

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
2 Peachtree St. NW, 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
September 28, 2016
4:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Bert Yeargan, President
Dr. Tom Godfrey, Vice-President
Dr. Richard Bennett
Dr. Tracy Gay
Dr. Greg Goggans
Dr. Steve Holcomb
Dr. Dale Mayfield
Dr. Logan Nalley

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General
Anil Foreman, Legal Officer

Open Session

Dr. Yeargan established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Dental Screening Request from Suzanne Newkirk, GDHA: Dr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the dental screening request with a letter advising that only licensed hygienists may participate in the event. Dr. Gay seconded the motion. Discussion was held by Dr. Holcomb who asked if the screening have to be a part of a multidisciplinary screening event. Mr. Thernes responded by stating that O.C.G.A. § 43-11-74(e)(2) reads, *“The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of dental hygienists providing dental screenings in settings which include schools, hospitals, and clinics and state, county, local, and federal public health programs. Other health fair settings must be preapproved by the board.”* Mr. Thernes further indicated that the event, as described, appeared to be in compliance with the law. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016, at 10:00 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 Howell, Business Operations Specialist
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director