

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 7, 2014**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Richard Bennett  
Ms. Becky Bynum  
Dr. Becky Carlon  
Dr. Randy Daniel  
Ms. Connie Engel  
Dr. Tracy Gay  
Dr. Antwan Treadway  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Staff present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Bryon Thernes, Asst Attorney General  
Brandi Howell, Bus Operations Specialist

**Visitors:**

Donald Brown, GDA  
Greg Leathers  
Chris Milton  
Erica Michell  
Melana McClatchey, GDA  
Wendy Blond, GDHA

**Open Session**

Dr. Bennett established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Bennett welcomed the visitors and welcomed Dr. Treadway to the Board.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Carlon made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the January 17, 2014 meeting. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Ratifications**

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

**Petition for Rule Waiver – Rahel Kebede**

Dr. Carlon made a motion to grant a variance to Ms. Kebede and give her an additional six months to submit her continuing education. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Petition for Rule Variance – Cassandra Lichky**

Dr. Carlon made a motion to deny the rule variance petition. Dr. Daniel seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Petition for Rule Variance – Christopher Milton**

Dr. Bennett asked Mr. Milton, who was present at the meeting, if he would like to speak to the Board regarding his request. Mr. Milton addressed the Board regarding his request. Ms. Bynum asked Mr. Milton what had he been doing since his first attempt at the examination. Mr. Milton responded by stating that he did go through a formal remediation and is also working at a clinic. Dr. Carlon stated that while she does have sympathy for Mr. Milton, the exam is considered a minimal competency exam and

tests for skills that an entry level person should have. Dr. Carlon made a motion to deny the rule variance petition. Dr. Daniel seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Ms. Bynum advised Mr. Milton that she will be in touch with Georgia Regents University to see if there is an alternate course he can take.

#### **Correspondence from Sarah Bimber**

The Board considered this correspondence asking if a Georgia licensed dentist can volunteer his/her services with a non-profit corporation lawfully operating in the state without a special license. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Bimber by telling her that a licensed Georgia dentist may volunteer without requiring a special volunteer license.

#### **Correspondence from Judy Van Wezel**

The Board initially reviewed this request from Ms. Van Wezel regarding antibody testing and scope of practice allowances at its December 6, 2013 conference call. The Board requested additional information from Ms. Van Wezel and stated that once that information was received, to forward to the Oral Medicine Department at Georgia Regents University to find out what the benefits of the testing would be. Dr. Scott De Rossi reviewed the information and stated that he did not see any reason why it did not fall under the scope of oral health. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Van Wezel by stating that a dentist should be able to order the test.

#### **Correspondence from Katherine Landsberg**

The Board considered this correspondence asking if the DALE Foundation's DANB RHS Review course is an acceptable training course under regulation 290-55-22-.04. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Landsberg by referring her to the Department of Human Services for clarification on its regulation.

#### **General – Dr. Richard Bennett**

The GDHD submitted recommendations to the Board's Policy Manual. Dr. Bennett stated that some of the Board's policies need updating. He further stated that these recommendations would be reviewed by the Dental Hygiene Committee for a recommendation to the full board. Dr. Bennett stated that he appreciated the GDHA for putting forth the effort and directed the Dental Hygiene Committee to review and report back to the Board in the near future.

#### **CE Audit Committee Report**

No report. Ms. Battle stated that she appreciated the Committee taking the time to review the CE audits in such a timely manner.

#### **Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Randy Daniel**

Dr. Daniel and Dr. Treadway spoke to the Board regarding capnography. Dr. Daniel stated that it is most likely that the Sedation Committee will recommend capnography be mandated. Dr. Daniel stated that there is a back order for the capnography machines. If the Board does go with a mandate, it will have to give people enough time to get the machines. Dr. Daniel added that presently, the dentist is not required to have an EKG, but is required to have ACLS. He thinks that the Committee will need to revisit the requirement of not having an EKG in the near future. Dr. Bennett recommended the Sedation Committee work with the Rules Committee to prepare those changes.

#### **Credentialing Committee Report – Dr. Becky Carlon**

No report.

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

Ms. Bynum reported that she has been in contact with some of the GDHA members regarding the options for someone who fails the CRDTS examination on the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt. It is not addressed in Rule 150-5-.02. She and Dr. Holcomb are in the process of working on an amendment to the rule regarding this matter. Additionally, she is trying to find options with GRU for non-licensed hygienists having access to some kind of remediation.

Ms. Bynum stated that she appreciates the input she has been receiving from GDHA. Ms. Bynum stated that she and Dr. Holcomb are the only Dental Hygiene Committee members and asked if there can be some type of sub-committee as it would be a great help to her. Dr. Bennett suggested Ms. Bynum discuss this with Dr. Holcomb and bring up at the next scheduled meeting.

Dr. Bert Yeargan made a motion and Connie Engel 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. Richard Bennett, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Becky Carlon, Dr. Randy Daniel, Ms. Connie Engel, Dr. Tracy Gay, and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

**Executive Session**

**Appearance**

- K.M.D.

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

**Open Session**

**Credentialing Committee Report – Dr. Becky Carlon**

No report.

Dr. Bennett stated that today is Dr. Carlon’s last official Board meeting. He stated that he would like to personally thank Dr. Carlon for the many years of dedicated service to the Board, along with her attention to detail and diligence. He added that she has been a role model for many members that joined the Board after her.

**Examination Committee Report – Dr. Logan Nalley**

No report.

**Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Logan Nalley**

Dr. Bennett reported that Dr. Yeargan is the new Chair of the Investigative Committee. He stated that he wanted the Board to be aware of a recurring issue that IC is having. There seems to be a growing problem with licensees cancelling their appointments with the Committee either the day before or the day of their scheduled meeting. The Committee will be drafting some guidelines to share with individuals scheduled for interviews to hopefully reduce the number of last-minute cancellations.

**Legislative Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb**

No report.

**Licensure Overview Committee Report – Dr. Becky Carlon**

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

**CRDTS Steering Committee – Dr. Logan Nalley**

No report.

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

No report.

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

Ms. Battle reported that staff is continuing to process renewals and is working on notifying individuals regarding any deficiencies.

Dr. Bennett added that if someone’s status currently states “active-renewal pending”, that means the individual has initiated the renewal process. He stated that if the status is “lapsed”, the individual has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to submit a renewal application. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the individual would have to reinstate.

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

No report.

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**Executive Session**

**Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases**

- P.P.B.
- J.G.W.
- J.R.R.
- C.P.
- A.M.W.
- N.V.C.
- K.G.P.
- M.R.

**Applications**

- T.J.W.
- L.J.M.
- A.M.K.
- C.D.
- C.C.H.

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

**Investigative Committee Report**

No report.

**Correspondences**

- Correspondence from B.D. and R.P.S.
- Correspondence from A.L.M.
- Correspondence from R.D.W.
- Correspondence from S.T.
- Correspondence from J.V.

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

- P.P. and H.P.

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

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individuals:

- M.W.
- A.Z.
- D.J.

Discussion was held regarding staff requesting a GCIC on a renewal applicant that discloses an arrest.

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

## Open Session

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

### Appearance

- K.M.D. Denied Credentials Applicant Overturn denial and approve via consent order

### Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

- P.P.B. Request to terminate probation Approved request
- J.G.W. Renewal pending Renew under consent order
- J.R.R. Renewal pending Renew under consent order
- C.P. Dental Exam Applicant Approved application
- A.M.W. Request to terminate probation Approved pending receipt of additional information
- N.V.C. Dental Credentials Applicant Refer to the Attorney General's office
- K.G.P. Requesting the Board consider a modification to his C.O. Request denied.
- M.R. Renewal pending Approved for renewal

### Applications

- T.W. Dental Exam Applicant Table pending receipt of additional information
- L.J.M. Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Reinstatement under consent order
- A.M.K. Inactive Status Approved application
- C.D. Inactive Status Approved application
- C.C.H. Inactive Status Approved application
- D.E.M. Inactive Status Approved application
- D.M.M. Inactive Status Approved application
- D.A.B. Inactive Status Approved application
- E.R.B. Inactive Status Approved application
- E.S. Inactive Status Approved application
- E.F.L. Inactive Status Approved application
- G.S.A. Inactive Status Approved application
- G.L.J. Inactive Status Approved application
- G.E.B. Inactive Status Approved application
- K.A.S. Inactive Status Approved application
- L.I.R. Inactive Status Approved application
- M.C.M. Inactive Status Approved application
- M.M.V. Inactive Status Approved application
- P.B.A. Inactive Status Approved application
- R.P.R. Inactive Status Approved application
- R.A.L. Inactive Status Approved application
- R.D.H. Inactive Status Approved application
- R.L.R. Inactive Status Approved application
- S.D.B. Inactive Status Approved application
- S.S.N. Inactive Status Approved application
- S.N.V. Inactive Status Approved application

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| • W.O.B. | Inactive Status | Approved application |
| • Z.Y.P. | Inactive Status | Approved application |
| • S.T.H. | Inactive Status | Approved application |

**Investigative Committee Report**

No report.

**Correspondences**

- Correspondence from B.D. and R.P.S.: Denied request for late renewal fee reversal.
- Correspondence from A.L.M.: Denied request for waiver of late renewal fee.
- Correspondence from R.D.W.: Approved request for waiver of late renewal fee.
- Correspondence from S.T.: Denied request for waiver of late renewal fee.
- Correspondence from J.V.: Denied request for waiver of late renewal fee.

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

- P.P. and H.P.: Accept Voluntary C&D

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

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individuals:

- M.W.: Accept Final Decision
- A.Z.: Correspondence
- D.J.: No action taken

Discussion was held regarding staff requesting a GCIC on a renewal applicant that discloses an arrest. The Board recommended staff sending a deficiency to those that disclose an arrest on his/her renewal application and ask if there have been any prior arrests other than what was reported. Once the individual’s response is received, forward to the Licensure Overview Committee for review.

Dr. Daniel 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, March 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi P. Howell, Business Operations Specialist

Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director