

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, 11th Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334
Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 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)
Ms. Lisa Selfe
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz
Dr. Lisa Shilman
Dr. J.C. Shirley
Dr. Don Spillers, Jr.
Dr. Debra Wilson
Dr. Nancy Young

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

Visitors:

Luke Ray, Dental College of Georgia (DCG)
Jacque Clark
Racquel Vaughn
Janelle Adams, GDA
Quintina Clark, GHDA
Keonka Williams, GDHA
Mark Dye
Darius Ross-Mazyck
Kimberly Yanez

Jon Hoin, GDA
Pam Cushenan, GDHA
Alan Furness, DCG
Dr. Lester Jackson Georgia School of
Orthodontics (GSO)
Monek Clayton
Jamie Woods, Department of Public Health
Caroline Clerisme
Art Gallegos, Jr.

Open Session

Dr. Reznik established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 August 1, 2025, meeting. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report on Licenses Issued

Director Joiner reported that the Board has issued 110 licenses since the previous meeting. Dr. Knight made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Dr. Spillers seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance:

Jennifer Jones – Request for Waiver of Rule 150-7-.05(1)(c)

Ms. Jones requested a waiver of the "Full Time Clinical Practice" rule, which requires a minimum

of 1,000 clinical hours in the 12 months before an application. She explained that she worked as a dental hygienist for 16 years before moving to Georgia in 2021 to become a caregiver for her husband, who has early-onset Alzheimer's.

Her hardship of caring for her late husband was noted, but the board determined they do not have the authority to waive a state law. Specifically O.C.G.A. § 43-11-71.1. This statute governs the "Application for license to practice dental hygiene by credentials" and requires applicants to provide proof of "full-time clinical practice, as defined by the board; full-time faculty practice, as defined by the board; or a combination of both for the last two preceding years."

Dr. Patel made a motion to deny the petition. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny the petition.

Jameslee Baptiste – Request for Variance of Rule 150-5-.02(3)(c)

Ms. Baptiste requested a rule variance for the Board to accept her September 2020 ADEX manikin-based examination results for licensure. She cited family hardship and economic hardship as a reason for the need for the request.

Dr. Reznik recalled that the Board has a precedent of granting similar requests.

Dr. Shilman made a motion to approve the rule variance. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to grant the variance request.

Dr. Dimple Yu – Requesting Clarification of her Denial of her August Request for Variance of Rule 150-7-.04(5)(a)(4)

Dr. Dimple Yu petitioned the Georgia Board of Dentistry for a variance from Rule 150-7-.04(5)(a)(4), which requires a clinical examination that includes an anterior Class III restoration.

Dr. Yu's initial petition, dated July 15, 2025, cited "substantial hardship" due to infertility treatments and significant student loan debt. She requested a variance to allow her to begin employment in Georgia. Her supervising dentist, Dr. Ryan Reeves, submitted a signed letter stating he would perform any necessary Class III restorations until she met the requirement.

The Board denied the initial petition. Dr. Yu subsequently emailed the Board requesting clarification, stating her petition may have been misclassified as a waiver rather than a variance. She further noted that live-patient exams are difficult to access within Georgia, requiring travel out-of-state and additional logistical and financial burdens.

On August 13, 2025, Dr. Yu submitted an amended petition outlining her plan to take the manikin-based CRDTS anterior Class III restorative exam on September 8, 2025. She stated that the manikin format is a practical alternative already accepted by the Board for licensure by examination and argued that it ensures equivalent competency and public safety.

Dr. Shilman made a motion to deny the variance petition, noting that her stated intention is to comply with the requirements of the rule and a variance is unnecessary in that case. Dr. Shilman's motion further directed that Board staff advise Dr. Yu to reapply after she has taken the exam. Ms. Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny the variance.

Dr. Bradford Washington – Request for Waiver of Rule 150-3-.01(7)(g)

Dr. Washington is petitioning for a waiver of the general dentistry clinical exam, citing "substantial hardship" since he has not practiced general dentistry since graduating dental school. He has practiced orthodontics full-time since 2014 and holds current, unrestricted dental licenses in New

York and Connecticut. He has returned to Georgia for family caregiving and seeks to practice orthodontics.

It was noted that this is a repeat request, as Dr. Washington's 2023 application was denied, and he subsequently petitioned for a waiver again in 2024.

Dr. Goggans stated that Dr. Washington is not eligible for licensure by credentials under Georgia Law O.C.G.A. §43-11-41(a)(3), and that the Board does not have the authority to waive statutory requirements, such as the clinical exam required by Georgia law.

O.C.G.A. § 43-11-41(a)(3)

(3) In order to be granted a provisional license under this Code section, all applicants must have passed a clinical examination given by a state or regional testing agency approved by the board and a jurisprudence examination on the laws of this state and rules and regulations as they relate to the practice of dentistry as established or approved by the board, which shall be administered in the English language.

Dr. Shirley made a motion to deny the waiver petition. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny the waiver.

Summer Lee Black -Request for Waiver of Rule 150-12-.01(d)(2)

Ms. Black requested waiver of the reinstatement application fee, alleging financial constraints and family hardship.

The Board reviewed the request to waive her reinstatement fee. The individual's personal circumstances were considered, but the legal authority of the Board to waive statutory fees was brought into question. It was noted that the Board has not previously waived these fees. The fees were confirmed to be \$375. It was determined that while her circumstances may warrant compassionate consideration, the Board does not have the authority to waive fees established by the General Assembly.

Dr. Patel made a motion to deny the rule waiver petition. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny the request.

Dr. Mohamed Meghil – Request for Variance of Rule 150-3-.01(7)(g)

Dr. Meghil requested that the Board accept his ADEX manikin-based exam for licensure. He took the exam on November 15, 2020, before the Board began accepting manikin exams on January 1, 2021.

Dr. Meghil states he took the manikin-based exam because traditional patient-based exams were unavailable due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He has since become a faculty member in the Department of Periodontics at DCG and has recently completed his DDS degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

Dr. Shirley moved to approve the variance petition. Dr. Shilman seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. James Cataldo Castellino – Request for Waiver of Rule 150-3-.01(7)(i)

Dr. Castellino, a fourth-year military oral surgery resident, requested a waiver of Rule 150-3-17 to obtain an unrestricted dental license. He stated that rotations at various institutions throughout the state require a Georgia license, and without it, he cannot complete his necessary rotations. Dr. Castellino's request was tabled at the August 2025 meeting.

The Board discussed Dr. Castellano's application, specifically questioning why a Georgia license is necessary for his rotations and why the residency program does not already have an agreement with the hospital. The Service-members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) was raised, as it generally allows licensed military personnel to practice in a new state without hindrance. However, a major concern was whether Dr. Castellano's request was for working off-base rather than fulfilling a residency requirement. Several Board members agreed to seek verification from his commanding officer that a Georgia license is required for his residency rotation.

Pursuant to SCRA – 50 USC 4025a(c) the following is required to process an application:

(c) Application: An application described in this subsection includes the following:

- (1) Proof of military orders described in subsection (a).
- (2) If the applicant is the spouse of a servicemember, a copy of the marriage certificate.
- (3) A notarized affidavit affirming, under the penalty of law, that-
 - (A) the applicant is the person described and identified in the application;
 - (B) all statements made in the application are true and correct and complete;
 - (C) the applicant has read and understands the requirements to receive a license, and the scope of practice, of the State of the licensing authority;
 - (D) the applicant certifies that the applicant meets and shall comply with requirements described in subparagraph (C); and
 - (E) the applicant is in good standing in all States in which the applicant holds or has held a license.

Dr. Spillers made a motion to deny the waiver request. The motion was not seconded and therefore did not proceed to a vote.

Dr. Patel made a motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was not seconded and therefore did not proceed to a vote.

Dr. Maron made a motion to table the waiver request for additional information. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence

None.

General – Dr. David Reznik

No report.

Internal Committee Reports

Dental Hygiene Committee – Ms. Misty Mattingly, RDH, Ms. Lisa Self, RDH, Dr. David Reznik, Dr. Nancy Young and Dr. Ami Patel

Ms. Mattingly reported that the Committee met on August 19, 2025. She explained that the Committee was formed to discuss updates to hygiene-related regulations and that the first meeting specifically focused on expanding laser use to include photobiomodulation (PBM) therapy and periodontal maintenance under general supervision.

Ms. Mattingly advised that the Committee is recommending that the Board amend the diode laser rule for the inclusion of photobiomodulation (PBM) therapy and to replace “diode laser” with “hygiene laser. She explained that the Committee voted on changing the rule's wording from "diode laser" to a more general term like "hygiene laser" to avoid constantly updating the rule as new technologies emerge.

Additionally, the Committee recommends the Board allow dental hygienists to perform periodontal maintenance under general supervision. Proposed changes would include safeguards like mandatory

training and a clear definition of the scope of practice. Ms. Mattingly noted that this issue has been discussed for years without action and that the Attorney General's office previously advised that the Board has the authority to make these changes.

She concluded that the meeting was productive, thanking the Committee for their dedication.

Investigative Committee – Dr. Brent Stiehl, Dr. Glenn Maron, Dr. Lacey Green, Dr. Michael Knight Sr. and Dr. J.C. Shirley
No Report

License Overview Committee – Dr. Lisa Shilman, Dr. Larry Miles, Jr., Ms. Misty Mattingly, Dr. Ami Patel and Dr. Debra Wilson
No Report

Sedation Committee – Dr. Glenn Maron, Dr. Michael Knight Sr., Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Dr. Lisa Shilman and Dr. J.C. Shirley

Dr. Maron reported that the Committee discussed current challenges within the permit application process, including a shortage of evaluators and a lack of evaluators available for inspections in rural Georgia. They explored possible solutions, such as virtual inspections, which would require legislative changes.

The Committee also discussed proposed changes to both the sedation application and the sedation evaluation form. Dr. Maron noted that the current forms are outdated, list inappropriate drugs, and lack standardization.

He expressed his intent to present the Committee's recommendations on these proposed changes to the Board within the next six months. Dr. Maron also advised that the Committee would work on developing the necessary language on virtual inspections to present to the Legislative Committee for submission to the legislature.

External Committee Reports

Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee (PDMP) Report – Dr. Lisa Shilman
Dr. Shilman reported that the PDMP Q2 2024 report showed prescription declines. The total number of Opioid prescriptions has declined by approximately 2% and Benzodiazepines prescriptions by 1%.

CRDTS Steering Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl
No Report.

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 moved to change this agenda item from "CDCA-WREB-CITA Steering Committee Report" to "ADEX Steering Committee Report" to reflect the organization's recent combination.

Dr. Patel reported that a meeting with representatives from all 50 states had been held. A vote was

conducted, resulting in the approval being announced.

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

No Report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Tommy McNulty

No Report

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Clint Joiner

No Report

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

Sedation Permits Rules

Director Joiner recommended that the Board refer Rule 150-13-.01(8) to the Sedation Committee for review and drafting of specific amendments to address regulatory concerns.

He noted that the current rule requires sedation facilities to maintain “appropriate emergency drugs per ACLS or PALS protocol.” Referencing an external protocol without specifying a specific version of the external document, may constitute an unlawful delegation of the Board’s regulatory authority, as ACLS and PALS are maintained and updated by third parties. It was observed that failure to specify a particular version also creates ambiguity for practitioners as to which version they are expected to adhere to.

To address this, Director Joiner suggested amending the rule to state that the applicable emergency protocol is the one identified and adopted in Board policy. This would resolve the delegation issue, allow updates to be made efficiently in open session, and ensure licensees have clear, enforceable standards.

Dr. Maron and Dr. Schultz agreed that the rule is outdated and requires amendment. Dr. Maron commented that the Sedation Committee will take the issue under advisement and provide a recommendation to the Board.

Dr. Reznik noted that the American Heart Association is scheduled to announce new medicine recommendations on October 22, 2025.

Review of Board Policies

Dr. Maron brought forward an item from the last Sedation Committee meeting concerning the need to review the entirety of the Board’s administrative policies. Dr. Reznik advised that to manage the review process he will be assigning specific policies to individual Board members and will distribute those assignments to begin this review process.

Discussion

Simply Smile Continuing Education Program Approval

Simply Smile is a non-profit, mobile dental outreach program providing free preventable and restorative dental care. They are requesting the Board’s approval to offer CE credit to licensed dental professionals who volunteer their time and service through this program.

Following questions from several Board members regarding the program, Dr. Knight moved to request that Simply Smile appear before the Board to discuss their program. Ms. Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Landas Healthcare – Request for Approval of BLS/CPR Class

Dr. Reznik commented that the applicant would be using the American Heart Association (AHA) test and curriculum. Dr. Shirley questioned the necessity of the Board's approval since the applicant is an established AHA provider. Dr. Maron clarified that as long as the training is in-person and utilizes the approved AHA curriculum, the request should be approved.

The Board approved the request, conditioned upon the information that the training and testing provided is approved by the American Heart Association and conducted in-person.

Antibiotic Stewardship Presentation: by Jamie Woods, PharmD, Healthcare Associated Infections/Epidemiology with GA DPH

Dr. Woods gave a presentation on antibiotic stewardship.

The Georgia Department of Public Health (GA DPH) has partnered with the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) to address this issue. The GA DPH released an "Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit for Dental Providers" and is surveying Georgia dentists about their prescribing habits. The APCD is a state database that includes dental, medical, and pharmacy claims, with Georgia's APCD being established in 2020 to address state healthcare concerns

The initial review of data from 2018 to 2023 showed that over 30% of all antibiotic prescriptions written by dentists in Georgia were for clindamycin. Dr. Woods noted that this is a concern because clindamycin is no longer recommended for prophylaxis.

Key findings from a database of medical and dental claims include that rural and small metro areas have higher rates of antibiotic prescriptions, and women over 75 are most likely to receive a prescription for clindamycin by a dental provider than any other demographic.

The GA DPH plans to continue collecting survey responses, promote the dental toolkit, and collaborate with providers to create and promote educational materials.

Dr. Reznik thanked Dr. Wood for her presentation.

Dr. Reznik advised that the Board will be mandating the completion of this survey for every licensed dentist during the annual license renewal process. The goal is to gather valuable data from all dentists in the state regarding their prescribing habits, specifically relating to antibiotic stewardship.

Dr. Maron raised concerns that the survey is an unnecessary mandate and an infringement on top of existing requirements. He suggested many dentists would not take the survey seriously and, if the Board's true goal is education, they should mandate a specific CE course on antibiotic stewardship instead of the survey.

Dr. Reznik emphasized the need for this statewide data to determine where the Board should focus its educational efforts to improve this area of patient safety. He added that the survey is a tool to first determine if a course mandate is needed and where to direct resources, rather than immediately mandating a course for everyone. He stated the survey is multiple-choice, takes only 5-10 minutes, and is a one-time requirement.

Dr. Shirley made a motion to add the survey to the upcoming renewal process. Dr. Shilman seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Review of Dr. Jeffery Shane Wood's CV for Peer Reviewer Appointment

The Board reviewed Dr. Wood's CV and qualifications to become a Peer Reviewer. A motion was made by Dr. Goggans to approve Dr. Wood, seconded by Dr. Maron, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Dr. Ryan Semensohn's CV for Peer Reviewer Appointment

The Board reviewed Dr. Semensohn's CV and qualifications to become a Peer Reviewer. A motion was made by Dr. Maron to approve Dr. Semensohn, seconded by Dr. Patel, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rehoboth Life Care Ministries Dental Clinic – Dental Screening Request for Board Approval

Tempest Raines of Rehoboth Life Care Ministries, Inc., Dental Clinic is requesting approval from the Georgia Board of Dentistry for dental hygienists to perform dental screenings at a health fair on October 4, 2025. The event will be held at Templo Bautista Hispano from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Because the Rehoboth Dental Clinic is a volunteer organization, finding a supervising dentist for the event has been a challenge. As a result, Ms. Raines, a faculty member at Central Georgia Technical College, is proposing that licensed dental hygienists and senior dental hygiene students be permitted to conduct the screenings.

Ms. Mattingly noted that if students are involved, their participation would be considered school-related under state regulations. This would mean that direct supervision would not be required, as the activity is associated with the school. Dr. Spillers and Dr. Wilson noted that they, too, volunteer with the organization.

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

Ms. Mattingly reported that the Georgia Dental Hygiene Association (GDHA) has invited her and Ms. Selfe to present on Friday, September 12, 2025. As Ms. Selfe is unable to attend, Ms. Mattingly extended the invitation to the Board for any member who wishes to join her. Dr. Reznik volunteered to attend, pending his schedule.

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

Dr. Knight made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Dr. Miles 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., Ami Patel, Dr. David Reznik, Ms. Lisa Selfe, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Lisa Shilman, Dr. Jeffrey S. Shultz, Dr. J.C. Shirley, Dr. Don Spillers Jr., Dr. Brent Stiehl, Dr. Debra Wilson and Dr. Nancy Young.

Executive Session

Ms. Mattingly requested guidance on an issue. Mr. McNaulty advised that he would take the matter under advisement. This request was made by Ms. Mattingly individually, and was not a request from the Georgia Board of Dentistry.

Appearances: C.Y. and H.U.

LOC Recommendations

HP	MC	AM	DRM
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Applications

JB	JE	JC	DY	AS	DR	CP	CW	AM
AP	TW	MHS	CD	VL	KBN	RS	GT	MP
SB	ME	JL	SB					

Investigative Committee’s Referral Case List:

240145	250213	250166
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Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Tommy McNulty

Signed Orders: KGP

Open Cases

SS	SM	KB	JH	MK	AN	LA	SAA
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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.

Open Session

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

Appearances

CC	Appear to Discuss Denial of Application	Upheld
KY	Appear to Discuss Denial of Application	Reversed

LOC Recommendations

HP	Dental Application	Approved
MC	Dental Hygiene Application	Denied
AM	Dental Hygiene Application	Denied
DRM	Dental Hygiene Application	Approved

Applications

Name	Type of License/Permit	Recommendation
JB	Examination	Approved
JE	Examination	Approved
JC	Examination	Tabled
DY	Credentials	Denied
AS	Enteral/ Inhalation Conscious Sedation	Denied
DR	General Anesthesia	Denied
CP	Conscious Sedation	Tabled for Committee Interview
CW	Conscious Sedation	Approved
AM	Conscious Sedation	Approved
AP	Enteral/ Inhalation Conscious Sedation	Approved
TW	Enteral/ Inhalation Conscious Sedation	Denied and refer to AG’s office
MHS	Hygienist Reinstatement	Referred to LOC
CD	Hygienist Reinstatement	Approved

VL	Hygienist Reinstatement	Approved
KBN	Hygienist Reinstatement	Tabled – She needs to submit her live CEs
RS	Dentist Reinstatement	Approve but remind him of the minimum number of hour requirement to remain active
GT	Hygienist Reinstatement	Approved
MP	Dentist Reinstatement	Referred to LOC
SB	Hygienist Reinstatement	Approved but must pay the fee
ME	Faculty License	Approved
JL	Volunteer	Approved
SB	Inactive Status Request	Approved

Investigative Committee’s Referral Case List:

Case #	Description	Recommendation
240145	Standard of Care	Close with Letter of Concern
250213	Standard of Care	Close with Letter of Concern
250166	Unprofessional Conduct	Refer to AG’s Office, Georgia Composite Medical Board and the DEA

Ms. Mattingly 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 1:28 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Board of Dentistry, 2 MLK Jr. Drive SE, 11th Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

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