

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Emergency Conference Call**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**May 1, 2020**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Greg Goggans, President  
Dr. Tracy Gay, Vice-President  
Dr. Richard Bennett  
Dr. Michael Knight  
Dr. Glenn Maron  
Dr. Ami Patel  
Mr. Mark Scheinfeld  
Dr. Brent Stiehl  
Dr. Debra Wilson

**Staff present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General  
Kimberly Emm, Attorney  
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

**Open Session**

Dr. Goggans established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

Dr. Goggans stated that the Board is meeting again to reevaluate the statement adopted from its meeting held earlier that morning. Mr. Scheinfeld stated that the statement previously discussed conflicts with the Governor's Executive Order. After further discussion, Dr. Bennett made a motion to adopt the following statement:

***IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD***

*May 1, 2020*

*Following an Emergency Conference Call on May 1, 2020, the Board issues the following statement.*

*On April 23, 2020, Governor Kemp signed an Executive Order (04.23.20.02) which stated that dental practices and clinics which continue in-person operation shall adhere to 1.) Critical Infrastructure guidelines, 2.) American Dental Association's (ADA) Interim Guidance for Minimizing Risk of COVID-19 Transmission, and 3.) ADA Interim Mask and Face Shield guidelines. This Executive Order also suspended any "previous Executive Order or rule which would prevent dental practices and clinics from providing the full scope of their services." This suspension applies to Executive Order 04.20.20.01 which required practitioners to follow CDC guidelines and, by implication, the Board's Unprofessional Conduct rule 150-8-.01(a), which mandated adherence to those same CDC guidelines.*

*Please note the following:*

- 1.) The Board will not sanction any licensee returning to full practice provided he/she adheres to the above listed guidelines;*
- 2.) The Board is not authorized to make determination regarding your individual legal liability or insurance liability;*
- 3.) All determinations regarding staffing and individual patient care rest solely with the individual practitioner; and*

*4.) Any complaints received during this time will be processed in accordance with Board policies and procedures.*

Dr. Stiehl seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Dr. Maron who opposed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(3), the Board declares that special circumstances exist warranting the holding of this meeting on less than 24 hours' notice, those circumstances being the COVID-19 pandemic.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held via conference call on Friday, June 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I  
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director