maron noted the significant responsibilities of Board leadership, including the time commitment and the need to maintain relationships with the Governor's Office and the Legislature.

Dr. Maron nominated Dr. Reznik for President, and Ms. Mattingly seconded the nomination.

For Vice President, Ms. Selfe nominated Ms. Mattingly; however, the nomination did not receive a second. Dr. Knight nominated Dr. Stiehl, and Dr. Reznik seconded the nomination.

No additional nominations were made. The Board will conduct a formal vote at the June 5, 2026 meeting.

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

Dr. Knight made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Dr. Spillers 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. Goggans, Dr. Green, Dr. Knight, Dr. Maron, Dr. Miles, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reznik, Mr. Scheinfeld, Ms. Selfe, Dr. Shilman, Dr. Shirley, Dr. Spillers, Dr. Stiehl, and Dr. Wilson.

Executive Session

Appearances: None

LOC Recommendations: JA, PN, KP, JM, LV, AP, SH, RS, SG, TP, ML, JC, TF, AG, TE, KR, KS, AM, DO, GB, SO, ST, LH, SJ, SS, AK, MP, KK, JD, CR, MS, RM, HA, LA, SM, ER, BZ

Applications: BT, LG, LC, AS, LS, JS, JR, BH, DO, MM, PS, JN, SV

Correspondence: JR, RJH

Investigative Committee's Referral Case List: None

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Tommy McNulty

Orders: AWG

Open Cases: DM, KB, LA, MD, CH, PM, DW, JS, CA, DM, JJ

Executive Director Report – Mr. Clint Joiner

No Report

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

No Report

Investigations & Compliance Report – Mr. Stacy Altman

Mr. Altman provided an update on the Investigative Committee

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

Open Session

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

LOC Recommendations

Name	Type of License/Permit	Recommendation
JA	Dental Application by Examination	Approved
PN	Dental Application by Examination	Approved
KP	Dental Application by Examination	Approved
JM	Dental Application by Examination	Denied
LV	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Failed to appear for scheduled appointment

AP	Request terminate probation	Approved
SH	Dentist Renewal	Approved with conditions
RS	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved with a letter of concern
SG	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved with a letter of concern
TP	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved
ML	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved with a letter of concern
DC	Dental Renewal	Failed to appear for scheduled appointment
TF	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved
AG	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved
TE	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved and referred to IC
KR	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved
KS	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Approved
AM	Dentist Renewal	Approved and referred to IC
DO	Dentist Renewal	Approved and referred to IC
GB	Dentist Renewal	Approved
SO	Dentist Renewal	Approved
ST	Dentist Renewal	Request additional information
LH	Dentist Renewal	Request additional information
SJ	Dentist Renewal	Request additional information
SS	Dentist Renewal	Approved
AK	Dentist Renewal	Request additional information
MP	Dentist Renewal	Schedule to appear before LOC
KK	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Request additional information
JD	Dental Hygienist Renewal	Request additional information
CR	Dentist Renewal	Pending with IC
MS	Dentist Renewal	Pending with IC
RM	Dentist Renewal	Schedule to appear before LOC
HA	Dentist Renewal	Pending with IC
LA	Dentist Renewal	Schedule to appear before LOC
SM	Dentist Renewal	Request additional information
ER	Dentist Renewal	Pending with IC
BZ	Dentist Renewal	Pending with IC

Applications

Name	Type of License/Permit	Recommendation
BT	Dentist by Examination	Approved
LG	Dentist by Examination	Denied
LC	Dentist by Examination	Approved
AS	Dental Hygienist Credentials	Approved
LS	Enteral Sedation	Tabled for additional information
JS	Parenteral Sedation	Denied
JR	Additional General Anesthesia Location	Tabled for additional information
BH	Additional General Anesthesia Location	Tabled for additional information
DO	Enteral Sedation	Tabled for additional information
MM	Faculty	Approved
PS	Faculty	Approved
JN	Volunteer	Approved
SV	Volunteer	Approved

Correspondence

Name	Request	Recommendation
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JR	Request to retake ADEX	Approved
RJH	Request to remove probation from his sedation permits	Referred to the Sedation Committee for review

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, June 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Board of Dentistry Office, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Minutes recorded by Angela C. Johnson, Board Administrative Secretary

Edited by J. Clinton Joiner, II, Executive Director

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