

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**November 14, 2014**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Logan Nalley  
Dr. Stephen Holcomb  
Dr. Richard Bennett  
Ms. Becky Bynum  
Dr. Randy Daniel  
Ms. Connie Engel  
Dr. Tracy Gay  
Dr. Tom Godfrey  
Dr. Antwan Treadway  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Staff present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Bryon Thernes, Asst Attorney General  
Anil Foreman, Legal Officer  
Brandi Howell, Bus Operations Specialist

**Visitors:**

Carol Smith, Department of Public Health  
Sarah Sikkelee, Kool Smiles  
Kendra McKune, GDHA  
James E. Barron, GDS/NGDS  
Melana McClatchey, GDA  
Tyler Kaplan  
David Greenberg  
Michelle Connors

**Open Session**

Dr. Nalley established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Nalley welcomed the visitors. The Board recognized Dr. Richard Bennett in appreciation of the job he did as Board President from July 2013-June 2014.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the Public Session minutes for the October 17, 2014 meeting. Discussion was held by Dr. Nalley regarding section (7) on page seven of the minutes which reads, "*The board may, in its discretion, grant a provisional license by credentials to dentists licensed in another state who do not hold a Georgia license to practice dentistry.*" Dr. Nalley stated that he felt that sentence was redundant. Mr. Thernes responded that in some circumstances it could be redundant, but he does not see a reason to delete it. Dr. Bennett added that it prevents someone who has a different license, such as faculty or public health, in the state from having a credentials license. No further discussion was held. Dr. Bennett seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes for the October 17, 2014 meeting. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Ratifications**

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

**Correspondence from Arthur F. Hickam, Jr., Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Dentistry**

The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only.

**Correspondence from Ashley Graffeo**

The Board considered this correspondence regarding Georgia dental law and dental practice management companies. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Graffeo by referring her to the Dental Practice Act and Board rules on its website.

**Correspondence from Sarahita Wyatt-Paige, Stateside Associates, Inc.**

The Board considered this correspondence regarding corporate practice of dentistry and dentistry in general in the state of Georgia. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Wyatt-Paige by referring her to the Dental Practice Act and Board rules on its website.

**Correspondence from Suzanne Newkirk**

The Board considered this correspondence regarding what is considered “appropriate training” for dental assistants and dental hygienists to provide phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Newkirk by stating that appropriate training may be determined by the Georgia licensed supervising dentist/doctor.

**General – Dr. Logan Nalley**

Dr. Nalley discussed the 2015 board meeting dates that were initially voted on at the September 19, 2014 meeting. He stated that there were conflicts with a few of the dates and presented a revised list of dates to the Board for consideration. Dr. Bennett made a motion to approve the dates as presented. Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

No report.

**Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Randy Daniel**

No report.

**Credentialing 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 manikin will be occurring this weekend and that calibration will be occurring today in Kansas City. He stated that exam assignments will be done this weekend in Kansas City. He further stated that if there were any board members that had not submitted any availability, to please give it to him.

Lastly, Dr. Holcomb reported that there is an Examination Review Committee (ERC) meeting coming up in January.

**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**

No report.

### **Long Range Planning Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb**

Dr. Holcomb reiterated that about a year and a half ago the Committee submitted a list of issues to the Board for consideration. He stated that some of them have already been acted upon; however, there are a few that he would like to bring back up for attention. He discussed the use of auxiliaries performing irreversible therapies; Minnesota licensing dental therapists and advanced dental therapists.

Dr. Holcomb stated that the Board has briefly discussed teledentistry and the regulations regarding such. He added that the Georgia Composite Medical Board recently amended its rules concerning telemedicine. Dr. Holcomb thinks, at one point, the Board recommended a definition of teledentistry as a starting point.

Dr. Holcomb stated that the policy manual has been updated and the Board is currently reviewing ownership of dental practices.

Dr. Holcomb discussed reviewing expanded duties to determine if the current rule includes current procedures being taught to dental assistants. He stated that this may be something that the Rules Committee may need to review to ensure the rule encompasses the necessary duties.

Lastly, Dr. Holcomb asked the associations present, GDA, GDHA, and GDS, to provide any input regarding dental therapists. He stated that he is not suggesting a round table discussion or committee discussion.

### **CRDTS Steering Committee – Dr. Logan Nalley**

Dr. Nalley reported that it was recommended by Dr. Marv Dvorak and the Executive Committee of Steering, that CRDTS hire someone for complete creation of the bylaws. There have been some changes over the years to the bylaws and the Committee felt like they needed to be updated.

Dr. Nalley also reported that many of the terms and expiration dates of the committee members are being staggered. He stated that some of the members that are currently serving on some of the committees may find that his/her term has been shortened or extended so that there is not a mass exodus of experienced members of steering.

### **IP Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett**

No report.

### **Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**

Ms. Battle discussed an invitation to participate on CODA site visits. She stated that CODA has sent an invite to the Board and requests for two individuals to participate. She will need the names of the two individuals before the close of business today.

Ms. Battle discussed an email received from Melana McClatchey, GDA, regarding whether or not a dentist on inactive status must get reinstated before becoming eligible for a dental teaching license. After further discussion, the Board stated that the individual may apply for a faculty license.

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

No report.

Dr. Bert Yeargan made a motion and Ms. Connie Engel 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. Logan Nalley, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Dr. Richard Bennett, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Randy Daniel, Ms. Connie Engel, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

## **Executive Session**

### **Appearances**

- D.B.G.
- M.L.C.

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

- C.M.P.
- L.M.N.
- K.D.C.
- J.E.B.
- C.A.Z.

### **Applications**

- D.L.G.
- L.P.M.
- G.T.A.
- B.L.A.

### **Investigative Committee Report**

Report presented:

- DENT140281
- DENT100248
- DENT110149
- DENT150002
- DENT140270
- DENT150032
- DENT140277
- DENT140247

### **Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**

- M.D.D.

### **Attorney General's Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes**

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

- T.E.

Mr. Thernes presented the following Voluntary Surrender for acceptance:

- L.J.

Mr. Thernes presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- C.F.S.
- G.C.

**Legal Services – Ms. Anil Foreman**

No report.

**Miscellaneous**

- T.C.H.

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

<b>Open Session</b>
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Dr. Holcomb made a motion to approve all recommendations based on deliberations in Executive Session as follows:

**Appearances**

- D.B.G.            Table pending receipt of additional information
- M.L.C.            Approve pending receipt of additional information

**Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases**

- C.M.P.            DH Exam Applicant            Approved application
- L.M.N.            DH Exam Applicant            Approved application
- K.D.C.            Dental Licensee                Table pending receipt of additional information
- J.E.B.            Dental Exam Applicant        Approved application
- C.A.Z.            DH Exam Applicant            Approved application

**Applications**

- D.L.G.            DH Reinstatement            Approved application
- L.P.M.            DH Reinstatement            Approved application
- G.T.A.            Dental Reinstatement        Denied application
- B.L.A.            Dental Exam Applicant        Overturned denial and approved application

**Investigative Committee Report**

Report presented:

<b>Complaint number</b>	<b>Allegations</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
DENT140281	Prescribing Violation	Close w/Letter of Concern
DENT100248	Quality of Care	Close w/Letter of Concern
DENT110149	Quality of Care	Refer to AG
DENT150002	Quality of Care	Close
DENT140270	Quality of Care	Close
DENT150032	Quality of Care	Close
DENT140277	MMPR	Close
DENT140247	Records Release	Refer to AG

**Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**

- M.D.D.: Vote to release information pending legal advice regarding the Board’s authority regarding such.

**Attorney General's Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes**

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

- T.E. No action taken

Mr. Thernes presented the following Voluntary Surrender for acceptance:

- L.J. Voluntary Surrender accepted

Mr. Thernes presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- C.F.S. Public Consent Order accepted
- G.C. Request Denied

**Legal Services – Ms. Anil Foreman**

No report.

**Miscellaneous**

- T.C.H. Request for waiver of application fee approved pending receipt of additional information

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

Becky Bynum made a motion for the Board to locate archived information concerning dental hygienists administering anesthesia and bring back to the Board for its review to see what may need to be changed and/or updated. Dr. Daniel seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held via conference call on Friday, December 12, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi P. Howell, Business Operations Specialist

Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director