

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
February 18, 2022
2:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Glenn Maron, President
Dr. Greg Goggans
Dr. Michael Knight
Ms. Misty Mattingly
Dr. Larry Miles
Dr. David Reznik
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld
Dr. Don Spillers
Dr. Brent Stiehl
Dr. Debra Wilson

Staff present:

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Kimberly Emm, Attorney

Visitors:

Dr. Carol Lefebvre, Dental College of Georgia

Open Session

Dr. Maron established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Dr. Reznik made a motion and Dr. Stiehl seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h), § 43-1-47(h), and § 43-1-2(h) to deliberate and receive the Assistant Attorney General's report, and for the purpose of receiving legal advice as authorized under O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1(e)(2)(c), 50-14-2(1). Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Ms. Misty Mattingly, Dr. Larry Miles, Dr. David Reznik, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Don Spillers, Dr. Brent Stiehl, and Dr. Debra Wilson.

Executive Session

The Board requested legal advice.

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Kirsten Daughdril

Ms. Daughdril discussed the following individuals:

- S.H.
- M.D.

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

Open Session

Dental Application Requirements

Dr. Maron stated this matter was initially discussed at the Board's February 4, 2022, meeting. He explained the Board discussed correspondence received from Dr. Alan Furness, Dental College of Georgia (DCG), concerning the application process and students applying for his/her license prior to graduation from dental school. At that meeting, the Board voted to refer the matter to the Attorney General's office for advice. Dr. Maron stated that based on advice from the Attorney General's office after a review of the laws and rules,

applying for licensure prior to graduation is not permissible by law. Dr. Maron stated that the Board highly recommended DCG inform its students that he/she cannot apply for licensure prior to graduation. Dr. Carol Lefebvre, DCG, was on the call and spoke to the board. Dr. Lefebvre stated that students were advised in writing by a licensure analyst for the Board to submit applications before the Governor's Executive Order expired even though the student had not graduated from dental school. She inquired if a student had already submitted an application, would he/she be grandfathered in. Dr. Maron responded that it was the Board's understanding that an application from a student from DCG that had not graduated had not been received. He added that, at this juncture, the point is moot, and the Board would not accept an application. He continued by stating that the student has to have graduated from dental school in order to apply for licensure.

Emergency Rule – Regional Examination for Dentists

Dr. Maron stated that the Board is not just focused on the Dental College of Georgia, it is focused on anyone that wants to practice in Georgia. Dr. Maron read the following draft:

Rule 150-3-0.3-.11 Regional Examination for Dentists.

- (1) As a response to the current state of emergency as declared by the Governor, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry finds the potential for imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare of Georgia citizens. This emergency rule shall go into effect based on O.C.G.A. 50-13-4(b) and shall be effective for the duration of the emergency and for a period of not more than 120 days thereafter. During the time this rule is effective, it shall replace Georgia State Board of Dentistry Rule 150-3-.01(7)(f) only, the remainder of 150-3-.01 shall remain unaltered and in full effect.

- (2) During the declared State of Emergency for Continued COVID-19 Economic Recovery, results from the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Manikin-based (No Human Subjects) Examination and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) Manikin-based (No Human Subjects) dental examination taken on or after January 1, 2021; consisting of the following component parts will be considered:
 - a. periodontics, clinical abilities testing;
 - b. endodontics, clinical abilities testing;
 - c. posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite preparation(s), clinical abilities testing;
 - d. posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite restorations, clinical abilities testing;
 - e. anterior class III composite preparation, clinical abilities testing;
 - f. anterior class III composite restorations, clinical abilities testing;
 - g. fixed prosthodontics, crown preparation clinical abilities testing;
 - h. prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;
 - i. oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; and
 - j. oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing.

Dr. Lefebvre commented that DCG was appreciative of the Boards efforts to help its students. Dr. Maron stated that if the Board voted to adopt the emergency rule, it would work on a permanent rule over the next few months.

Dr. Reznik made a motion to adopt the emergency rule. Dr. Knight seconded. Discussion was held. Dr. Stiehl commented that he thinks the students coming out of DCG are well trained. He stated that, as Chair of the Board's Investigative Committee, he sees some horrendous stuff. Dr. Stiehl explained that he has always been adamant for live patient testing and when he sees a complaint from a patient that has suffered

for years versus a student complaining he/she has to stress for a weekend, he is for the patient. He stated that he understands we are in a pandemic, but wanted his personal opinion noted.

Dr. Lefebvre stated that she appreciates the Board's position. She further stated that they have a common goal to support recent graduates and would work with the Board to create the permanent rule.

Dr. Maron inquired if information was available in terms of demographics of where students end up after graduating. Dr. Lefebvre responded that 30-45% of graduates go into residency programs. She added that the school makes a concerted effort to recruit students from shortage areas. Dr. Reznik inquired about rural areas and county by county statistics. Dr. Lefebvre stated she could provide the Board with information from the last five (5) years.

There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Goggans stated that he heard rumors about the Board not doing a good job of working with the school and working to get dentists licensed. He explained that the Board's mission is to protect the safety of the citizens of Georgia. He added that there is an amazing group of people serving on the Board. Dr. Goggans stated that the Board reviews and researches each issue. He further stated that if anyone thought the Board was not doing a good job, he was sorry he/she feels that way. He stated the Board is doing a great job to protect its citizens. Dr. Maron thanked Dr. Goggans for his comments. Dr. Maron stated that he is aware many members felt discouraged and knows that each member is dedicated and cares about what he/she is doing.

Dr. Wilson commented that this Board kept moving through a pandemic and she felt it did a great job. Ms. Mattingly stated that she agreed with Dr. Wilson and Dr. Goggans. She commented that, while she is a new member of the Board, she has attended many meetings over the years and this current composition of members is the most forward-thinking group there has been in quiet some time. She stated that the Board is bringing about great changes.

Dr. Stiehl stated that one reason he was adamant about the profession is that he is proud to be a dentist and a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia. He stated that, to him, his acceptance letter was his golden ticket. He explained that he is very protective of this profession and does get bent out of shape when someone comes before the Investigative Committee that has done something egregious. Dr. Stiehl stated that he sees the practice spiraling and does not know that we are going in the right direction. He further stated that he wants the best dentists in the state.

Dr. Spillers stated that he is a new board member, and this was his second meeting with the Board. He further stated that he echoes Dr. Goggans' thoughts. He commented that people saying that the Board does not care, do not know this Board. He added that the Board wants to protect the people, but it is also progressive, openminded, and trying to do what is right. Dr. Spillers stated that it was not fair to categorize this Board as not trying to help students or others get licensed in Georgia. He continued by stating that when the Governor swore him in, the Governor said Dr. Spillers' duty was to protect the citizens of this state. He stated that is what each member is here to do, and he sees that commitment in this group.

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

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Kirsten Daughdril

Ms. Daughdril discussed the following individuals:

- S.H. Allow dentist to apply for inactive status

- M.D. Refer to the Department of Law

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

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held via conference call on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Emm, Attorney

Minutes edited by Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director