

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**February 2, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Tom Godfrey, President  
Dr. Greg Goggans, Vice-President  
Dr. Tracy Gay  
Dr. Steve Holcomb  
Ms. Wendy Johnson  
Dr. Antwan Treadway  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Staff present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General  
Ryan McNeal, Chief Investigator  
Kimberly Emm, Attorney  
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

**Visitors:**

Ryan Loke, PDS  
Alan Furness, DCG

**Open Session**

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Godfrey welcomed the visitors.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the January 12, 2018 meeting with the changes noted and the Public and Executive Session minutes for the January 24, 2018 Conference Call. Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Licenses to Ratify**

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

**Petition for Rule Waiver from Dr. Mark A. Willis**

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to deny the rule waiver petition. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence from Rebekah Harrison**

The Board considered this correspondence from Ms. Harrison asking if a hygienist can use the Valscope to help detect abnormalities. Additionally, Ms. Harrison asked if the hygienist can receive the production for the procedure. The Board recommended directing staff to respond by stating that the results of the Valscope must be interpreted by a licensed dentist. As far as compensation, Ms. Harrison will need to discuss that matter with her employer as the Board does not have any purview over such.

**Correspondence from Tiffany Beeman**

The Board considered this correspondence requesting clarification concerning O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74(k)(1). The Board recommended tabling this correspondence and referring the matter to the Rules Committee for additional clarification.

**Correspondence from Katie Morgan**

The Board considered this correspondence asking if a patient has been to another dentist within a year's time and had a complete exam with that doctor, does that meet the requirement related to general supervision at the new office. The Board recommended directing staff to respond to Ms. Morgan by referring her to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74(g)(2) which specifically states that a new patient of record must be clinically examined by the authorizing licensed dentist during the initial visit.

**General – Dr. Tom Godfrey**

No report.

**CE Audit Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett**

No report.

**Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Antwan Treadway**

No report.

**Credentials Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans**

No report.

**Dental Hygiene Committee Report – Ms. Rebecca Bynum**

No report.

**Examination Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan**

Dr. Yeargan reported that the next ERC meeting will be in April.

**Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan**

No report.

**Legislative Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans**

No report.

**Licensure Overview Committee Report – Dr. Tracy Gay**

No report.

**Rules Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey**

Dr. Godfrey reported that the Rules Committee will be meeting in March.

**Education Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey**

No report.

**Long Range Planning Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb**

No report.

**CRDTS Steering Committee**

No report.

**IP Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett**

Ms. Battle stated that Dr. Bennett asked that she relay a question under this committee. She stated an inquiry was received regarding an out of state licensee participating in a patient treatment continuing education course for Botox at the Hinman Meeting and asked if this individual would need to obtain a Georgia Dental license to participate. Ms. Battle stated that staff researched and could not find anything

in minutes reflecting the Board's position on this matter. Dr. Yeargan responded that the Board has previously address this. The Board directed staff to respond by stating if the individual is not a Georgia licensed dentist, he/she could not participate in the patient treatment portion of the course.

Dr. Holcomb reported that he recently attended the Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners, which was sponsored by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry and held in Memphis. He reported on items that were discussed such as integration of national boards. He stated this will impact state boards reviewing its rules and regulations because in 5 years the verbiage of national boards part 1 and part 2 will no longer will be applicable. After the 5 year point, there will not be an option to take part 1 or part 2, as it will be an integrated national board exam and the individual will take it in his/her senior year. He stated if the Board enlists this as one of its components, it will need to revisit rules and regulations to ensure compliance.

Additionally, Dr. Holcomb reported that discussion was held concerning the ADA journey into what they consider alternative methods of clinical licensure via the OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination). He stated there was much discussion on this topic as the dental boards feel clinical licensure testing development is within their purview. He also indicated that next year's conference will be in Georgia and will require Georgia's Board President to have a significant role in the development and content, along with the Dental College of Georgia. Ms. Battle asked is that a membership organization as she did not think the Georgia Board were members. Dr. Holcomb responded no.

#### **EDDA Review Committee – Dr. Greg Goggans**

Dr. Goggans reported that course submissions regarding expanded duties of dental assistants were received from AS4U Career Center, Chattanooga State Community College, and United Education Institute. He stated that the curriculum submitted is taken from what the Board requires per rule. Dr. Goggans stated that he recommended approving all three course submissions. Dr. Holcomb stated that it appeared that Chattanooga State Community College needed to submit a course syllabus. Dr. Goggans responded by asking if the school sends in its syllabus, if the Committee can review it and approve it. Dr. Holcomb indicated that he suggests there be a uniform way to evaluate these submissions. He stated that each submission needs to show that its curriculum satisfies the components of the rule. Dr. Goggans asked how the Board wants to proceed with these submissions. Dr. Godfrey responded by stating that the committee can make recommendations. Dr. Holcomb added that the Board can authorize the Committee to approve the course if all requirements are met and the approval can be ratified at the Board's next scheduled meeting.

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to require schools/facilities wishing to request approval for expanded duties submit a syllabus showing only those portions of its program it is wishing to teach. Once this information is received it may be forwarded to the EDDA Committee for review and approval. The approval will then be ratified by the Board at its next scheduled meeting. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Battle stated that two out of the three schools did submit a syllabus with their submission. She asked if the Board wants the information resubmitted with the new formatting discussed. Dr. Treadway asked if the Board should create an instrument for that. Dr. Holcomb responded by stating that it is basically listed in the expanded duties rule and under coronal polishing. Ms. Battle stated that staff will develop a form to ensure a uniform assessment process.

#### **Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**

Ms. Battle stated that at the last meeting there was discussion concerning the number of licensees who had not registered for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Information was received indicating that only 51% of dentists had complied. Ms. Battle clarified that only those licensees who were prescribers

and held a DEA number needed to register. The Department of Public Health obtained the number of prescribers who hold DEA numbers and estimated that compliance was closer to 80% for all prescribers.

**Attorney General's Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes**

No report.

**Miscellaneous**

Dr. Treadway discussed the Give Kids a Smile Program. He understood that a number of dentists wanted to volunteer for the event scheduled for February 16, 2018, but had not submitted applications for such. Dr. Treadway asked if there had ever been a similar situation for which the Board was able to offer assistance. Dr. Godfrey stated he did not recall. Dr. Godfrey further indicated that the sponsoring organization has known, since December, the process by which to apply for the volunteer license. As no applications have been received, there really is no assistance the Board can offer.

Dr. Steve Holcomb made a motion and Dr. Antwan Treadway 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, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Ms. Wendy Johnson, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

**Executive Session**

**Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases**

- M.K.P.
- D.F.B.
- J.E.M.
- R.H.
- M.I.S.
- N.C.B.
- K.R.M.
- M.Y.F.
- F.B.E.
- C.B.M.
- J.S.M.
- D.A.S.
- J.H.H.
- A.M.Z.
- R.P.G.
- A.T.
- J.C.S.
- N.T.
- S.Q.I.
- C.A.F.
- M.R.B.
- S.A.G.
- S.J.D.
- R.C.T.
- E.A.S.

- K.M.H.
- P.C.S.
- A.M.Z.

### **Applications**

- J.C.A.
- C.B.S.
- M.D.B.
- M.A.J.
- E.E.B.
- A.A.
- J.N.J.

### **Correspondences**

- J.C.H.
- J.M.M.
- R.M.M.
- C.D.W.
- F.D.B.
- D.D.W.
- E.L.

### **Investigative Committee Report**

Report presented:

- DENT150207
- DENT170292
- DENT180068
- DENT180138
- DENT180140
- DENT180148
- DENT180150
- DENT180157
- DENT180159
- DENT180160
- DENT150230
- DENT170253
- DENT170273
- DENT170334
- DENT180008
- DENT180044
- DENT180047
- DENT180049
- DENT180055
- DENT180056
- DENT180069
- DENT180073
- DENT180156

- DENT140085
- DENT150133
- DENT160457
- DENT170028
- DENT170201
- DENT170279
- DENT170299
- DENT170323
- DENT170338
- DENT180072
- DENT180155
- R.W.
- DENT090230
- DENT160361
- DENT160414
- DENT160416
- DENT160418
- DENT160426
- DENT160518
- DENT160120
- DENT160411
- DENT180028
- DENT180170
- DENT180174
- DENT180175
- DENT160520
- DENT170167
- DENT170174
- DENT170148
- DENT170219
- DENT180035
- DENT180042
- DENT180050
- DENT180063
- DENT180066
- DENT180083
- DENT180087
- DENT180090
- DENT180095
- DENT180116
- DENT180121
- DENT180179
- DENT130059
- DENT180127
- D.S.

**Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**

No report.

**Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes**

- B.G./N.G.

Mr. Thernes presented the following consent order for acceptance:

- K.D.C.

**Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm**

Ms. Emm presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- C.E.M.
- K.L.K.

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

**Open Session**

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

**Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases**

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| • M.K.P. | Request to terminate probation | Denied Request   |
| • D.F.B. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • J.E.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • R.H.   | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Approved for renewal   |
| • M.I.S. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • N.C.B. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Approved for renewal   |
| • K.R.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • M.Y.F. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • F.B.E. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • C.B.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • J.S.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Renew with letter stating the Board has not concluded its consideration of the matter. |
| • D.A.S. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Renew with letter stating the Board has not concluded its consideration of the matter. |
| • J.H.H. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Renew with letter stating the Board has not concluded its consideration of the matter. |
| • A.M.Z. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Renew with letter stating the Board has not concluded its consideration of the matter. |
| • R.P.G. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Renew with letter stating the Board has not concluded its consideration of the matter. |
| • A.T.   | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee                                 |
| • J.C.S. | Renewal Pending Licensee       | Approved for renewal   |

- N.T. Renewal Pending Licensee Approved for renewal
- S.Q.I. Renewal Pending Licensee Refer to Legal Services
- C.A.F. Renewal Pending Licensee Refer to Legal Services
- M.R.B. Request for Extension Approved request for six month extension
- S.A.G. Renewal Pending Licensee Scheduled to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee
- S.J.D. Renewal Pending Licensee Approved for renewal
- R.C.T. Request to terminate probation Approved request
- E.A.S. Renewal Pending Licensee Approved for renewal
- K.M.H. Request to terminate probation Approved request
- P.C.S. Dental Credentials Applicant Approved application
- A.M.Z. Dental Hygiene Credentials Approved application

### **Applications**

- J.C.A. Dental Exam Applicant Scheduled to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee
- C.B.S. Dental Exam Applicant Approved application
- M.D.B. Dental Credentials Applicant Approved application
- M.A.J. Dental Credentials Applicant Approved application
- E.E.B. Dental Faculty Applicant Approved application
- A.A. Dental Reinstatement Applicant Approved application
- J.N.J. Initial General Anesthesia Applicant Approve for provisional permit

### **Correspondences**

- J.C.H. Request regarding inactive status Approve pending receipt of additional information
- J.M.M. Request regarding inactive status and waiver of application fee Deny request for waiver of application fee; approve request for inactive status pending receipt of additional information
- R.M.M. Request for refund of late renewal fee Denied request
- C.D.W. Request for waiver of late renewal fee Denied request
- F.D.B. Request for refund of renewal fee Denied request
- D.D.W. Request for refund of late renewal fee Denied request
- E.L. Request regarding credentials licensure Table pending receipt of additional information

### **Investigative Committee Report**

Report presented:

<b>Complaint Number</b>	<b>Allegations</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
DENT150207	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT170292	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180068	Unsanitary Conditions	Close with No Action
DENT180138	Other	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180140	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with No Action



DENT180148	Abandonment	Obtain additional information then schedule investigative interview
DENT180150	Billing	Close with No Action
DENT180157	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180159	Malpractice	Close with No Action
DENT180160	Malpractice	Schedule Investigative Interview
DENT150230	Morbidity and Mortality	Send to Oral Surgeon for Peer Review
DENT170253	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT170273	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT170334	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180008	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180044	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180047	Billing	Send to Endo for Peer Review
DENT180049	Billing	Close with No Action
DENT180055	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180056	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180069	Malpractice	Close with No Action
DENT180073	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180156	Impairment/Substance abuse	Refer to Law Department
DENT140085	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT150133	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT160457	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT170028	Billing	Close with No Action
DENT170201	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT170279	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Schedule Investigative Interview
DENT170299	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Schedule Investigative Interview
DENT170323	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT170338	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180072	Impairment/Substance abuse	Refer to Department of Law
DENT180155	Impairment/Substance abuse	Refer to Department of Law
R.W.	Response to Board letter regarding CPR provider not listed in Rule	Close with No Action
DENT090230	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Send correspondence that extension is okay
DENT160361	Falsified 2015 renewal answering "No" to the treatment and arrest questions.	Move forward with original CO referral
DENT160414	Records Release	Close with No Action
DENT160416	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with No Action
DENT160418	Abandonment	Close with No Action
DENT160426	Abandonment	Close with No Action
DENT160518	Abandonment	Close with No Action
DENT160120	Records Release	Close with No Action
DENT160411	Records Release	Close with No Action
DENT180028	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT180170	Billing	Close with No Action
DENT180174	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Investigator McNeal to obtain records
DENT180175	Billing	Close with No Action

DENT160520	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Approved - Close No Action
DENT170167	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT170174	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with No Action
DENT170148	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	MIT letter - 8 hours of posterior crown and bridge
DENT170219	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Schedule Interview with Owners
DENT180035	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Schedule for Investigative Interview
DENT180042	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Request Peer Review
DENT180050	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close
DENT180063	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Schedule for Investigative Interview
DENT180066	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close
DENT180083	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close
DENT180087	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close
DENT180090	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180095	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180116	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close
DENT180121	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Peer Review
DENT180179	Unprofessional Conduct	Investigator McNeal to contact dentist
DENT130059	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Approved to Change CE Plan
DENT180127	Arrest, Conviction & Pleas	Close

**Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**

No report.

**Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes**

- B.G./N.G. Request regarding credentials licensure Uphold original determination

Mr. Thernes presented the following consent order for acceptance:

- K.D.C. Public consent order accepted

**Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm**

Ms. Emm presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- C.E.M. Public consent order accepted
- K.L.K. Public consent order accepted

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

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I  
 Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director