

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Sedation Committee Conference Call
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
February 10, 2023
3:00 p.m.

The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Glenn Maron, Chair (*departed @ 4:10 p.m.*)
Dr. Michael Knight
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz
Dr. JC Shirley
Dr. Brent Stiehl

Staff present:

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director
Max Changus, Senior Asst Attorney General
Clint Joiner, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Open Session

Dr. Maron established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Introduction of Visitors

Mr. Lacefield asked the visitors on the call to send an email via the “Contact Us” portal on the website if he/she would like his/her name reflected as being in attendance in the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Stiehl made a motion to approve the October 28, 2022, Conference Call minutes. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion Topics

Sedation Applications: In regards to dentists that are providing sedation at multiple locations, Dr. Maron stated the Committee had previously spoke of adding language to the application verifying coverage and who would be providing coverage. He stated that this will eliminate a lot of confusion. He further stated that if this could be added to the application it would be easier to have that information at the time of review rather than request it after the applicant submits the application. The Committee agreed.

After further discussion, Mr. Lacefield informed the Committee that each sedation application already has language that states the following:

“If you are applying for more than one location, please include a written statement addressing how you will handle post operative issues/complications, including how patients will be able to contact you about post operative issues/complications, your anticipated response time to those patients, and the physical location(s) where you would anticipate seeing those patients, if necessary. Please also address how patients will be notified of how post operative issues/complications will be handled.”

The Committee agreed no further action was required on this topic.

Inspection App: Dr. Schultz inquired if the Board had a budget that would allow for an inspection office app if the Board were to explore that as an option in order to eliminate the paper evaluation form. Mr. Lacefield responded by stating that he would need to have a more detailed conversation with Dr. Schultz so that he could have a better understanding about the app and obtain more information. He stated that

there is a process if there is something the Board needed to request additional funds for in order to make a purchase; however, he needs more information about the app and how it would be used. Dr. Schultz responded by stating that he would be happy to further discuss that with Mr. Lacefield. Dr. Schultz stated the app is available with AAMOS members and makes the whole process of an office anesthesia evaluation easier. He further stated that one can take pictures of crash carts beforehand, and everything is basically digitized.

Dr. Maron asked Dr. Schultz to find out who the owner of the app is. He commented that most of the permits issued by the Board are not for oral surgeons. He further stated that the Board cannot just rely on something from AAMOS. Dr. Schultz responded by stating that the app would have to be designed to fit the Board's needs. Dr. Maron stated he has no issue using an app if it is time saving. Dr. Shirley commented that it does not necessarily need to be an app. He stated that there can be an online process versus submitting a paper application. Dr. Schultz responded by stating that would be an option, but the app simplifies things for the examiner. He added that there may not be much difficulty in finding examiners to do these inspections if there was an app that could simplify the process. He stated that he would provide more information on the subject at the Committee's next meeting.

Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists and Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental

Assistants: Dr. Maron stated that this topic was related to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23, which requires a dental assistant or licensed dental hygienist performing phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures to complete approved training. He further stated that three courses have already been approved by the Board. He explained the two rules need to be amended to be consistent with the law. Dr. Maron added that both versions presented have the required language.

Mr. Joiner read the suggested amendment to Rule 150-5-.03:

1. To perform phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures, a dental hygienist must successfully complete a Board approved training course as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23.

Mr. Joiner stated that similar language has been added to Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants.

After further discussion, the Committee recommended presenting the amendments to Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists and Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants to the full Board for consideration.

Dr. Stiehl made a motion and Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h), § 43-11-47(h), and § 43-1-2(h), to deliberate and receive information on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Dr. JC Shirley, and Dr. Brent Stiehl.

Executive Session

Appearances

- S.S.
- T.J.P.

Applications

- C.A.T.

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

Open Session

Dr. Knight made a motion to approve the following recommendations based on deliberations made in Executive Session and send to the full Board:

Appearances

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T.J.P. | Initial Moderate Parenteral CS | Table for discussion with the full Board at its meeting on 03/03/2023. |
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Applications

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C.A.T. | Initial Moderate Parenteral CS | Table for discussion with the full Board at its meeting on 03/03/2023. |
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Dr. Stiehl seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion. In the same motion, the Committee voted to approve S.S., Initial General Anesthesia applicant, for a provisional permit.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I
Minutes edited by Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director