# GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
## 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334
## Board Meeting Minutes
## August 7, 2026

**Board members in attendance:**
Dr. David Reznik, President
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
Ms. Lisa Selfe
Dr. J.C. Shirley
Dr. Don Spillers, Jr.
Dr. Lisa Shilman
Dr. Debra Wilson

**Staff present:**
Clint Joiner, Executive Director *(Via Microsoft Teams)*
Itovia Evans, Deputy Director – Licensing
Stacy Altman, Deputy Director – Investigations
Tommy McNulty, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Angela Johnson, Board Admin. Secretary
Kimberly Holland, Investigator

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Visitors:**
Jon Hoin, GDA
Dr. Lester Jackson, GSO
Dr. Hank Dallum, GDA-DRN
Dr. Kim Cole, DBHDD
Elizabeth Lewis, DPH
Jane Walter, GDA-DRN
Dr. Chandra Williams
Ken Gilbert, GA AOD

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

## Open Session

Dr. Reznik established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Dr. Reznik welcomed Dr. Kara Kramer as a special guest and noted that she would soon be joining the Board. Dr. Kramer introduced herself as a periodontist, practice owner, mother of a two-year-old, and longtime Georgia Mission of Mercy volunteer.

### Introduction of Visitors
Dr. Reznik 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 July 10, 2026 meeting. Dr. Shilman 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 and reported that 166 licenses had been issued administratively since the previous meeting, including 91 dental licenses, 65 dental hygiene licenses, 9 sedation permits, and 1 dental faculty license. He further reported that no licenses had been placed on inactive status and no new IP approvals had been granted during the reporting period.

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

**Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance**: There were no waiver or variance requests for consideration.

**Correspondence**

**Correspondence from Ayin Ray Antileo with the Indigo Institute regarding dental assisting training program**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ayin Ray Antileo, on behalf of Indigo Institute, requesting guidance regarding whether dental assistant students may expose dental radiographs and perform coronal polishing (rubber cup prophylaxis) on live patients under the direct supervision of a licensed Georgia dentist, rather than limiting clinical training to manikins.

Following discussion, including the limitations applicable to dental assistants performing rubber cup prophylaxis on patients with primary dentition, the Board determined that clinical training is not required to be conducted solely on manikins and may include training on live patients under the direct supervision of a licensed Georgia dentist, subject to applicable laws and Board rules.

Dr. Knight made a motion to respond to the inquiry accordingly. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence from Dr. Christan Mangin – Question Regarding Botox Course**

The Board discussed a request to accept a four-hour course in conjunction with previously completed training to satisfy the required 21-hour course requirement. Ms. Mattingly noted that similar situations involving other training requirements may allow an individual to complete additional hours to meet Georgia requirements and expressed concern regarding consistency.

Dr. Maron stated that the four-hour courses are intended as refresher courses and that the rule requires completion of a full 21-hour course meeting the Board's requirements. Dr. Goggans confirmed that the applicable rule requires the course itself to consist of 21 hours.

Following discussion, Dr. Maron made a motion to deny the request and advise Dr. Mangin that he must complete a 21-hour course that meets the requirements of the applicable Board rule. Ms. Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted in favor of motion.

**General – Dr. Reznik**

Dr. Reznik reported that since a new Board member will be joining the Board next month. He advised that he plans to review the Board's committee structure and membership to ensure appropriate representation on each committee, particularly those with heavier workloads.

**Internal Committee Reports**

**Dental Hygiene Committee** – Ms. Mattingly, Ms. Selfe, Dr. Reznik, and Dr. Patel

Ms. Mattingly advised that the proposed amendment to Rule 150-5-.08, *Use of a Dental Diode Laser by a Dental Hygienist*, which adds provisions related to photobiomodulation, will be presented for public hearing at the Board's September 4, 2026 meeting.

She also announced that the Committee will meet virtually on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

**Infection Control Committee** – Dr. Shirley, Dr. Reznik, Ms. Selfe, Dr. Wilson

Dr. Shirley reported that the Committee will schedule a meeting in the near future, with the meeting

details to be posted on the Board's website.

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

**Legislative Committee –** Dr. Reznik, Dr. Stiehl, Dr. Knight, Dr. Maron, Dr. Goggans & Ms. Mattingly
No Report.

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

**Rules Committee** – Dr. Reznik, Dr. Knight, Dr. Maron, Dr. Shirley, Dr. Patel and Ms. Mattingly
No Report.

**Sedation Committee** – Dr. Maron, Dr. Knight, Dr. Miles, Dr. Shilman and Dr. Shirley
Dr. Maron reported that the Committee's next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. He advised that the Board's clarification regarding sedation training and required patient experiences has been finalized and posted on the Board's website. The clarification provides that, for each required patient experience, the dentist must serve as the sole primary operator and be responsible for the preoperative assessment and evaluation, drug delivery, treatment, patient monitoring, discharge and evaluation, and emergency prevention and management. Each patient encounter may have only one primary operator.

Dr. Maron also reported that the Committee finalized revisions to the Board's sedation forms, including removal of the term "conscious" from sedation terminology and updates to the required drug listings and onsite evaluation forms. He thanked Dr. Shilman, Dr. Knight, and Dr. Shirley for their work on the revisions.

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the revised Sedation Applications and forms. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

Director Joiner clarified that the revisions constitute a policy change and do not require a public hearing.

Dr. Shirley noted that the term "conscious sedation" remains in existing laws and rules and that additional revisions may be necessary. Dr. Maron requested that the matter be added to the Legislative Committee agenda for further review.

**Teledentistry Committee – Dr. Knight - Proposed New and Amended Rules**
Dr. Knight reminded the Board and the public that a public hearing is scheduled for September 4, 2026. He also advised that the proposed rules had been renumbered under the applicable chapter, with no substantive changes to the rules. Director Joiner provided additional clarification regarding the renumbering, and Dr. Knight confirmed that the rule chapter will be referenced as Chapter 150-26 moving forward.

**External Committee Reports**
**Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee (PDMP) Report – Dr. Shilman**
No Report

**CRDTS Steering Committee Report – Dr. Stiehl**
Dr. Stiehl reported that the CRDTS annual meeting is scheduled for August 28–29, 2026, and noted

that virtual attendance is available.

**CRDTS Examination Committee Report - Dr. Patel**
Dr. Patel advised that she would attend the August 28–29, 2026 CRDTS meeting virtually.

Following a brief discussion regarding the need for two separate CRDTS committee assignments, it was clarified that the CRDTS Steering Committee and CRDTS Examination Committee are distinct committees.

**Dental College of Georgia Liaison Report (DCG)– Dr. Knight**
Dr. Knight reported that the Dental College of Georgia contacted the Board regarding its annual visit in December. He confirmed the Board's continued interest in participating, noting that the visit provides a valuable liaison and oversight opportunity. Dr. Reznik agreed that the Board should continue its participation.

**ADEX Council of Examinations - Dr. Shirley**
Dr. Shirley reported that there were no updates from the ADEX Council of Examinations and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October.

**Attorney General's Report – Mr. Tommy McNulty**
No Report

**Executive Director's Report – Mr. Clint Joiner**
**Delegation of Volunteer Event and Licensure Approval**
Director Joiner requested that the Board delegate authority to staff to administratively approve volunteer events and volunteer licenses. He explained that these requests are received throughout the year and, because of the timing of Board meetings, applicants may otherwise have to wait several weeks for approval, sometimes until shortly before the scheduled volunteer event.

Dr. Maron expressed concern regarding the Board relinquishing oversight of volunteer events and licenses, noting the importance of ensuring that proposed events are legitimate and that applicants are appropriately qualified. Dr. Shilman agreed and referenced concerns arising from a volunteer license applicant reviewed by the Licensure Oversight Committee (LOC), emphasizing the importance of appropriate review to protect patients receiving care at volunteer events.

Dr. Shirley suggested that the Board President or a designee could review requests prior to administrative approval and refer any questionable applications for further review. Dr. Knight expressed confidence in the qualifications of Board staff to review the applications and noted that administrative approval would expedite the process.

The Board discussed other possible review procedures, including referring volunteer license applications to the LOC or circulating requests electronically to Board members prior to approval. Ms. Mattingly requested clarification regarding the distinction between volunteer licenses and licenses or authorization used for individuals entering Georgia to provide continuing education. Director Joiner clarified that a volunteer license is not the appropriate mechanism for individuals entering the state solely to provide continuing education.

Dr. Shilman proposed that the LOC review volunteer license applications as an alternative to full Board review. Dr. Maron supported maintaining additional oversight, noting that individuals receiving treatment through volunteer clinics may represent a particularly vulnerable patient population. Dr. Shirley expressed support for committee-level review rather than circulating applications to the entire Board, noting the administrative difficulties associated with obtaining

responses from all Board members between meetings.

Following discussion, Dr. Knight made a motion to authorize Board staff to review and administratively approve volunteer licenses without requiring prior Board approval. Dr. Spillers seconded the motion, and the Board voted seven in favor and four opposed to the motion.

**Upcoming Professional Meetings and Board Representation**
The Board will participate in the GDHA 97th Annual Conference, scheduled for September 11, 2026, in Atlanta. Dr. Reznik, Dr. Knight, Ms. Mattingly, Ms. Selfe, Director Joiner, and Mr. Altman agreed to represent the Board at the conference.

The Board will participate in the Fall Georgia Dental Society Meeting, scheduled for September 26, 2026, in Fayetteville, Georgia. Dr. Reznik, Dr. Knight, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Green agreed to represent the Board at the conference.

**Legal Services** – **Mr. Clint Joiner**
No Report

**Miscellaneous**
**Alliance Dental Institute (ADI) – Request for Approval of EDDA Program**
The Board reviewed the request from Alliance Dental Institute for approval of its Expanded Duties Dental Assistant training program. Following discussion, the Board determined that coronal polishing is not included in the program approval and requires a separate application for Board approval. The Board also discussed the program's externship requirements and determined that identification of specific externship sites was not required for approval of the program.

Dr. Maron made a motion to approve the request, excluding coronal polishing. Dr. Knight seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

**Modern Dental Training of Cumming** – Request to Approve Coronal Polishing Course
The Board reviewed the submission at last month's meeting and requested the curricula vitae (CVs) of the trainers

The Board reconsidered the request from Modern Dental Career Training of Cumming for approval of its coronal polishing course. The Board previously reviewed the course and requested additional information regarding the qualifications of the instructor. The Board reviewed the information submitted for Sabine Azizullah, Program Director and Instructor, including documentation of her completion of the Georgia Dental Association’s 8-hour Coronal Polishing course.

The Board also discussed the clinical component of the curriculum, which progresses from practice on typodonts to partners and patients.

Ms. Mattingly made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Rural Dental Access Initiative**
Dr. Kim Cole, representing DBHDD, appeared before the Board to present a proposed initiative to expand access to dental care for adults with developmental disabilities in rural Georgia. The initiative, developed from work of the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, is modeled after a North Carolina program that has operated for approximately 27 years. DBHDD has contracted with the program to assist with implementation in Georgia. The project is funded through

a rural health transformation grant for up to five years, with approximately $1.5 million received for the first year and approximately $1 million anticipated annually for the following four years, contingent upon demonstrated progress.

Dr. Cole explained that the initial model will deploy a dentist, dental hygienists, and dental assistants to rural day centers and other community facilities using portable dental operatories and sterilization equipment. The program will begin in DBHDD Region 2, with the goal of expanding statewide. Services will focus primarily on basic and preventive dental care, with referrals made for specialty or surgical services when possible.

As the program develops, DBHDD hopes to utilize hygiene teams to provide ongoing preventive care to established, cooperative patients without requiring a dentist to be physically present at every visit. Dr. Cole stated that her appearance was intended to establish communication with the Board and obtain clarification regarding applicable laws and rules, including teledentistry requirements and limitations affecting the proposed hygiene-team model.

The Board expressed support for the initiative while discussing potential regulatory and statutory barriers. Dr. Goggans and Ms. Mattingly noted that existing Georgia law does not permit a dental hygienist to supervise a dental assistant in the absence of a dentist and that this statutory requirement cannot be waived or changed through Board rulemaking. Dr. Cole emphasized that the initial program will include a dentist and that independent hygiene teams are a future goal. Director Joiner suggested that necessary statutory changes could potentially be pursued through the agency legislative process, and several Board members expressed support for exploring legislative options to improve access to care for this population.

Dr. Shirley discussed the broader lack of dental access for adults with developmental disabilities, including those in urban areas who would not qualify under the rural grant. Dr. Cole advised that DBHDD institutional dental clinics remain available as a safety-net resource, although recruitment and retention of dentists at those facilities remain challenging.

Mr. Scheinfeld asked about the use of protective stabilization. Dr. Cole stated that hygiene teams operating without a dentist would treat only cooperative patients and would not use stabilization. When stabilization is necessary during dentist-provided care, DBHDD uses specialized soft stabilization devices, the least restrictive method necessary, trained staff, and written guardian consent.

Dr. Shilman asked about professional liability coverage, and Dr. Cole explained that DBHDD medical providers, including dental hygienists, are covered through the State's Department of Administrative Services. Dr. Cole also clarified that Georgia team members will be DBHDD employees and that services will be provided using portable equipment within community facilities rather than a traditional mobile dental vehicle.

Dr. Maron expressed support for the initiative and suggested DBHDD consider utilizing two hygienists together as an interim approach while any necessary statutory changes are pursued. Dr. Cole confirmed that the program currently has two experienced hygienists who will participate as part of the team.

Dr. Reznik thanked Dr. Cole for her presentation and expressed the Board's support for the initiative and its goal of improving access to dental care for adults with developmental disabilities in rural Georgia. He indicated that potential legislative or departmental avenues could be explored to address statutory barriers as the program develops. Dr. Cole thanked the Board and stated that she would continue communicating with the Board as the initiative progresses.

Dr. Reznik thanked everyone in attendance and reminded those present that a Public Hearing will be held at the Board's next meeting, scheduled for September 4, 2026.

Dr. Stiehl 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, Ms. Mattingly, Dr. Miles, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reznik, Mr. Scheinfeld, Ms. Selfe, Dr. Shilman, Dr. Shirley, Dr. Spillers, Dr. Stiehl and Dr. Wilson.

## Executive Session

**Appearances:** JT
**LOC Recommendations:** TO, KS, TG, LV, CD, LA, CD, VJ, MP
**Applications:** PB, JR, DY, AC, CS, KK, MB, GM, OC, GG, AM, RB, AB, AS, MA, DW, DC, NS, CK, EB, JX, HB, BH, NW, GJ, LVN, GM, RVH, SS, SMM, MM, HR, JMY, RP, JX
**Correspondence:** MG
**Investigative Committee's Referral Case List:** YNW, NW, GT, CW

**Attorney General's Report** – Mr. Tommy McNulty
**Orders:** MD
**Open Cases:** DM, KB, LA, CH, DW, JS, CA, DM, JJ, MF, GT

**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. Reznik declared the meeting back in Open Session.

## Open Session

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

**Appearance:**

| Name | License Issue | Action |
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| JT | Appeal Sedation Permit Denial | Denial Upheld |

**LOC Recommendations**

| Name | License Issue | Action |
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| TO | Volunteer License | No show for appointment; Application Denied |
| KS | Took Non-GDA LEAP Course | Course not acceptable must take GDA LEAP |
| TG | Took Non-GDA LEAP Course & is requesting to terminate probation | Course not acceptable must take GDA LEAP; Her probation cannot be removed until she completes the correct LEAP Course |
| LV | Renewal/ Self-Report | Take as information; no further action required |
| CD | Renewal/ Self-Report | Take as information; no further action required |
| LA | Renewal/ Self-Report | LOC will schedule an interview |

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| CD. | Renewal/ Self-Report | LOC will schedule an interview |
| VJ | Renewal/ Self-Report | LOC will schedule an interview |
| MP | Renewal/ Self-Report | LOC will schedule an interview |

**Applications**

| Name | Type of License/Permit | Decision |
|---|---|---|
| PB | Dentist/ Credentials | Approved |
| JR | Additional General Anesthesia Permit | Approved |
| DY | Evaluation - Enteral Sedation | Approved |
| AC | Additional General Anesthesia Permit | Approved |
| CS | Evaluation - Enteral Sedation | Approved |
| KK | General Anesthesia Permits | Tabled for Additional Information |
| MB | Sedation – Extension Request | Denied |
| GM | General Anesthesia | Approved |
| OC | Parenteral Sedation Permit | Tabled for Additional Information |
| GG | General Anesthesia | Approved |
| AM | Evaluation – Parenteral Sedation | Approved |
| RB | General Anesthesia | Approved |
| AB | Parenteral Sedation | Approved |
| AS | General Anesthesia | Approved |
| MA | Evaluation - Enteral Sedation | Tabled for Deficiency Letter |
| DW | Additional General Anesthesia Permits | Approved |
| DC | Additional General Anesthesia Permits | Tabled |
| NS | Sedation – Extension Request | Approved |
| CK | Additional General Anesthesia Permit | Tabled; Schedule Interview |
| EB | General Anesthesia Permits | Approved |
| JX | General Anesthesia Permit | Approved |
| HB | Sedation Permit Renewal | Approved but IC will continue to investigate |
| BH | Sedation Permit – Change of Location | Tabled for Additional Information |
| NW | Sedation Permit – Change of Location | IC referred case to AG's Office an Order |
| GJ | Sedation Permit – Change of Location | Schedule Evaluation at new location |
| LVN | Reinstatement – Hygienist | Approved |
| GM | Reinstatement – Dentist | Tabled due to issues with his submitted CEs |
| RVH | Reinstatement – Hygienist | Denied |
| SS | Reinstatement – Dentist | Denied; Application must |
| SMM | Reinstatement – Dentist | Denied |
| MM | Faculty | Approved |
| HR | Faculty | Approved |
| JMY | Faculty | Approved |
| RP | Faculty | Approved |
| JX | Faculty | Approved |

**Correspondence**

| Name | Request | Decision |
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| MG | Request to Waive Reinstatement Fee (Active-Duty Military) | Approved |

**Investigations & Compliance Report** – Mr. Stacy Altman

| Case # | Complaint | Decision |
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| 260723 | Unethical Conduct & Unprofessional Conduct | Referred to AG's office for Consent Order |
| 250401 | Standard of Care | Referred to AG's office for Consent Order |
| 260605 | Standard of Care and Unprofessional Conduct | Referred to AG's office for Referral for summary suspension based on alleged infection-control violations. |

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| 260772 | Standard of Care and Unprofessional Conduct | Referred to AG's office for Referral for summary suspension based on alleged infection-control violations. |
| 260944 | Standard of Care and Unprofessional Conduct | Referred to AG's office for Referral for summary suspension based on alleged infection-control violations. |
| 261100 | Standard of Care and Unprofessional Conduct | Referred to AG's office for Referral for summary suspension based on alleged infection-control violations. |
| 270011 | Unethical Conduct & Unprofessional Conduct | Referred to AG's office for Consent Order |
| 250075 | Standard of Care Issue | Close No Action |

Dr. Wilson 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 2:03 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, September 4, 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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