

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Rules Committee Meeting**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**December 7, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**The following Committee members were present:**

Dr. Tom Godfrey, Chair  
Dr. Greg Goggans  
Dr. Tracy Gay

**Staff present:**

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

**The following Board members were present:**

Ms. Becky Bynum  
Dr. Parag Soni  
Dr. Brent Stiehl  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Visitors:**

Rhonda Cox, Sage Dental  
Charles Craig, GDHA  
Emily Yona, GDA  
Lauren Pollow, JL Morgan  
Scott Lofranco, GDA  
Bill Bachand, Dental College of Georgia  
James E. Barron, Georgia Dental Society

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Godfrey welcomed the visitors.

**Discussion Topics**

**Rule 150-4-.01 Definitions and Rule 150-14-.02 Fabrication of Dental Appliances, Caps, Coverings, Prostheses and Cosmetic Coverings is Practice of Dentistry:** Dr. Godfrey stated that in working on proposed rules for Expanded Duties of Dental Assistants and Dental Assistants, it raised discussion on what other rules may be affected as far as being consistent. He stated that a couple of the rules identified are Rule 150-4-.01 Definitions and Rule 150-14-.02 Fabrication of Dental Appliances, Caps, Coverings, Prostheses and Cosmetic Coverings is Practice of Dentistry. Dr. Godfrey explained that there has been some language proposed which should be discussed. Dr. Godfrey stated that he asked Dr. Nalley, who is a prosthodontist, to review the language in Rule 150-14-.02 for his input. Dr. Nalley responded by stating a digital scan should be considered just like any other impression modality. He stated the issue is for what that cast or impression is going to be used. Is it for diagnostic purposes or an appliance? What are you going to do after you get it? He stated it needs to be made under the presence of a dentist. Dr. Godfrey stated that would fall under Rule 150-4-.01 Definitions as well.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed language in Rule 150-14-.01 Definitions and removing the word “service”. Dr. Soni asked if the rule would include “physical” or “digital”. Dr. Godfrey asked if the Committee wanted to include all kinds of impressions under expanded duties what would be the proposed verbiage? Ms. Emm responded by giving examples of how often “impressions” is found in the rule. Mr. Changus explained that the Committee can identify certain areas that would involve the taking of impressions; however, he suggested this be general. Dr. Godfrey asked if it was the will of the Committee to define impressions that should be taken by an expanded duties dental assistant or should

they subdivide as they have before? Ms. Emm stated that the other item that could be mulled over is the addition of “make impressions as defined in Rule 150-4-.01” to each subsection so it refers them to the definition. Dr. Nalley suggested including language describing whether the impression is a physical model or digital image.

Dr. Gay stated that it seems like it should be an impression for any reason. He stated that some impressions are made under general duties and some are under expanded duties. Dr. Godfrey asked about whether or not there is already a diagnosis or if there is a need for a study model. Dr. Gay asked why there is a difference in the two for that. He stated that it is just an impression either way and there has to be a dentist there. After further discussion, Dr. Godfrey made a motion for the Committee to direct the Chair to draft language that brings together all types of impressions. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Gay inquired as to the status of the coronal polishing course submitted by Suzanne Newkirk, GDHA, several meetings ago. Dr. Gay stated that he reviewed it and did not see anything wrong with the course. Ms. Battle responded that the matter had been tabled as there was an issue brought up regarding a practice that was included that was not believed to be the prevailing standard of care. Dr. Godfrey made a motion for the Committee to direct the Chair to work with board staff to inquire further about it and he will bring it back at the next meeting. Dr. Gay seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Craig, GDHA, inquired about the coronal polishing course submitted by GDA previously approved by the Board. He specifically asked since the course had been approved by the Board, does that mean anyone can take it? Mr. Lofranco, GDA, responded that the course is proprietary. Dr. Godfrey stated he was glad this was being discussed. He stated it is appropriate, given the Board has established guidelines, that any proposed course must be submitted to the Board for approval. Mr. Craig stated that while he is aware of Ms. Newkirk’s submission, he is asking if a technical college wanting to provide a coronal polishing course can use the approved course from GDA, or if they have to submit their own course for approval. Mr. Lofranco responded by stating that GDA is not saying they are the only course in town. Mr. Craig asked if anyone can use the GDA approved course. Ms. Emm responded no because that is GDA’s course. Mr. Changus commented that the standards have been approved. He added that the Board cannot say you can use someone else’s property. Mr. Craig asked if the Board approves the course submitted by Ms. Newkirk, and someone wants to take that course, using their own materials, whether or not that would be acceptable. Mr. Changus responded by stating that if you are using different materials, that is not the same course. Discussion was held regarding whether or not the course information submitted by Ms. Newkirk was proprietary. Dr. Godfrey stated that he recalls Ms. Newkirk stating that she worked hard on those slides; as such, the Board agrees that each separate course needs to be submitted for approval and refrain from addressing the matter of whether or not something is proprietary. Mr. Lofranco stated that the GDA course is proprietary in how they wish to present and added that they went through the proper protocol in presenting it to the Board for approval.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gay made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the November 2, 2018 meeting. Ms. Bynum seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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