

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Examination Committee Meeting**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**July 29, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**The following Committee members were present:**

Dr. Greg Goggans, Chair  
Ms. Misty Mattingly, Vice-President  
Dr. Debra Wilson  
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld

**Staff present:**

Mr. Eric Lacefield, Executive Director  
Mr. Clint Joiner, Attorney-Legal Officer

**Visitors present:**

Kevin Frazier – DCG  
Kimber Cobb – CDCA  
Dr. Chip McVea – WREB-CITA  
Cindy Gaskill – CRDTS  
Mark Edwards – CRDTS  
Dr. Marc Muncy – SRTA  
Dr. Chuck Holt – SRTA  
Jeril Cooper – PDS  
Lauren Pollow - PDS

**Open Session**

Dr. Goggans established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Goggans welcomed the visitors.

**Discussion Topics**

**Examination Presentations:** The allotted 15 minutes each to hear presentations on the examinations offered by SRTA, CRDTS and CDCA-WREB-CITA.

**Rule 150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure:** Dr. Goggans reviewed for the Committee the changes to the Rule.

In 150-3-.01(7)(e) the Committee is striking “beginning January 1, 2021” and adding “taken on or after January 1, 2015” and noted that this change is being made to make the Rule consistent with the rule waiver decisions the Board has been making.

In 150-3-.01(7)(f), the Committee is adding “results from the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Manikin-based (no human subject) dental examination taken on or after January 1, 2021.” Dr. Goggans stated that the Board is making this change to begin accepting the CRDTS Manikin-based exam.

In 150-3-.01(7)(g), the Committee is adding “results from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) Manikin-based (no human subject) dental examination taken on or after January 1, 2021.”

In 150-3-.01(7)(h), the Committee is adding “results from the Southern Regional Testing Agency dental examination taken on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.” Dr. Goggans noted the open date asked if the Committee wanted to set the date as January 1, 2021, or as of the date of the August board meeting, August 5, 2022? Mr. Joiner advised that the Committee could do either, and Ms. Mattingly suggested

January 1, 2021 for consistency with the other rules in this section. The Committee chose to use January 1, 2021.

In 150-3-.01(7)(i) the Committee is amending this part to state “regional examinations must include psychomotor, patient-based or simulated patient-based (manikin) procedures performed as part of the assessment of clinical competencies, and shall include evaluations in the following areas.” Additionally, the Committee struck the language requiring a human patient from 150-3-.01(7)(i)(3) and 150-3-.01(7)(i)(4).

Dr. Goggans explained the reason the “psychomotor” language was added to the rule is that the American Dental Association has developed a test called the DLOSCE which is not a “hands on” examination, and adding the term “psychomotor” expresses this Board’s belief that whether an exam is live patient or manikin-based, it must be a “hands on” examination.

Mr. Scheinfeld made a motion to send the draft rule to the full board, Ms. Mattingly seconded. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Full Text of Rule 150-3-.01 Referred to Full Dental Board:**

#### Rule 150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure

- (1) Each candidate submitting an application for a dental license must have passed all sections of the National Board Theory Examinations - Part I and Part II with a score of 75 or higher or have a passing score on the Integrated National Board Dental Exam. The President of the Georgia Board of Dentistry may appoint one or more members of the Board to proctor the National Dental Board Examinations held in Georgia.
- (2) Each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass with a score of 75 or higher a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be in the English language. The score will be valid for one year.
- (3) Each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass all sections with a score of 75 or higher on any clinical examination administered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry, or a testing agency designated and approved by the Board. Such examination shall be in the English language.
- (4) Any candidate who fails one or two sections of any clinical examination or any combination of one, two, or three sections of the clinical examination, three times must take a remedial course of study designated and pre-approved by the board.
  - (a) Once the candidate shows written proof of successful completion of the approved course of study, the Board will grant the candidate one additional attempt at successful passage of a clinical licensing examination approved by the board.
  - (b) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.
- (5) Any candidate who fails three or more sections of any clinical examination three times must successfully complete a one-year American Dental Association-accredited course of study pre-approved by the board.

- (a) Once the candidate provides written proof of successful completion of this one-year course of study, the board will grant the candidate one additional attempt at successful passage of a clinical licensing examination approved by the Georgia Board.
  - (b) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.
- (6) For purposes of this rule, failure of the completed curriculum integrated format type examination shall only be counted as one (1) examination failure. ~~The final section/sections failed with Failure of Part II of the curriculum integrated format type examination~~ will be applicable to sections (4) and (5) of this rule.
- (7) In determining whether an applicant has met the requirements for licensure, the board will only consider:
- (a) The examination given by the Georgia Board of Dentistry prior to February 22, 1993.
  - (b) Results from the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) that were attained between February 22, 1993 and December 31, 2005; to include SRTA retake examination results until December 31, 2006.
  - (c) Results from the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination as uniformly administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) and the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) that were attained between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2009.
  - (d) Results from the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examination or any other testing agency designated and approved by the Board attained subsequent to June 30, 2009. Results from the retake examinations administered by the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) or the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) are accepted through June 30, 2010. Such retakes must be from initial examinations taken prior to June 30, 2009 and must include at least one successful score from Parts II, III, IV or V.
  - (e) Results from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) dental examination as uniformly administered by a testing agency approved by the Board ~~beginning January 1, 2021~~ taken on or after January 1, 2015.
  - (f) Results from the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Manikin-based (no human subject) dental examination taken on or after January 1, 2021.
  - (g) Results from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) Manikin-based (no human subject) dental examination taken on or after January 1, 2021.
  - (h) Results from the Southern Regional Testing Agency dental examination taken on or after January 1, 2021.

- (i) Regional examinations must include psychomotor, patient-based or simulated patient-based (manikin) procedures performed ~~on human subjects~~ as part of the assessment of clinical competencies, and shall ~~have~~ included evaluations in the following areas:
1. periodontics, ~~human subject~~-clinical abilities testing;
  2. endodontics, clinical abilities testing;
  3. posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite preparation and restoration, ~~human subject~~-clinical abilities testing;
  4. anterior class III composite preparation and restoration, ~~human subject~~-clinical abilities testing;
  5. crown preparation, clinical abilities testing;
  6. prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;
  7. oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; and
  8. oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing.
- (j) Examination scores from slot preparations of restorative dentistry shall neither be accepted nor recognized by the Board.
- (8) Each candidate for Georgia licensure must furnish a background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.
- (9) The Board may hold other examinations as may be required and necessary.

**Rule 150-5-.02 Qualifications for Dental Hygienists:** Dr. Goggans reviewed for the Committee the changes to the Rule.

In 150-5-.02(2) the Committee is adding “psychomotor, patient-based or simulated patient-based” and adding “regional examinations must include evaluations in the following areas: (a) pocket depth detection; (b) calculus detection and removal; and (c) intra oral and extra oral assessment.”

In 150-5-.02(3)(a) the Committee is adding language which was formerly part of 150-5-.02(2) “the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) that were attained between February 22, 1993 and December 31, 2005. SRTA retake examination results will be accepted until December 31, 2006.”

In 150-5-.02(3)(b) the Committee is adding language which was formerly part of 150-5-.02(2) “after December 31, 2005, the dental hygiene examinations uniformly administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).”

In 150-5-.02(3)(c) the Committee is adding “after \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) dental hygiene examinations as uniformly administered by the Commission on

Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), or the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).” Dr. Goggans noted the open date and asked CDCA-WREB-CITA representatives present when this examination would first be given. Ms. Kimber Cobb explained to the Committee that this examination had already been given since 2020, and explained that the WREB exam would essentially be becoming the ADEX exam in 2023. Ms. Mattingly, suggested making this date January 1, 2021 to keep the date consistent with the dates the Committee decided on in Rule 150-3-.01. Mr. Scheinfeld, asked Ms. Mattingly if that date would still have included examination in pocket depth detection, calculus detection and removal and intra oral and extra oral assement. Ms. Cobb stated that all of that was tested at that time. The Committee chose to use January 1, 2021.

In 150-5-.02(3)(d) the Committee is adding “after \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the dental hygiene examinations as uniformly administered by Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA).” Dr. Goggans noted the open date, and suggested using January 1, 2021 as the date for consistency, with which the Committee concurred.

Dr. Goggans noted that other changes in the Rule were made to numbering and lettering of the provisions to account for addition of new parts.

Mr. Scheinfeld made a motion to send the draft rule to the full board, Ms. Mattingly seconded. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Full Text of Rule 150-5-.02 Referred to Full Dental Board:**

#### Rule 150-5-.02 Qualifications for Dental Hygienists

- (1) No persons shall be issued a license to practice as a dental hygienist unless such person is a graduate of a school or college for dental hygienists recognized by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency. Such school or college must conduct a course consisting of not less than two (2) academic years for dental hygiene graduation.
- (2) All applicants must show passage of all sections with a score of 75 or higher on a psychomotor, patient-based or simulated patient-based clinical examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board. Regional examinations must include evaluations in the following areas:
  - (a) Pocket depth detection;
  - (b) Calculus detection and removal;
  - (c) Intra oral and extra oral assessment.
- (3) The board will only consider exam results from ~~examination:~~
  - (a) ~~Results from~~ The Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) that were attained between February 22, 1993 and December 31, 2005. SRTA retake examination results will be accepted until December 31, 2006.

- (b) ~~After December 31, 2005, the board will only consider the dental hygiene examinations as uniformly administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), or any other testing agency designated and approved by the board.~~
  - (c) After January 1, 2021, the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) dental hygiene examinations as uniformly administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), or the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).
  - (d) After January 1, 2021, the dental hygiene examinations as uniformly administered by Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA).
  - (e) The Board may hold other examinations as may be required and necessary.
- (4) All applicants must also pass a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dental hygiene in the State of Georgia. Such examinations shall be administered in the English language.
- (5) Any candidate who fails any clinical examination three times must take a remedial course of study designated and pre-approved by the board.
- (a) Once the candidate shows written proof of successful completion of the approved course of study, the Board will grant the candidate one additional attempt at successful passage of a clinical licensing examination approved by the board.
  - (b) After a fourth failure of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.
- (6) The applicant must provide the board with a copy of his or her score showing passage of all sections with a score of 75 or higher on the National Board Examination.
- (7) An applicant for dental hygiene licensure must provide the board with the following items:
- (a) An official transcript under seal showing the date of graduation and degree awarded from an accredited dental hygiene school certified by the appropriate officials;
  - (b) A certified copy of the results of the clinical examination given by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board;
  - (c) Copies of score of the National Board Examination;
  - (d) Proof of current CPR certification;
  - (e) Copies of any and all National Practitioner's Data Bank reports pertaining to the applicant;
  - (f) Furnish a criminal background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check;

- (g) Verification of licensure from all states where the applicant has ever held or currently holds a license to practice dental hygiene. All such licenses shall be unencumbered by any past or present disciplinary action; and
- (h) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, all applicants applying for licensure must submit an Affidavit Regarding Citizenship and submit a copy of secure and verifiable documentation supporting the Affidavit with his or her application.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Clint Joiner, Attorney-Legal Officer

Minutes edited by Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director