

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
January 24, 2018
1:15 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Tom Godfrey, President
Dr. Greg Goggans, Vice-President
Dr. Richard Bennett
Ms. Becky Bynum
Dr. Steve Holcomb
Dr. Logan Nalley
Dr. Antwan Treadway
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Eric Lacefield, Deputy Executive Director
Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General
Kimberly Emm, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Fiona Roberts, Press Secretary, Department of
Community Health
Charles Craig, GDHA

Open Session

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

Introduction of Visitors

Dr. Godfrey welcomed the visitors.

Rules for Consideration

Dr. Godfrey commented that a public hearing was previously held for the proposed rules.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-7-.04 Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct Defined. Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Nalley stated that the Board addressed all public comments with a policy that it will adopt.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-9-.02 Expanded Duties of Dental Assistants. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to adopt the following proposed addendum for coronal polishing/rubber cup prophylaxis. Dr. Nalley seconded. Dr. Holcomb commented that this policy addresses all issues both verbal and written by the public. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Georgia Board of Dentistry Policy addendum

Coronal Polishing (“Rubber Cup Prophylaxis”)

Definition of Prophylaxis – Child (D1120)

Removal of plaque, calculus and stains from the tooth structures in the primary and transitional dentition. It is intended to control local irritational factors.

Requirements for calculus removal

Calculus, if present during a “rubber cup prophylaxis”, must be identified and removed by a Georgia-licensed DMD/DDS or RDH only.

Age of primary dentition

The American Dental Association (ADA) lists the presence of primary teeth from approximately one year to about age twelve. The Georgia Board of Dentistry recognizes and accepts these basic parameters as the ages when primary teeth are present in a child.

Billing as a Prophylaxis

The prophylaxis, D1120, includes the combined processes of examination (DMD/DDS), calculus removal if present (DMD/DDS/RDH) and coronal polishing, “rubber cup prophylaxis” (Trained DA).

Training in Coronal Polishing (“Rubber Cup Prophylaxis”) for Dental Assistants

A dental assistant with at least one year of prior chairside experience or a graduate of an approved dental assisting program is eligible to attend an 8 hour pre-approved course of study that includes didactic and clinical applications necessary for coronal polishing (“rubber cup prophylaxis”) and shall include:

- Ethics and Georgia jurisprudence related to coronal polishing
- Identify the potential risks, indications and contraindications for coronal polishing
- Understand the definition of plaque, types of stain, calculus, and related terminology
- Dental anatomy and morphology for the proper identification of adult and child dentition
- Principles of coronal polishing including, but not limited to –
 - armamentarium;
 - proper positioning used/ergonomics,
 - preferred polishing technique using a stable fulcrum,
 - abrasive polishing agents commonly used in coronal polishing
 - polishing coronal surfaces of teeth on a typodont using a slow speed handpiece
- Indications for professionally applied topical fluoride agents for caries prevention
- Fluoride Delivery Methods

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Steve Holcomb 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. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeagan.

Executive Session

Miscellaneous

- Legal advice received from Board attorney, Bryon Thernes regarding the release of information.

Application

- J.A.S.

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

Open Session

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

Miscellaneous

- The Board received an inquiry from the media and approved response.

Application

- J.A.S. Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Refer to Legal Services

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

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, February 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