

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
December 12, 2014
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 36th Floor
Atlanta, GA
12:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Logan Nalley
Dr. Steve Holcomb
Dr. Richard Bennett
Dr. Randy Daniel
Dr. Tracy Gay
Dr. Tom Godfrey
Dr. Greg Goggans
Dr. Antwan Treadway
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Bryon Thernes, Asst Attorney General
Anil Foreman, Legal Officer
Brandi Howell, Bus Operations Specialist

Visitors:

Stephanie Lotti, GDA
Wendy Blond, GDHA
Tina Titshaw, Help A Child Smile
Joe Rhodes, Help A Child Smile

Open Session

Dr. Nalley established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Goggans made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the November 14, 2014 meeting. Dr. Daniel seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ratifications

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

Correspondence from Melana McClatchey, Georgia Dental Association

The Board considered this correspondence regarding dentists who work on military bases in Georgia that wish to volunteer but do not have a Georgia licenses. The correspondence asks if the Board could waive the many filing requirements for a volunteer license, such as jurisprudence examination, national practitioner database query, etc. Dr. Holcomb made a motion to direct staff to respond to Ms. McClatchey by stating that the Board would not waive the requirements; however, it will allow that the letter from the commanding officer confirm proof of current CPR and continuing education credits, along with information regarding complaints or adverse actions to reduce the amount of documentation that has to be provided. The Board would still require submission of the jurisprudence exam and national practitioner data bank query. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

No report.

Dr. Steve Holcomb made a motion and Dr. Bert Yeargan seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2), §43-11-47(h) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and receive information on applications and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Dr. Richard Bennett, Dr. Randy Daniel, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

Applications

- T.J.R.
- R.D.D.
- K.A.H.
- T.A.J.

Investigative Committee Report

Report presented:

- DENT140103
- DENT150023
- DENT130198
- DENT110146
- DENT140308
- DENT150142
- DENT150064
- DENT150065
- DENT150146
- DENT150147
- DENT150148
- DENT150136
- DENT140099
- DENT140240
- DENT150014
- DENT150019
- DENT150020
- DENT150029
- DENT150030
- DENT150040
- DENT150045
- DENT150116
- DENT130028
- DENT150163
- J.H.W.
- W.B.W.
- DENT090238

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

- R.L.

Legal Services – Ms. Anil Foreman

- Correspondence regarding A.V.
- Correspondence regarding P.P.H.

Miscellaneous

- Legal advice regarding Ownership of Dental Practices

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

Open Session

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

Applications

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| • T.J.R. | Dental Reinstatement | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee |
| • R.D.D. | Dental Reinstatement | Approved application |
| • K.A.H. | Inactive Status | Approved application |
| • T.A.J. | Inactive Status | Approved application |

Investigative Committee Report

Report presented:

Complaint Number	Allegations	Recommendations
DENT140103	Quality of Care	Refer to AG
DENT150023	Arrest, Conviction & Pleas	Close w/Letter of Concern
DENT130198	Quality of Care	Close
DENT110146	Quality of Care	Refer to AG
DENT140308	Unsanitary Conditions	Refer to AG
DENT150142	Fraud/Misrepresentation	Close
DENT150064	Quality of Care	Summarily Suspend
DENT150065	Quality of Care	Summarily Suspend
DENT150146	Records Release	Summarily Suspend
DENT150147	Records Release	Summarily Suspend
DENT150148	Records Release	Summarily Suspend
DENT150136	Infection Control Violation	Close
DENT140099	Quality of Care	Close
DENT140240	Unprofessional Conduct	Close
DENT150014	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150019	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150020	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150029	Quality of Care	Close w/Letter of Concern
DENT150030	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150040	Quality of Care	Close

DENT150045	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150116	Over Px and Tx Plan	Close
DENT130028	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150163	Self-Report	Close
J.H.W.	Advertising	Close
W.B.W.	Other	Close
DENT090238	Over Px and Tx Plan	Close

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

- R.L. No action taken

Legal Services – Ms. Anil Foreman

- Correspondence regarding A.V.: Directed staff to respond that confidentiality of complaints and investigative records is strictly maintained throughout the investigative process, except to the extent required or permitted under Georgia law.
- Correspondence regarding P.P.H.: In response to notice of nonpayment status for federal student loans, suspend license.

Miscellaneous

- Ownership of Dental Practices: The Board requested Mr. Thernes render advice regarding variables to consider while drafting a rule regarding ownership of dental practices.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi P. Howell, Business Operations Specialist

Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director