

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Board Meeting
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 5th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
May 4, 2018
10:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Tom Godfrey, President
Dr. Richard Bennett
Dr. Tracy Gay
Ms. Wendy Johnson (*departed @ 2:11 p.m.*)
Dr. Logan Nalley
Dr. Antwan Treadway
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General
Ryan McNeal, Chief Investigator
Kimberly Emm, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Pam Cushenan, GDHA
Emily Yona, GDA
Scott Lofranco, GDA
James E. Barron, GDS
Alan Furness, DCG
Ryan Loke, PDS
John Watson, ADSO
Charles Craig, GDHA
Daniel E. Jolly
Elise Ehland
S.C. Bagheri
Scott Tate

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Hearing

OSAH hearing held regarding Charles Graper, DN007726.

The hearing concluded at 12:13 p.m.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Tracy Gay 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 Dr. Richard Bennett, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Ms. Wendy Johnson, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

Appearances

- E.L.E.
- D.E.J.
- S.E.T.

Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

- M.Y.F.
- S.C.
- H.R.D.
- C.H.H.
- C.B.M.
- J.E.M.
- M.I.S.
- K.D.C.
- S.J.R.
- K.R.M.
- N.V.C.

Applications

- E.K.I.
- L.R.R.
- S.R.C.
- K.L.C.
- S.A.O.
- S.K.S.
- R.L.W.
- R.A.D.
- J.L.
- C.B.D.
- S.C.H.
- A.C.A.
- D.C.H.
- G.L.
- J.F.C.
- M.A.W.
- M.J.B.
- M.S.M.
- M.A.J.
- R.K.L.
- R.M.R.
- D.L.

Correspondences

- B.G.B.

Investigative Committee Report

Report presented:

- DENT150232
- DENT160328
- DENT170016
- DENT170272
- DENT180100

- DENT180123
- DENT180129
- DENT180132
- DENT180153
- DENT180154
- DENT180163
- DENT180193
- DENT180201
- DENT180204
- DENT180206
- DENT180207
- DENT180210
- DENT180211
- DENT180229
- DENT180236
- DENT180238
- DENT180259
- DENT180283
- DENT180285
- DENT180301
- DENT180063
- DENT140079
- DENT150291
- DENT180160
- DENT150394
- DENT170122
- DENT170291
- DENT180079
- DENT180092

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

Discussed list of non-compliant dentists as it relates to the PDMP requirements.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

Received legal advice regarding rules regulating teeth whitening.

Mr. Thernes discussed the following case:

- S.D.C.

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

- J.G.S.

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm

- C.E.G.

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

Open Session

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

Appearances

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| • E.L.E. | Denied Credentials Applicant | Overtured denial and approved application |
| • D.E.J. | Denied Examination Applicant | Denial Upheld |
| • S.E.T. | Denied Credentials Applicant | Overtured denial and approved application |

Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

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| • M.Y.F. | Renewal Pending Licensee | Refer to the Department of Law |
| • S.C. | Request to Terminate Probation | Approved request |
| • H.R.D. | Request to Terminate Probation | Approved request |
| • C.H.H. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Approved application |
| • C.B.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee | Approved for renewal |
| • J.E.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • M.I.S. | Renewal Pending Licensee | Approved pending receipt of additional information |
| • K.D.C. | Request to Terminate Probation | Approved request |
| • S.J.R. | Renewal Pending Licensee | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • K.R.M. | Renewal Pending Licensee | Refer to the Department of Law |
| • N.V.C. | Dental Licensee | Refer to the Department of Law |

Applications

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| • E.K.I. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • L.R.R. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • S.R.C. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • K.L.C. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • S.A.O. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • S.K.S. | Dental Exam Applicant | Approved application |
| • R.L.W. | Dental Hygiene Credentials | Approved application |
| • R.A.D. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional information |
| • J.L. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Approved application |
| • C.B.D. | Dental Credentials Applicant | Approved application |
| • S.C.H. | Denied Credentials Applicant | Denial Upheld |
| • A.C.A. | General Anesthesia Applicant | Approved evaluation |
| • D.C.H. | Conscious Sedation Applicant | Approved for provisional permit |
| • G.L. | Conscious Sedation Applicant | Approved for provisional permit |
| • J.F.C. | Conscious Sedation Applicant | Approved for provisional permit |
| • M.A.W. | Enteral/Inhalation Applicant | Schedule to meet with the Licensure Overview Committee |
| • M.J.B. | Enteral/Inhalation Applicant | Approved application |
| • M.S.M. | Enteral/Inhalation Applicant | Approved application |
| • M.A.J. | General Anesthesia Applicant | Table pending receipt of additional information |

- R.K.L. Conscious Sedation Applicant Approved for provisional permit
- R.M.R. Enteral/Inhalation Applicant Approved application
- D.L. Inactive Status Applicant Approved application

Correspondences

- B.G.B. Request for military discount Request advice from the Department of Law regarding fees for the military.

Investigative Committee Report

Report presented:

Complaint Number	Allegation	Recommendation
DENT150232	Fraud	Close No Action
DENT160328	Unprofessional Conduct	Close No Action
DENT170016	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close No Action with Flag on License
DENT170272	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180100	Arrest, Conviction & Pleas	Refer to LOC
DENT180123	Malpractice	Close No Action with Flag on License
DENT180129	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close No Action
DENT180132	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close No Action
DENT180153	Unsanitary Conditions	Close No Action
DENT180154	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close No Action
DENT180163	Malpractice	Close No Action
DENT180193	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close No Action
DENT180201	Malpractice	Close No Action
DENT180204	Billing	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180206	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close No Action
DENT180207	Malpractice	Close No Action
DENT180210	Malpractice	Close No Action
DENT180211	Malpractice	Close No Action
DENT180229	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180236	Unlicensed practice	Refer to District Attorney of Dekalb County
DENT180238	Unlicensed practice	Close No Action
DENT180259	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Send for Peer Review
DENT180283	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180285	Unprofessional Conduct	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT180301	Patient Abandonment	Close No Action
DENT180063	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT140079	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT150291	Quality of Care/Substandard Practice	Refer to Department of Law
DENT180160	Malpractice	Refer to Department of Law
DENT150394	Unlicensed Practice	Close No Action
DENT170122	Unsanitary Conditions	Close with Letter of Concern
DENT170291	Unprofessional Conduct	Refer to Department of Law
DENT180079	Unprofessional Conduct	Close No Action
DENT180092	Unprofessional Conduct	Refer to Department of Law

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

Discussed list of non-compliant dentists as it relates to the PDMP requirements. The Board discussed sending an additional notice or proceeding with disciplinary action for those individuals who have not complied. Ms. Battle said she would explore options regarding hearings and Mr. Thernes indicated he would check with his office regarding what other Boards do in similar circumstances.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

Received legal advice regarding rules regulating teeth whitening.

Mr. Thernes discussed the following case:

- S.D.C. The Board authorized the expense for the case.

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

- J.G.S. Refer documentation received to the Licensure Overview Committee to review.

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm

- C.E.G. Open Records Request Deny request for investigative file; all public documentation may be forwarded

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

Dr. Nalley made a motion to accept the Final Decision regarding Charles E. Graper. Dr. Bennett seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to rename Chapter 150-14: From “Dental Appliances, Caps, Coverings, Prostheses and Cosmetic Coverings” to “Dental Appliances, Pharmacologics and Tooth Whitening”. Dr. Yeagan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to post Rule 150-14-.05 Tooth Whitening is the Practice of Dentistry. Dr. Yeagan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule 150-14-.05 Tooth Whitening is the Practice of Dentistry

(1) For the purposes of this Rule, “tooth whitening” means any process to whiten or lighten the appearance of human teeth by the application of chemicals, whether or not in conjunction with a light source.

(2) Any person who offers to perform, performs, or assists with any phase of any procedure incident to tooth whitening, including the instruction or application of tooth whitening materials or procedures at any geographic location shall be regarded as engaged in the practice of dentistry.

(3) A dental hygienist may only perform tooth whitening services under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. Prior to the initiation of any tooth whitening service or procedure, the treating dentist shall personally examine the patient, which examination shall evaluate for, at a minimum, loose or ill-fitting dental appliances, caries, cracks in teeth, gingival disease, and other conditions of the mouth which may contraindicate the application of tooth whitening chemicals, whether or not in conjunction with a light source. The treating dentist shall personally diagnose the condition to be treated, and shall personally designate and authorize the procedure. The authorizing dentist shall remain in the dental office or treatment facility while the service or procedure is being performed, and before dismissal of the patient, the treating dentist shall examine the patient.

(4) Every office setting or physical location in which tooth whitening is performed shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Georgia Department of Public Health, any local Departments of Health, and all applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances

including, but not limited to, those relating to sanitation, medical waste transportation, and prevention or transmission of infection and disease.

(5) A dental record shall be created and maintained for all patients receiving tooth whitening services or procedures.

A motion was made by Dr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Yeargan, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the relevant code sections.

In the same motion, Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the relevant code sections to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rule will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Bert Yeargan seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of receiving legal advice as authorized under O.C.G.A. §§ 50-141(e)(2)(c), 50-14-2(1). Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Ms. Wendy Johnson, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

The Board requested legal advice pertaining to the recent law and rule changes related to general and direct supervision. Additionally, the Board requested legal advice regarding insurance codes. Mr. Thernes responded by stating these were not matters for legal advice, but more of a discussion for Open Session.

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

Open Session

The Board discussed the following questions received related to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74.

1. Does the term, “oral prophylaxis,” include a periodontal prophylaxis (D4910), so as to allow a Georgia licensed dentist who satisfies all the requirements of the Hygiene Supervision Law to authorize that this procedure be performed under general supervision? *The Board directed staff to respond by stating the answer is no.*
2. Do the terms, “fluoride treatments,” and “topical fluoride,” as used in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74(h) and (i), include silver diamine fluoride, so as to allow a Georgia licensed dentist who satisfies all of the requirements of the Hygiene Supervision Law to authorize that this type of fluoride be applied under general supervision? *The Board directed staff to respond by stating a dental hygienist may use silver diamine fluoride for preventative purposes only, but not for treatment.*
3. When is it appropriate to bill D4910—periodontal maintenance?
Following is some information found on Periodontal Maintenance and when it is appropriate to bill the CDT Code for it:
If the dentist is a periodontal specialist (periodontist)
If your patient is currently being maintained for a history of periodontal disease

If your patient has undergone a full mouth debridement and requires therapy to maintain healthy gums in order to slow progression of periodontal disease

If your patient has undergone periodontal scaling and root planing within the last 24 months

If your patient has undergone periodontal osseous surgery within the last 24 months

If your patient has a history of periodontal gingival flap surgery

The Board directed staff to respond by stating it does not have any purview as to how D4910 is billed. D4910 is only allowed under direct supervision.

4. Can the new gingival inflammation code D4346 (scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation) be billed to the patient if the patient is seen by a hygienist working under general supervision? *The Board directed staff to respond by stating the answer is no.*
5. Considering that most of our adult patients have undergone perio treatment and are now classified as a periodontal maintenance, we are still operating under the ADA's definition of prophylaxis. This is the same as when we have a patient with gingivitis that includes moderate calculus and moderate to severe bleeding. Since the law does not contain CDT codes and dental hygienists are removing plaque, calculus, and stains from tooth surfaces, these aforementioned licensed dental hygienist services should be included in patient care. Please provide feedback. *The Board directed staff to respond by stating that patients being seen for periodontal maintenance or generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation cannot be seen by a dental hygienist working under general supervision.*
6. From what we understand, scaling/root planings are NOT allowed without the dentist present, is this correct? Only simple prophylaxis and full mouth debridement's. If this is incorrect, please educate us further on the specifics of this bill. This is a safety net setting. *Mr. Thernes responded by stating he was not aware of anything that expands to scaling and root planing. The Board directed staff to respond by stating that scaling/root planings are not allowed without the dentist present.*
7. My hygienist was told at a hygiene meeting that if she does a 4910 (periodontal prophylaxis) without my presence in the office, she would be breaking the law. A stable periodontal patient, that has been informed I'm not in the office, has signed a consent form, and has had an examination by me within the past year in my opinion should not be treated any differently than a 1110 (adult prophylaxis). I contacted the GDA attorney, and his opinion is that the new law is open to interpretation. I would be happy to forward his email response if you would like. Another issue is fluoride. The law says 'fluoride', but does not specify types of fluoride. It rarely comes up in my practice, but there are a few patients, primarily elderly patients with dry mouth, recession, and eroded root surfaces that are susceptible to root caries, that we apply Silver Diamine Fluoride on. Again, my hygienist was told she would be 'breaking the law' if she applied it without me in the office. *The Board directed staff to respond by stating that D4910 is only allowed under direct supervision. Additionally, a dental hygienist may use silver diamine fluoride for preventative purposes only, but not for treatment.*

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Nalley made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the March 2, 2018 meeting, the Public and Executive Session minutes for the March 7, 2018 Conference Call, and the Public and Executive Session minutes for the April 13, 2018 meeting with the changes noted. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Licenses to Ratify

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

Correspondence from Marcus Jackson, Caliber Enterprises

The Board considered this correspondence requesting assistance in connecting Caliber Enterprises with Dentists and Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons in the Atlanta Metropolitan area. Mr. Jackson's correspondence specifically asks the following:

1. Are there currently any Industry Dental resources (Dental industry list of services/vendors, Dental Association, conferences, expos, etc.) that lists local supportive businesses of Dental Practices that our firm can be included?
2. Is there a website, group, and/or publication(s) that Atlanta Metropolitan Dentists & Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons specifically go-to for support, resources, etc.?
3. Does the board have an email list of Dentists and/or Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons that is accessible to the general public?
4. What are the three best ways the Board can suggest for our firm connecting with Dentists and/or Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons who can benefit from our firm's great opportunities and services?

Dr. Bennett made a motion to direct staff to respond to Mr. Jackson by stating that the Board does provide a roster of active licensees for a fee. It does not provide an email listing. Everything else did not seem to be a board matter. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Casey Morris, Columbus Technical College

The Board considered this correspondence regarding Rule 150-5-.03(4)(a) which states that the requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the educational training of dental hygiene students at an institution approved by the Board and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency. Ms. Morris states that a dentist is present during senior/2nd year clinical sessions in order to administer local anesthesia for patients; however, in the summer semester the students will see adolescents and healthy adults. She asks is there any reason they would be required to have a dentist in the clinic supervising. The Board recommended directing staff to respond to Ms. Morris by referring her to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-20(b) for more information.

Correspondence from Dr. Nikole Adamson

The Board recommended tabling this matter until it receives legal advice from Mr. Thernes in Executive Session.

Correspondence from Paulette Poole

The Board considered this correspondence, which was tabled from the Board's April 13, 2018 meeting. Ms. Poole's correspondence asks as long as the hygienist works within the scope of his/her responsibility, if there are not any oral problems with the patient at the time of the hygiene appointment and the patient does not need to make a future appointment with a dentist before the next hygiene appointment, can the patient be scheduled for future cleanings without a dentist visit as long as no other problems are present? Ms. Emm stated that this was a safety net setting. The Board directed staff to respond by stating the answer to Ms. Poole's question would be yes.

Question from Lina Palacio

The Board recommended tabling this matter until it receives legal advice from Mr. Thernes in Executive Session.

Question from Dr. Aimee Cassinelli

The Board considered this correspondence, which was tabled from the Board's April 13, 2018 meeting. Dr. Cassinelli's first question asks what constitutes an emergency post termination. Her second question states the termination letter rule requires a location at which the patient may receive emergency dental care for at least (30) days following the termination of the dentist/patient relationship. Her question asks does this have to be the patient's location or can it be an emergency facility. The Board directed staff to respond to Dr. Cassinelli by stating her first question is too broad of a question for the Board to respond to. In regards to her second question, it can be an emergency facility.

Correspondence from Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, M.D.

The Board considered this correspondence, which was tabled from the Board's April 13, 2018 meeting regarding Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas outside of the Metro-Atlanta region. The Board directed staff to respond to Senator Kirkpatrick's questions as follows:

1. What is the Board's role in recruiting/retaining dentists in areas designated as "Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas" and what steps are being taken to address the issue? *The Board is charged with protecting the public through its licensing and disciplinary functions as outlined in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-7. In an effort to help identify areas of professional shortage, the Board works with the Georgia Board of Physician Workforce, which provides incentives to dentists with service cancellable loans, by sharing biennial census information for compilation so that such may be shared with the Georgia General Assembly and any other interested parties.*
2. What role does the Dental College of Georgia play in retaining/recruiting dental candidates to stay in Georgia following the completion of their studies? *The Board would like to offer the contact information for Dean Carol Lefebvre, Dental College of Georgia, to ensure the most accurate information responsive to your question.*
3. It has come to our attention that Georgia only accepts the CRDTS exam for licensure by examination for dentists to practice in Georgia. Georgia is one of twelve states plus the District of Columbia that accept only one type of examination. What is the rationale for only accepting the CRDTS examination?
 - a) Does state law or Board rule dictate that the Board shall only accept CRDTS?
 - b) Would the Board be open to exploring opportunities to expand the number of exams that are accepted for licensure by examination?

It is the Board's understanding that Senator Kirkpatrick has received direct information regarding her specific questions related to the CRDTS examination.

4. What other challenges are there, in the Board's opinion, to recruiting and retaining dentists in areas across Georgia? How can these challenges be addressed? *The Board continues to strive to review applications as expeditiously as possible. Towards that end, it also has established an expedited review process for military personnel and military spouses. The Board offers licensure by both examination and credentials which is considered via its members who review and approve applications in between monthly board meetings.*

Correspondence from Representative Penny Houston

The Board considered this correspondence, which was tabled from the Board's April 13, 2018 meeting regarding Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas outside of the Metro-Atlanta region and how is the Board working to bring new dentists, and new pediatric dentists, to the rural counties that desperately need them. The Board directed staff to respond by stating that the Board works with the Georgia Board of Physician Workforce, which provides incentives to dentists with service cancellable loans, by sharing biennial census information for compilation so that such may be shared with the Georgia General Assembly and any other interested parties. Additionally, the Board continues to strive to review applications as expeditiously as possible. Towards that end, it also has established an expedited review process for military personnel and military spouses. The Board offers licensure by both examination and

credentials which is considered via its members who review and approve applications in between monthly board meetings.

General – Dr. Tom Godfrey

Dr. Godfrey reported that the Board Committees listing has been updated and a copy of such was distributed to the members. He stated that the Sedation Committee has been divided into two committees, General Anesthesia Committee and Conscious Sedation Committee.

CE Audit Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett

No report.

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

No report.

Credentials Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans

No report.

Dental Hygiene Committee Report – Ms. Rebecca Bynum

No report.

Examination Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan

Dr. Yeargan reported that the CRDTS Annual meeting will be held August 24th-25th.

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

Dr. Godfrey reported that the Committee will meet in June. He stated it will be a robust meeting with the number of rules the Committee is working on and has been charged with. Ms. Battle asked Dr. Godfrey if there was a specific time he would like to schedule the meeting for. Dr. Godfrey responded to schedule the meeting for 9:00 a.m.

Education Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey

No report.

Long Range Planning Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb

No report.

CRDTS Steering Committee – Dr. Logan Nalley

No report.

IP Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett

No report.

EDDA Review Committee – Dr. Greg Goggans

No report.

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

No report.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes

No report.

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm

No report.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Tracy Gay 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 Dr. Richard Bennett, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Ms. Wendy Johnson, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

Received legal advice regarding who can do digital scans for the purposes of restorative treatment.

L.P. There was no advice rendered regarding this matter.

Miscellaneous

The Board discussed updating the Jurisprudence Dental and Dental Hygiene Examination questions.

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

Open Session

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

Received legal advice regarding who can do digital scans for the purposes of restorative treatment.

Question from Lina Palacio

The Board directed staff to respond by referring the individual to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74(b). Additionally, a hygienist cannot supervise others monitoring nitrous.

Miscellaneous

The Board discussed updating the Jurisprudence Dental and Dental Hygiene Examination questions. The Board directed Ms. Emm to update both exams and bring back to the Board for review.

The Board discussed placing an FAQ on the Board’s website concerning questions related to related to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74. The Board directed Ms. Emm to develop a FAQ for the Board’s website related to O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74.

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

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018, 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 Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director