

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
2 Peachtree St., NW, 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
January 27, 2016
12:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

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

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Eric Lacefield, Deputy Executive Director
Bryon Thernes, Asst Attorney General
Anil Foreman, Legal Officer
Brandi Howell, Business Operations Spec

Open Session

Dr. Holcomb established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Dr. Holcomb commented on SB 248. In light of pending legislation, and rather than taking positions on specific bills, he invited the Board to comment on whether or not a policy should be adopted regarding mid-level providers.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt a policy concerning Mid-level Providers and Direct Supervision, which states the following:

The Georgia Board of Dentistry does not support the implementation of any training program or licensure pathway for mid-level dental providers that allows for the performance of irreversible dental, surgical or restorative procedures. Further, the Georgia Board of Dentistry reaffirms its support for the direct supervision of dental auxiliaries in all areas of dental care. Based on the repeated availability and distribution studies of general practitioners, there is reasonable Georgia access to dental treatment by qualified graduates of a CODA-approved pre-doctoral program. A reduced level of education in mid-level provider training results in a multi-tiered level of treatment that undermines and stratifies the standard of dental care for Georgia citizens.

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

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016, 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.

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