## **GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Board Meeting 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta, GA 30303 March 18, 2016 9:30 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Steve Holcomb, President Dr. Bert Yeargan, Vice-President

Ms. Becky Bynum

Dr. Tracy Gay

Dr. Tom Godfrey Dr. Greg Goggans

Ms. Wendy Johnson

Dr. Dale Mayfield

Dr. Logan Nalley

Dr. Antwan Treadway

**Staff present:** 

Tanja Battle, Executive Director

Bryon Thernes, Assistant Atty General

Anil Foreman, Legal Officer

Brandi Howell, Business Operations Specialist

**Visitors:** 

Chris Melcher, Dental College of Georgia Carol Lefebvre, Dental College of Georgia

TJ Kaplan, PDS

Stephanie Lotti, GDA

Pam Wilkes, Help A Child Smile

#### **Open Session**

Dr. Holcomb established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

#### **Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Holcomb welcomed the visitors.

#### **Appearance**

Appearance by Dr. Bahareh Sabzehei. Dr. Sabzehei thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to discuss her denied rule variance petition regarding Rule 150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure. Dr. Sabzehei explained her background to the Board and asked what she needed to do to qualify for licensure. She stated that she does not qualify for licensure by credentials as Georgia does not reciprocate with Florida. She stated she passed the CRDTS examination in 2005, but Rule 150-3-.01 states that the Board will only consider CRDTS results obtained between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2009. She requested the Board accept her CRDTS scores from 2005. Dr. Holcomb responded that the examination she took in 2005 was a completely different exam and that a new exam was developed. The exam prior to that was not accepted because the Board did not accept the scoring rubric. Dr. Holcomb advised her that the Board will take the information she provided into consideration and she would receive a response in writing within two weeks.

#### Miscellaneous

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the Cease and Desist Order on William L. Ragan. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted, with the exception of Dr. Gay who abstained, in favor of the motion.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Nalley made a motion to approve the Public Session minutes for the February 19, 2016 meeting. Discussion was held by Dr. Holcomb. Dr. Holcomb stated he noticed there were several items tabled from the February 19, 2016 meeting. He stated the Board can go ahead and approve as the minutes are accurate and he will review to see if any items need to be brought forward when the Board takes a recess.

With no further discussion, Dr. Goggans seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Goggans made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes for the February 19, 2016 meeting. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Licenses to Ratify**

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

#### Petition for Rule Variance from Carly M. Mansour

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to postpone discussion on this petition until later in the day. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **Correspondence from Latisha Magee**

The Board considered this correspondence from Ms. Magee regarding an expanded duties course at Fortis College. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Magee by requesting she submit a syllabus for the course. Once this information has been received, it is to be referred to the Rules Committee to review.

#### **General – Dr. Steve Holcomb**

No report.

#### CE Audit Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett

Ms. Battle reported that 93% of dentists have renewed and 94% of hygienists have renewed. In regards to the post renewal audit, there are 23% that have not responded. Staff will be sending certified letters next week to those individuals who have not responded.

## <u>Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Antwan Treadway</u>

No report.

#### **Credentials Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans**

No report.

## Dental Hygiene Committee Report - Ms. Rebecca Bynum

No report.

#### **Examination Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb**

Dr. Holcomb reported that the first patient based portion of the integrated format was conducted at Augusta University last week. He stated the results were posted on Wednesday and Thursday. Early reports indicated outstanding examination results. Dr. Nalley stated that many compliments were received from examiners on preps and restorations.

#### **Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan**

No report.

#### **Legislative Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans**

No report.

#### **Licensure Overview Committee Report – Dr. Tracy Gay**

No report.

#### **Rules Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey**

No report.

#### **Education Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey**

Dr. Godfrey asked Dr. Carol Lefebvre, who was present at the meeting, what the latest official name for the dental school is. Dr. Lefebvre responded that it is The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University.

## Long Range Planning Committee Report - Dr. Steve Holcomb

No report.

#### <u>CRDTS Steering Committee – Dr. Logan Nalley</u>

No report.

## <u>IP Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett</u>

No report.

## Executive Director's Report - Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

#### Attorney General's Report Open Session – Mr. Bryon Thernes

No report.

Dr. Bert Yeargan made a motion and Dr. Logan Nalley 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 Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Ms. Wendy Johnson, Dr. Dale Mayfield, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

#### **Executive Session**

#### **Appearance**

M.V.P.

#### **Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases**

- W.W.L.
- K.S.J.
- T.W.S.
- C.E.G.
- P.G.
- W.B.M.
- S.J.
- S.S.

#### **Applications**

- K.M.P.
- A.L.B.
- G.A.P.
- B.M.W.

- P.T.W.
- B.B.
- V.T.L.
- K.L.C.

## Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Antwan Treadway

• B.D.M.

## **Continuing Education Audit**

- E.M.C.
- J.D.D.
- K.F.L.
- A.B.G.

## **Investigative Committee Report**

Report presented:

- DENT160020
- DENT140227
- DENT150069
- DENT150134
- DENT150069
- DENT150123
- DENT160048
- DENT160058
- DENT160136
- DENT160210
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- DENT150007
- DENT150275
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- DENT150380
- DENT140193
- DENT150376
- DENT150416
- DENT150288
- DENT150313
- DENT140001
- DENT140001
- DENT140021
- DENT140045
- DENT140064
- DENT140071
- DENT140145
- DENT140214
- DENT150113
- DENT140239
- DENT140243
- DENT140244
- DENT140252
- DENT140276
- DENT140285
- DENT150325
- DENT150079
- K.S.
- DENT140275
- DENT160095
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- DENT150312
- DENT150323
- DENT150297
- DENT150339
- DENT160190
- DENT150301
- DENT160331

## **Correspondences**

- K.J.P.
- J.H.T.
- L.G.S.
- A.R.
- A.D.A./A.D.E.A.

## **Executive Director's Report**

• D.B.

## **Attorney General's Report**

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

• H.M.

## **Legal Services**

Ms. Foreman presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- A.M.H.
- M.B.R.

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

## **Open Session**

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

#### **Appearance**

• M.V.P. Denied Hygiene Credentials Applicant Overturn denial and approve for licensure

## **Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases**

| • | W.W.L. | Request to terminate probation                                        | Approved request                                                                                          |
|---|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • | K.S.J. | Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant                                         | Approved application                                                                                      |
| • | T.W.S. | Request to terminate consent order                                    | Approved request                                                                                          |
| • | C.E.G. | Renewal                                                               | Approved renewal with letter stating<br>the Board is not waiving its right to<br>take disciplinary action |
| • | P.G.   | Request to terminate consent order                                    | Approved request                                                                                          |
| • | W.B.M. | Request to terminate probation                                        | Approved request                                                                                          |
| • | S.J.   | Dental Credentials Applicant                                          | Denied application                                                                                        |
| • | S.S.   | Request to have public consent order removed from the Board's website | Denied request                                                                                            |

#### **Applications**

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|-------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| • k   | K.M.P. | Dental Credentials Applicant         | Approved application                            |
| • A   | A.L.B. | Dental Hygiene Credentials Applicant | Approved application                            |
| • (   | G.A.P. | Dental Credentials Applicant         | Approved application                            |
| • E   | B.M.W. | Dental Reinstatement Applicant       | Approved application                            |
| • F   | P.T.W. | Dental Hygiene Reinstatement         | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • E   | 3.B.   | Inactive Status Applicant            | Approved application                            |
| • \   | V.T.L. | Inactive Status Applicant            | Approved application                            |
| • k   | K.L.C. | Dental Faculty Applicant             | Approved application                            |
|       |        |                                      |                                                 |

## Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report - Dr. Antwan Treadway

• B.D.M. Refer case back to Investigative Committee.

## **Continuing Education Audit**

| • | E.M.C. | Refer to Legal Officer for public consent order |
|---|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| • | J.D.D. | Refer to Legal Officer for public consent order |
| • | K.F.L. | Refer to Legal Officer for public consent order |
| _ | A R G  | Approved audit                                  |

A.B.G. Approved audit

# Investigative Committee Report Report presented:

| Complaint Number               | Allogations                                       | Recommendation                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Complaint Number<br>DENT160020 | Allegations  Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140227                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150069                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150134                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150069                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150123                     | Unlicensed practice                               | Send correspondence to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry to request an update on the case and follow up on the previous letter                                                                                                           |
| DENT160048                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action but note in the closure letter that<br>the complainant did not respond to requests for<br>additional information and that the Board would reopen<br>the investigation if it received the additional<br>information |
| DENT160058                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT160136                     | Records release                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT160210                     | Billing                                           | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT160279                     | Records release                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT120091                     | Advertising                                       | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT130051                     | Prescribing violation                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT130234                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT130234                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT130234                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT130235                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140026                     | Unprofessional conduct                            | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140047                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140059                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140081                     | Arrest, conviction, & pleas                       | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140086                     | Unprofessional conduct                            | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140093                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140095                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140108                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140133                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140136                     | Unprofessional conduct                            | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140139                     | Unsanitary conditions                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140156                     | Other                                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140159                     | Unethical conduct                                 | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140262                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT140286                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150012                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150035                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150046                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150058                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150007                     | Quality of care/substandard practice              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DENT150275                     | Other                                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| DENT150275               | Other                                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
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| DENT150380               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140193               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Refer to the Department of Law                                                                                                                       |
| DENT150376               | Arrest, conviction, & pleas                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150416               | Records release                                         | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150288               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150313               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140001               | Not listed                                              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140001               | Not listed                                              | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140021               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140045               | Unlicensed practice                                     | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140064               | Substandard work                                        | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140071               | Fraud/misrepresentation                                 | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140145               | Malpractice                                             | Keep the case open with a flag on license but if not renewed by July 1, 2016, close with no action                                                   |
| DENT140214               | Malpractice                                             | Keep the case open with a flag on license but if not renewed by July 1, 2016, close with no action                                                   |
| DENT150113               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Keep the case open with a flag on license but if not renewed by July 1, 2016, close with no action                                                   |
| DENT140239               | Advertising                                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140243               | Other                                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140244               | Other                                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140252               | Fraud/misrepresentation                                 | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140276               | Malpractice                                             | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT140285               | Billing                                                 | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150325<br>DENT150079 | Records release<br>Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with a letter about release of records Release the complaint only to an investigator for the                                                   |
|                          |                                                         | Georgia Composite Medical Board for the limited purpose of translation – a copy shall not be provided to keep by the Georgia Composite Medical Board |
| K.S.                     | Request to provide advocacy                             | Refer to the Licensure Overview Committee                                                                                                            |
| DENT140275               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action with respect to M.M.                                                                                                            |
| DENT160095               | Billing                                                 | Close with a letter of concern                                                                                                                       |
| DENT160177               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150063               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150145               | Unprofessional conduct                                  | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150152               | Records release                                         | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT150409               | Unprofessional conduct                                  | Close with a letter stating that records must be sent                                                                                                |
| DEN. 111 (000 (          |                                                         | within 30 days of a request                                                                                                                          |
| DENT160086               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT160152               | Fraud                                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT160152               | Fraud                                                   | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT160263               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT160266               | Billing                                                 | Close with a letter of concern                                                                                                                       |
| DENT160275               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT160284               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
| DENT160285               | Quality of care/substandard practice                    | Close with no action                                                                                                                                 |
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| DENT160287 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
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| DENT160287 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160292 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160294 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160298 | Billing                              | Close with no action |
| DENT160299 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160301 | Malpractice                          | Close with no action |
| DENT160305 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160308 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160311 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160315 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160316 | Malpractice                          | Close with no action |
| DENT160325 | Malpractice                          | Close with no action |
| DENT160329 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160333 | Malpractice                          | Close with no action |
| DENT160337 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160348 | Billing                              | Close with no action |
| DENT160358 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT160364 | Unprofessional conduct               | Close with no action |
| DENT160368 | Billing                              | Close with no action |
| DENT150312 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT150323 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT150297 | Quality of care/substandard practice | Close with no action |
| DENT150339 | Records release                      | Close with no action |
| DENT160190 | Unprofessional conduct               | Close with no action |
| DENT150301 | Unprofessional conduct               | Close with no action |
| DENT160331 | Malpractice                          | Close with no action |
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## Correspondences

| • | K.J.P. | Request for extension concerning continuing education audit | Table pending receipt of additional information |
|---|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| • | J.H.T. | Request for refund of the late renewal fee                  | Denied request                                  |
| • | L.G.S. | Request for refund of renewal fee                           | Denied request                                  |
| • | A.R.   | Request for permission to retake CRDTS examination          | Approved request                                |
| • | A.D.A. | Correspondence                                              | Viewed for informational purposes only          |

## **Executive Director's Report**

| • | D.B. | Sedation Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional |
|---|------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |      |                    | information                         |

<u>Attorney General's Report</u> Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

Public consent order to be accepted and signed with express permission upon • H.M. receipt of the original

#### **Legal Services**

Ms. Foreman presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- A.M.H. Private consent order accepted
   M.B.R. Public consent order accepted
- L.A.O. Public consent order to be accepted and signed with express permission upon receipt of the original and grant seven month extension to pay fine

Ms. Bynum seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### Miscellaneous

Ms. Bynum made a motion to grant the rule variance petition for Carly M. Mansour. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to uphold the denial of the rule waiver petition for Bahareh Sabzehei. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, April 1, 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