

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
January 6, 2023
10:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Glenn Maron, President
Ms. Misty Mattingly, Vice-President
Dr. Greg Goggans
Dr. Lacey Green
Dr. Michael Knight
Dr. Larry Miles
Dr. Ami Patel
Dr. David Reznik
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz
Ms. Lisa Selfe
Dr. Lisa Shilman
Dr. JC Shirley
Dr. Don Spillers
Dr. Brent Stiehl
Dr. Debra Wilson

Staff present:

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director
Max Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Thomas McNulty, Assistant Attorney General
Stacy Altman, Chief Investigator
Clint Joiner, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Lauren Pollow, PDS
Ethan James, GDHA
L. Ray, Augusta University
Elise M. Hoyle
Cresta Calzaretta
Dr. Richard Callan, Promethean Dental Systems/SRTA
Brooke Turner, SDC
Dr. Randy Kluender, Georgia School of Orthodontics
Lamara Moore, GDHA
Emily Yona, ADSO

Open Session

Dr. Maron established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Introduction of Visitors

Dr. Maron welcomed the visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Knight made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the December 2, 2022, meeting. Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report of Licenses Issued

Dr. Wilson made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Vice-President Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Vice-President Mattingly made a motion and Ms. Selfe seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of receiving legal advice as authorized under O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1(e)(2)(c), 50-14-2(1). Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Lacey Green, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Ms. Misty Mattingly, Dr. Larry Miles, Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. David Reznik, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Ms. Lisa Selfe, Dr. Lisa Shilman, Dr. JC Shirley, Dr. Don Spillers, Dr. Brent Stiehl, and Dr. Debra Wilson.

Executive Session

The Board requested legal advice.

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

Open Session

Miscellaneous

The Board held discussion with Dr. Randy Kluender, Georgia School of Orthodontics, regarding the school's residency program. Dr. Maron stated that the Board had been informed that the school was increasing the number of its residents to 45 a year. Dr. Kluender affirmed that CODA approved the school's application last year to increase the number of residents from 36 to 45. Dr. Maron inquired how the school would have enough faculty to cover that number of residents. Dr. Kluender responded by stating that the school has enough faculty with a ratio of 1:8 as required by CODA.

Dr. Shirley inquired if the school's residency program was a three year program. Dr. Kluender affirmed that was correct. Discussion was held regarding the amount of time allowed for a resident to practice outside of his/her residency program. Dr. Kluender stated that the school allows the resident to practice outside of the program during his/her free time. He further stated that there is not much time for practice outside of the program during the resident's first year, but more time is available to the resident during the third year. He added that between the rotations over a three year period the school satisfies CODA's requirements of having at least 3700 hours of education and contact time.

Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance

Rule Variance Petition from Dr. Corey Murray: The Board discussed Dr. Murray's request for a variance of Rule 150-3-.01(4). Mr. Lacefield explained that there have been similar instances in the past where the individual passed the exam without completing the required remediation. He stated that Dr. Murray is requesting the Board waive the requirement of completing remediation. Vice-President Mattingly commented that when the Board grants a petition the individual has to demonstrate a hardship. She added that she did not see that information. Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to deny the rule variance petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Variance Petition from Dr. Christopher Salierno: The Board discussed Dr. Salierno's request for a variance of Rule 150-7-.04. Dr. Salierno specifically requested the Board accept his recent WREB manikin scores for licensure by credentials. Ms. Selfe made a motion to deny the rule petition as there was no substantial hardship demonstrated. Vice-President Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. In the same motion, the Board suggested Dr. Salierno submit a new petition for a variance of Rule 150-3-.01 for consideration.

Rule Variance Petition from Dr. Grant Anthony Zakhar: Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to grant the petition based on the special circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board also finds that Dr. Zakhar provided adequate justification for the variance since he passed the ADEX manikin-based exam in 2021. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Variance Petition from Dr. Haley E. Leatherbarrow: Dr. Goggans made a motion to grant the petition based on the special circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board also finds that Dr. Leatherbarrow provided adequate justification for the variance since she passed the ADEX manikin-based exam in 2021. Vice-President Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Variance Petition from Dr. Sam Caruso: Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to grant the petition based on the special circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board also finds that Dr. Caruso provided adequate justification for the variance since he passed the ADEX manikin-based exam in 2020. Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Waiver Petition from Dr. Neda Hani Tabaei Zavareh: Dr. Reznik made a motion to grant the petition based on the special circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic pending proof of passing the manikin-based periodontal portion of the exam. The Board also finds that Dr. Zavareh provided adequate justification for the waiver since she passed the ADEX manikin-based exam in 2020. Vice-President Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule Waiver Petition from Dr. Tiffany D. Tran: Discussion was held regarding Dr. Tran's hardship being the costly tuition of her residency program. Dr. Maron asked Dr. Kluender how much tuition cost at the Georgia School of Orthodontics. Dr. Kluender responded by stating that tuition costs \$100,000 a year per resident. There being no further discussion, Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to grant the petition as the Board finds that Dr. Tran has demonstrated evidence of a substantial hardship and provided adequate justification for the waiver since she passed the ADEX manikin-based exam in 2022 and the live patient WREB examination in 2021. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Maron commented to Dr. Kluender that the Board is charged with protecting the citizens of Georgia. He stated that he felt that residents have such a high cost of education and are wanting to work on weekends to pay bills, and as such, they are requesting waivers for various reasons. Dr. Maron stated that he was concerned that the resident's motivation was purely economic when it comes to taking care of patients because the resident is acquiring such a high debt. He added that if the resident is having to work on the weekends to pay his/her bills or for other reasons, it brings into question someone's ethics in terms of a motivation to practice. Dr. Maron explained that the Board would be very concerned if a complication occurred by a dentist practicing dentistry while registered as a resident.

Dr. Kluender stated that he understood the Board's concerns. He further stated that he would be very concerned if one of the school's residents was not practicing ethically. He continued by stating that the Georgia School of Orthodontics instills upon its residents, to the best of its ability, how important it is to practice professionally and ethically. Dr. Kluender added that there are two other programs that are more expensive than the Georgia School of Orthodontics.

Discussion was held by Dr. Schultz regarding the Ready Act, which allows the deferment of student loan payments and interest for residents. Dr. Kluender stated that the school does not participate in federal financial aid.

Rule Waiver Petition from Dr. Abraham Zilberstein: Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to grant the petition as the Board finds that Dr. Zilberstein has demonstrated evidence of a substantial hardship and provided adequate justification for the waiver due to his religious observance of the Jewish Sabbath and passing the WREB examination in 2022. Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

General – Dr. Glenn Maron

Infection Control Committee: Dr. Reznik discussed water line issues and the need for the Infection Control Committee to revisit the Board's rules to address such. He stated that the Committee currently consists of himself, along with Dr. Shirley. Dr. Wilson and Ms. Selfe volunteered to assist the Committee. Dr. Maron suggested the Committee meet virtually in February to discuss this matter. Mr. Lacefield stated that staff would contact Dr. Reznik about a meeting date.

Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act/Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022: Dr. Shirley discussed federal legislation that would require licensure reciprocity for military spouses and how it could impact interstate compacts. He stated that the legislation states if there is an interstate compact in place it would take precedent; however, Dr. Shirley stated there is currently not an interstate compact in place for dentistry. Dr. Shirley inquired with Mr. Lofranco if GDA had more information on this subject. Mr. Lofranco responded by stating that GDA does not have any information at this time, but were currently keeping an eye on the matter. He stated that he would imagine it would supersede any federal legislation and state contracts that were entered into. Dr. Maron asked Dr. Shirley to keep the Board updated on the matter.

Patient Disclaimer: Dr. Maron reported that it appears many dentists are requiring patients sign a disclaimer, as a condition for treatment, stating the patient will not sue or report a complaint to the Board. He stated that the Board wants patients to be informed that they should not be signing away their rights. He further stated the Board would be putting information on its website regarding such, but would like to request GDA put something on its website as well. Mr. Changus commented that the ethical questions about asking a patient to sign his/her rights away is a concern. After discussion, Mr. Lofranco stated he would look into the matter and would report back to the Board.

Sleep Apnea Committee Report – Dr. Michael Knight

Dr. Knight reported that the Sleep Apnea Committee met in December. Dr. Stiehl commented that, in the past, the Board's position has been to not allow a dentist to order home sleep tests. He explained that the Board's opinion has since changed and the Board discussed amending the policy to allow dentists to order a home test that is to be interpreted by a physician. He stated that the diagnosis of sleep apnea is solely in the purview of the physician. He further stated that the dentist is in the mouth every day and sees oral pathology. Dr. Stiehl explained that the Sleep Apnea Committee drafted a policy that would state dentists are not prohibited from ordering sleep apnea tests. Dr. Stiehl stated that GDA submitted its suggested changes to the draft, which were discussed by the Committee at its last meeting. He explained that the Committee felt GDA's suggestions were too detailed and the Committee felt the policy should be kept as simple as possible.

Vice-President Mattingly thanked GDA for providing comments; however, she stated that the Committee wanted to keep the language in the policy simple. She further stated that the language was drafted based upon research done on other states. She added that this was a policy change, not a rule change. She continued by stating that the current policy states that dentists are not allowed to order home sleep studies. Vice-President Mattingly stated that the Committee recommended amending the policy to allow the dentist to order a sleep study.

Dr. Stiehl stated that he uses a CPAP and discussed his personal experience having a recent sleep study. He explained that he has a yearly appointment with a sleep physician. He stated that the physician monitors the CPAP, but could not read it and suggested Dr. Stiehl order a new CPAP. He continued by stating that in order for him to get a new CPAP, a new sleep study was required. Dr. Stiehl stated that the sleep study could be done in a lab or at home. He explained that he chose the home study and had to go pick it up. He continued by stating that when he went to check out, he was told the amount that was due, but his portion was only 20% of the total bill. Dr. Stiehl added that the total amount did not include the physician's diagnosis and it would cost around \$1500 just for the take home appliance. He stated that it should not cost that much to patients and that is why he feels dentists should be able to do this.

Dr. Maron stated that it is the recommendation of the Sleep Apnea Committee that it is appropriate for a dentist to order a sleep study, but the interpretation and diagnosis of sleep apnea would be left to the physician. He further stated that the Board appreciates the information provided by GDA; however, the

reality of the matter is this is a standard of care issue and the more language added to the policy, the broader it becomes.

Mr. Lofranco commented that the information provided by GDA were guidelines only. He stated that GDA wanted to ensure the line of demarcation exists concerning the diagnosis by the physician versus just ordering the test.

Vice-President Mattingly stated that more information regarding previous discussions on this matter could be found in the Committee's May minutes. She further stated that some are seeing the amended policy for the first time and those minutes contain additional information that was used to make the determination that a dentist should be able to order a home sleep study.

Dr. Goggans thanked the Committee for its hard work on the matter. He stated that dentists see the airway and that is so important. He further stated that he often hears that the physicians may not take it as serious as dentists do. He added that dentists will be doing the public a good service as long it is done the right way.

Dr. Schultz commented that he was unfamiliar with the home sleep test. He asked if it is the dentist who will prescribe the test and then the test will automatically be referred to a physician. Dr. Stiehl responded affirmatively. He stated that the test goes directly to a sleep physician who writes a report and sends it back to the dentist, and at that point, the dentist refers the patient to a sleep physician for treatment.

Dr. Maron inquired as to what the difference is between a rule change and a policy change. Mr. Changus responded by stating that a rule change is formalized and is identified in O.C.G.A. § 43-1(c) where it follows administrative guidelines for posting, having public comment and voting. He explained that it then goes to the Governor's office for review and if approved by the Governor, it is posted on Secretary of State's website. Mr. Changus explained that a policy is a rule by another name except it does not require the formal procedure that is outlined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1(c). He stated that the policy is a declaration and what the Board is doing is correcting or modifying its previous statement to say the ordering of the home sleep tests is appropriate for dentists. He further stated that the Board is not evading the rule promulgation requirements. He added that the Board is stating that it feels it is appropriate for a dentist to order the home sleep study as long as the physician is doing the interpretation and diagnosing. Dr. Maron inquired if the policy carries the same weight as a rule. Mr. Changus responded by stating the Board is not prohibiting anything. He stated that the Board is removing its previous statement of what could and could not be done. He further stated that a dentist does not have to engage in ordering a sleep study. He added that the Board is saying it is appropriate to do so given the discussion that has been had.

There being no further discussion, Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to adopt the below policy regarding sleep apnea testing. Dr. Stiehl seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Georgia dentists are not prohibited from ordering sleep apnea tests. Diagnosis of sleep apnea is solely in the purview of the patient's physician and the practice of medicine.

Dentists are allowed to dispense portable monitors for patients at risk for sleep apnea.

Dentists are allowed to order portable monitors for patients identified by the dentist as being at risk for sleep apnea.

Dentists are allowed to use a portable monitor to help determine the optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance.

Dentists are allowed to order a portable monitor to verify the effectiveness of an oral appliance.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Max Changus

No report.

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield

2023 April Meeting Date: Mr. Lacefield reported that the Board previously voted on April 7th as its monthly meeting date; however, that date is a state holiday and as such Mr. Lacefield requested the Board consider changing the date. Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to reschedule the meeting to April 14, 2023. Dr. Patel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

No report.

Miscellaneous

Phlebotomy/Venipuncture Course Submission: Dr. Reznik made a motion to approve the IV Therapy Certification Course and Phlebotomy Course provided by Clinical Solutions. Ms. Selfe seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Sedation Course Submission: Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to approve the course titled, “IV Sedation for the General Dentist: A Competency Course in Moderate Parenteral Sedation” provided by Dr. Guy Rosenstiel. Dr. Reznik seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CPR Course Submission: Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to approve the Pacific Medical Training BLS CPR course with the understanding that the skills check for initial certification and recertification must be conducted in person. Dr. Stiehl seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Cresta Calzaretta spoke to the Board. She stated that she had been in contact with Dr. Richard Callahan, Promethean Dental Systems, concerning a dental hygiene remediation course. She inquired if she would be allowed to have special accommodations with CRDTS if she was permitted by the Board to take the exam again. She added that she was not given special accommodations for the last exam she took. Dr. Maron responded by stating that is outside the Board’s purview and is between Ms. Calzaretta and the testing organization. Ms. Calzaretta explained that she has documentation and is supposed to be provided special accommodations for testing. Mr. Changus stated to Ms. Calzaretta that going forward, if she requests special accommodations with the testing organization and is denied, to report back to the Board.

Vice-President Mattingly made a motion and Dr. Reznik seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h), § 43-11-47(h), and § 43-1-2(h), 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. Greg Goggans, Dr. Lacey Green, Dr. Michael Knight, Dr. Glenn Maron, Ms. Misty Mattingly, Dr. Larry Miles, Dr. Ami Patel, Dr. David Reznik, Mr. Mark Scheinfeld, Dr. Jeffrey Schultz, Ms. Lisa Selfe, Dr. Lisa Shilman, Dr. JC Shirley, Dr. Don Spillers, Dr. Brent Stiehl, and Dr. Debra Wilson.

Executive Session

Appearance

- R.J.H.

Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

- O.L.L.
- J.S.A.

Applications

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

Correspondence

- C.C.

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl

Report presented:

- DENT230004
- DENT230006
- DENT230130
- DENT230150
- DENT230166
- DENT230172
- DENT230177
- DENT230178
- DENT230191
- DENT230193
- DENT140023
- DENT160168
- DENT170067
- DENT200384
- DENT210028
- DENT200012
- DENT200312
- DENT200362

- DENT200377
- DENT200411
- DENT200450
- DENT200468
- DENT210083
- DENT210142
- DENT200247
- DENT210236
- DENT200252
- DENT220054
- DENT230129
- DENT230231
- DENT200006
- DENT200010
- DENT200032
- DENT200021
- DENT200469
- DENT220335
- DENT220337
- DENT220344
- DENT220346
- DENT220461
- DENT230251
- DENT230253

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus discussed the following individual:

- M.S.D.

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield

No report.

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

- No report.

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

Open Session

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

Appearance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.J.H. | <p>Denied Notification of Additional Site</p> | <p>Amend previous referral</p> |
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Licensure Overview Committee Discussion Cases

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O.L.L. | <p>Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Applicant</p> | <p>Refer to Legal Services</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.S.A. | <p>Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Applicant</p> | <p>Refer to Legal Services</p> |

Applications

• C.C.M.	Dental Exam Applicant	Approved application
• H.L.	Dental Exam Applicant	Approved application
• T.T.	Dental Exam Applicant	Approved application
• G.T.D.	Dental Credentials Applicant	Table pending receipt of additional information
• C.L.L.	Dental Credentials Applicant	Denied application
• O.A.O.	Dental Credentials Applicant	Denied application
• J.M.S.	Dental Hygiene Credentials Applicant	Approved application
• J.R.B.	Initial Moderate Enteral Conscious Sedation	Table pending receipt of additional information
• A.J.R.	Initial Moderate Enteral Conscious Sedation	Approved for provisional permit
• C.H.A.	Initial Moderate Parenteral Conscious Sedation	Approved for provisional permit
• G.E.D.	Initial Moderate Parenteral Conscious Sedation	Approved for provisional permit
• A.F.M.	Initial Moderate Parenteral Conscious Sedation	Table pending receipt of additional information
• A.K.	Initial General Anesthesia Applicant	Approved for provisional permit
• J.G.H.	Initial General Anesthesia Applicant	Approved for provisional permit
• S.S.	Initial General Anesthesia Applicant	Schedule to meet with the Sedation Committee
• H.M.V.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Applicant	Approved application
• S.L.C.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Applicant	Table pending receipt of additional information
• R.D.P.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Applicant	Denied application
• C.O.M.	Dental Reinstatement Applicant	Approved application

Correspondence

• C.C.	Request regarding remediation	Approved request
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Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Brent Stiehl

Report presented:

Complaint Number	Allegations	Recommendation
DENT230004	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT230006	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with No Action
DENT230130	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT230150	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT230166	Billing	Close with No Action
DENT230172	Other	Close with No Action
DENT230177	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT230178	Billing	Close with No Action
DENT230191	Quality of Care	Close with No Action

DENT230193	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with No Action
DENT140023	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT160168	Malpractice	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT170067	Prescribing violation	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200384	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT210028	Patient Abandonment	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200012	Patient Abandonment	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200312	Patient Abandonment	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200362	Unsanitary Conditions	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200377	Unsanitary Conditions	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200411	Unprofessional Conduct	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200450	Infection Control Violations	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200468	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT210083	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT210142	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200247	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT210236	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT200252	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT220054	Quality of Care	Close w/ hold on Dental license (license Lapsed 2021)
DENT230129	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT230231	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT200006	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT200010	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT200032	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT200021	Unsanitary Conditions	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT200469	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT220335	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT220337	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with No Action
DENT220344	Quality of Care	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT220346	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT220461	Quality of Care	Close with No Action
DENT230251	Malpractice	Close w/hold on license
DENT230253	Malpractice	Close w/hold on license

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Max Changus

Mr. Changus discussed the following individual:

- M.S.D. Update provided

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield

No report.

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

- No report.

Vice-President Mattingly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance

Rule Variance Petition from Dr. Corey Murray: The Board revisited this petition that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Vice-President Mattingly made a motion to overturn the previous vote of denial and grant the petition as the Board finds that Dr. Murray has demonstrated evidence of a substantial hardship and provided adequate justification for the variance. Dr. Wilson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Stiehl inquired if the other board members were aware that Heartland Dental will be starting its own dental school. The members stated they were not aware.

Dr. Maron commented that he would not be in attendance at the February meeting.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, February 3, 2023, 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 Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director