

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Board Meeting
January 17, 2014
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 36th 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
Dr. Tracy Gay
Dr. Tom Godfrey
Dr. Steve Holcomb
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

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

Visitors:

Greg Leathers
Suzanne Newkirk, GDHA
Lynne Slim
Pamela L. Wilkes
Dr. Travis Watson, AGD
Melana McClatchey, GDA
Dr. Clyde Andrews
Wendy Blond, GDHA
Cresta Turner

Open Session

Dr. Bennett established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Introduction of Visitors

Dr. Bennett welcomed the visitors.

Rule Hearing

Dr. Bennett called the Rules Hearing to order at 9:38 a.m.

Rule 150-3-.09 Continuing Education for Dentists

No comments or written responses were received.

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to adopt Rule 150-3-.09 Continuing Education for Dentists. Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule 150-5-.05 Requirements for Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists

No comments or written responses were received.

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to adopt Rule 150-5-.05 Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The hearing was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the December 6, 2013 Conference Call, December 20, 2013 Conference Call, January 3, 2014 Conference Call and January 8, 2014 Conference Call as amended. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ratifications

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

Petition for Rule Waiver – Rahel Kebede

The Board considered this petition and directed staff to request additional information from Ms. Kebede. The Board will vote on the petition at its next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2014.

General – Dr. Richard Bennett

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the changes made to the Inactive Status application and post to the Board's website. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from GDHA

Wendy Blond, stated that GDHA would like to withdraw its request for a dental screening. No action taken.

Correspondence from Jill Parker, DH010362

The Board considered this correspondence requesting an extension to take the risk management course required per Ms. Parker's consent agreement. The Board recommended staff respond to Ms. Parker by stating that CNA may offer an online course. Ms. Parker will need to notify the Board of the specific course and obtain approval from the Board prior to taking the course.

Correspondence from Jen McGuire, Henry Schein Dental

The Board considered this correspondence and directed staff to respond to Ms. McGuire by referring her to the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

Correspondence from Mohd M. Kachlan

The Board viewed correspondence for informational purposes only.

Correspondence from Melanie Zareie

The Board considered this correspondence and directed staff to respond to Ms. Zareie by stating that the issue surrounding her request is currently under advisement by the Board.

Correspondence from Sarah Bimber

The Board recommended tabling this correspondence for consideration at its February 7, 2014 meeting.

CE Audit Committee Report

The Board reviewed a form containing guidelines created by former board member, Dr. Barry Stacey. This information will help the Board know exactly what is required for continuing education. The Board made several suggestions and directed staff to revise the form and bring back to the Board for consideration.

Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report

Dr. Bennett stated that Dr. Randy Daniel has agreed to serve as Chair of the Sedation Committee.

Credentialing Committee Report – Dr. Becky Carlon

No report.

Dental Hygiene Committee Report – Ms. Rebecca Bynum

Ms. Bynum discussed remediation/number of attempts allowed for dental hygienists taking the CRDTS examination. She recommended this matter be referred to the Rules Committee. Dr. Holcomb stated that he and Ms. Bynum would assist the Rules Committee with specific language for the rule.

Examination Committee Report – Dr. Logan Nalley

No report.

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Logan Nalley

No report.

Legislative Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb

Dr. Bennett asked the representatives from the various associations present at the meeting if they were aware of any pending legislative matters. Ms. McClatchey, GDA, responded by stating that House Bill 739 was introduced this week by Representative Alan Powell. This bill adds a paragraph that addresses Board expense allowances.

Ms. Blond stated that the dental hygienists of the GDHA are interested in more representation on the Board. They want to have an active role in decisions that impact the profession and would like to see that happen at the Board level rather than through legislation. Dr. Bennett responded that Ms. Blond may send a written request to the Board and once it is received, it will be considered by the Board.

Licensure Overview Committee Report – Dr. Becky Carlon

Dr. Carlon reported that licensees that reported an arrest or other matter on their renewal are currently being reviewed by LOC. She stated that LOC would like to know if there is a history or pattern and would like for the Board to consider directing staff run a GCIC so that LOC can have more information to make a determination. The Board recommended tabling this matter so that Mr. Thernes can look into this matter.

Rules Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey

Dr. Godfrey reported that the Committee is continuing to work on rules for fee splitting, animals in the office and mobile dentistry. Dr. Godfrey also reported that there is a big list of cleanup rules that the Committee plans to present to the Board in February.

Dr. Tom Godfrey made a motion and Becky Bynum 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, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Steve Holcomb, and Dr. Bert Yeorgan.

Executive Session

Appearance

- J.S.C.

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

Open Session

Agency Review Hearing for Dr. Marcia S. White, DN014201

The Agency Review Hearing was called to order at 11:29 a.m.

The Board voted to issue a final decision within 30 days. The hearing concluded at 12:31 p.m.

Education Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey

Dr. Godfrey reported GRU is still in the process of looking for a Dean.

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 approximately 92% of dental hygienists and 90% of dentists have initiated their renewal. She further reported that there were approximately 839 licensees on hold for various reasons. Staff is working to notify these individuals regarding their deficiencies.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

No report.

Dr. Bert Yeargan made a motion and Dr. Randy Daniel 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, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Steve Holcomb, and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

- A.S.
- C.G.S.
- S.K.N.
- C.C.D.
- K.S.
- W.M.W.
- J.N.
- S.F.
- R.K.

Applications

- A.M.T.
- C.A.W.
- H.C.L.

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

Investigative Committee Report

Report presented:

- DENT140073
- DENT130139

- DENT130140
- DENT140067
- DENT140072
- DENT140010
- DENT130121

Correspondences

- Correspondence from T.M.R.

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

- S.N.P.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

- Discussion was held regarding non-dental owned practices.

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

Open Session

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

Appearance

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| • J.S.C. | Denied Credentials Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional information. |
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Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

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| • A.S. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • C.G.S. | Request to terminate probation | Request approved |
| • S.K.N. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Approved application |
| • C.C.D. | Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • K.S. | Request to terminate probation | Request approved |
| • W.M.W. | Request to terminate probation | Request denied |
| • J.N. | Renewal | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • S.F. | Requesting confirmation that probation will automatically lift | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • R.K. | Dental Exam Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional information |

Applications

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| • A.M.T. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Approved to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee |
| • C.A.W. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Denied application |
| • H.C.L. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • E.J.S. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Denied application |
| • C.E.J. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • E.A.C. | Dental Hygiene Faculty | Approved application |

• P.L.H.	Dental Hygiene Faculty	Approved application
• M.B.P.	Dental Exam Applicant	Approved application
• D.C.L.	Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant	Denied application
• J.L.C.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approved application
• J.M.F.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approved application
• R.C.K.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Table pending receipt of additional information
• J.L.T.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Reinstate under consent order
• Z.H.B.	Volunteer Applicant	Table pending receipt of additional information
• J.G.S.	Renewal	Approved renewal
• F.F.	Renewal	Refer to the AG's office
• B.J.C.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• C.C.T.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• C.L.V.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• G.L.C.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• D.B.H.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• D.T.H.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• D.K.W.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• D.M.B.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• D.M.C.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• D.S.W.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• F.D.W.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• J.C.S.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• J.A.S.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• J.B.H.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• J.C.J.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• K.P.M.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• K.F.Z.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• L.D.M.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• L.W.L.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• M.R.A.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• M.N.F.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• M.R.M.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• P.E.H.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• R.G.S.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• R.L.B.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• R.L.M.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• S.G.R.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• S.L.N.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• T.M.T.	Inactive Status	Approved application
• V.P.	Inactive Status	Approved application

Investigative Committee Report

Recommendations made by the Investigative Committee on December 6, 2013:

Complaint Number	Allegations	Recommendations
DENT140073	ULP	Refer to AG's Office
DENT130139	Quality of Care	Refer to AG's Office

DENT130140	Quality of Care	Refer to AG's Office
DENT140067	Unsanitary Conditions	Close
DENT140072	Quality of Care	Close
DENT140010	MMPR	Close
DENT130121	Insufficient CE	Refer to AG's Office

Correspondences

- Correspondence from T.M.R.: No action taken.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

- S.N.P. DH Credentials Applicant Table pending receipt of additional information

Dr. Holcomb 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, February 7, 2014, 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 3:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi P. Howell, Business Operations Specialist
 Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director