

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Board Meeting
February 10, 2012
Professional Licensing Board
237 Coliseum Drive
Exam Room, Building B
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The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Dr. Isaac Hadley Dr. Richard Bennett, Jr. Ms. Becky Bynum Dr. Becky Carlon Dr. Randy Daniel Dr. Thomas Godfrey Dr. Stephan Holcomb Dr. Barry Stacey	Reagan Dean, Board Attorney Anita Martin, Executive Director Carol White, Board Support Specialist Melana McClatchey, GDA Dr. Carol Wooden Pamela Bush Tina Titshaw Pamela Wilkes Elaine Richardson Dr. Henry L. Cook, Sr. Alisa Smith Dr. John Bowman Dr. Clark Carroll

Open Session

Dr. Hadley established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Dr. Hadley presented plaques to former board members Drs. Carroll and Cook and Mrs. Bush and Richardson thanking them for their time and dedication they have given to the board. Dr. Hadley also presented to Ms. Anita Martin, Executive Director a plaque from the board for all of the time and dedication she has given the board; Ms. Martin will be retiring March 31, 2012.

Approval of minutes from the January 6, 2012 Board Meeting

- Dr. Godfrey made a motion to approve as amended. Dr. Holcomb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

C.E. Audit Committee Report – Dr. Barry Stacey

- The Board asked Ms. Martin, how many audits have been completed; Ms. Martin will email the numbers to the Board members.
- Dr. Stacey discussed a letter from Dr. Laney Kay asking that the Board approve of a webinar as a “live” c.e. program; not an on line program. The Board requests Dr. Stacey review this matter in addition to information provided by Dr. Carol Wooden. Upon review, Dr. Stacey will submit to the Rules Committee for a possible rule revision.

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Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report

- Dr. Stacey stated that he has developed a check list to assist applicants with the completion of sedation applications.

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Examination Report – Drs. Logan Nalley and Stephen Holcomb

- Dr. Holcomb spoke in Dr. Nalley's absence about the Georgia Health Sciences University exam in March 2012.
- Dr. Holcomb stated that a presentation will be provided on February 13, to review changes on the examination with the senior students at Georgia Health Sciences University.
- Dr. Holcomb stated he will represent the board in the upcoming Commission on Dental Accreditation visit at Georgia Health Sciences University.
- Dr. Holcomb stated that the CRDTS Exam Committee meeting is in April, 2012 in Kansas City.

Legislative Committee Report – Drs. Steve Holcomb & Barry Stacey

Drs. Holcomb and Stacey reported on the following:

- LC 334447 – Final of Volunteer Bill from Legal Counsel – Viewed as informational
- LC 285953 – Final of Lab Disclosure Bill from Legal Counsel – Viewed as informational
- LC 334407 – Autonomy Bill – Viewed as informational

S.B. 445 – Dr. Holcomb finds it to be life critical – Dr. Godfrey asked if any Board member was in support of this legislation? The Board members opposed unanimously. The Board further requested that a letter of opposition be sent to SOS Kemp.

SB361 – Involves dentistry and general anesthesia and hospital accreditation – Viewed as informational

Rules Committee Report – Dr. Clyde Andrews

- Dr. Holcomb spoke in Dr. Andrews's absence and shared with the board that the revision to Board Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienist is on the agenda for a hearing at the March 23rd board meeting.
- Dr. Holcomb asked again for a rules committee report to be provided to the full board of all matters before the rules committee. Ms. Martin, will develop a list.

Education Committee Report – Dr. Thomas Godfrey

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- Dr. Godfrey stated that the Georgia Health Science University and Augusta College are being combined. Dr. Godfrey stated that the “new college” may not contain the word “health”.
- Dr. Godfrey stated the the Foreign Dental Program at GHSU is currently on hold.
- Dr. Godfrey stated that he is presenting a course at the GHSU on ethics in dentistry. The question has been asked as to when there is a professional obligation to report a fellow professional due to impairment, quality of care, etc.

Ratify Licenses – Dr. Bennett made a motion to approve the ratified license list. Ms. Bynum seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver request from Chuen-Yu Chen re Board Rule 150-7-.04 – Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials - Dr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the waiver request. Dr. Godfrey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Waiver request from Krista Anne Besley re Board Rule 150-3-.07 – Inactive Licensure Status - Dr. Holcomb made motion to approve the waiver request. Dr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH for the American Academy of Dental Hygiene requesting continuing education provider approval - Ms. Bynum made a motion to request Ms. Brucato-Thomas provide information on her organization, a list of the states that have provided blanket approval for the organizations continuing education. Dr. Carlon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Martha Phillips re: Corporate Practice of Dentistry - Mr. Dean and the board discussed the law on non-dental ownership of dental practices. The Board viewed as informational.

Discussion on <http://liveimplanttraining.com/hands-on-live-surgery-on-patients/> - The Board discussed this issue and wanted to know if an attendee was also covered legally under this statute to practice on live patients? The Board has concerns about the legality of the course in allowing a non-licensed dentist to practice on live patients. Dr. Godfrey as chair of the Education Committee will contact Dr. Drisko to query further.

Correspondence from Paul Gilreath,IV, DMD re: verification on two matters relating to the Board Rules and GA Law - The Board’s response to the questions from Dr. Gilreath are:

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1. Can a Dental Hygienist start nitrous oxide administration on a patient without my being present in the treatment room after the dentist has given specific instructions as to the starting lever he desires? Yes a dental hygienist can initiate nitrous oxide.
2. Can a Dental Hygienist lower the dose /remove the patient from nitrous oxide on her own? Yes a dental hygienist can lower nitrous oxide.
3. Can a Dental Hygienist start the nitrous oxide administration without my being present in the treatment room after haven given specific instructions as to the starting level I desire? No the dentist does not have to be in the room but must be on the premise. The Board states that the concentration must be specific to each patient.

Rule Variance request from Dong Oh re: Board Rule 150-3-.01 – Examination for Dental Licensure - Dr. Stacey made a motion to deny the variance request. The Board states the applicant must take the CRDTS exam. Ms. Engel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Michael O. Vernon, D.M.D., Georgia Dental Association - The Board viewed as informational. Based upon the invitation from the Georgia Dental Association, Dr. Holcomb stated that the Board may want to consider having several of the board members provide a Q&A session at the annual convention rather than just one board member speaking on behalf of the Board.

Rule Waiver Request from Grant M. Hogan, DDS, MD, re: Board Rule 150-7-.04(6) – Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials - Dr. Stacey made a motion to approve the waiver request. Dr. Carlon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule Variance request from Cherish Sweeden re: Board Rule 150-7-.05 – Dental Hygiene Provisional Licensure by Credentials - Dr. Carlon made a motion to approve the variance request. Dr. Holcomb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director’s Open Case – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin provided renewal numbers as follows - 5620 Dentist have renewed with 78 dentist on hold and 6849 Dental Hygienist have renewed with 144 on hold.
- Ms. Martin discussed the late agenda additional 8 renewal applications.

Miscellaneous –

- Dr. Holcomb speaking on behalf of Dr. Nalley discussed concern about the ratification of licensees. The Board is asking that a member be designated to review and approve each application before the license is issued. Ms. Martin advised that she is surprised as to this request and that in today’s environment that the additional administrative process and delay in licensure would be prudent. Dr. Godfrey motioned and Dr. Holcomb seconded

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that Dr. Holcomb will put together a proposal for processing dental applicants before license is issued.

- Based upon the letter on the January agenda, Dr. Godfrey advised of his conversations with Dr. Chris McFarland. Dr. McFarland stated he was hoping for board approval for these procedures. The Board took no action on this issue.
- Dr. Godfrey asked that the board as an entity be listed as a complainant on a case he previously provided to the Board. Mr. Dean advised that it would be an issue because the full board would have to act as the hearing entity if disciplinary action was sought
- Dr. Godfrey asked about the status of the post renewal CE audit. Ms. Martin will pull the dates and percentage for audits and send to full the board.

Executive Session

Ms. Engel made a motion, Dr. Bennett 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 to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Drs. Carlon, Daniel, Godfrey, Holcomb, Stacey, and Ms. Bynum. The Board concluded the **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Appointments

10:30 a.m. – T.L.R. – Denied Dental Applicant - The Board recommended to uphold the denial.

Applications

W.A.B. – Denied Dental Credentials Applicant – The Board recommended denial.

Z.M.H. – Denied Dental Credentials Applicant - The Board recommended denial.

N.K.A. – Enteral/Inhalation Conscious Sedation Applicant - The Board recommended denial.

R.S.M. – Dental Renewal Applicant – The Board recommended approval.

LOC Report – Dr. Isaac Hadley

H.M., DDS – Renewal – The Board recommended to remain renewal pending until receipt of final disposition of criminal case is received.

C.M., RDH- Renewal – The Board recommended to process for inactive practice.

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HK.B.,DMD – General Anesthesia Permit - The Board recommended approval.

M.B., DMD – Foreign Trained Dental Applicant Licensure by Credentials –The Board recommended denial.

T.P., RDH – Request for Request for termination of probationRequest for termination of probation- The Board recommended approval.

A.Z.- Renewal –The Board recommended denial of renewal and the request for termination of probation.

M.C., DDS – Request for termination of probation- The Board recommended approval of termination of probation

A.E., DDS – Request for termination of probation– The Board recommended approval of termination of probation.

K.A.L.,DDS – Request for termination of probation– The Board recommended approval of termination of probation.

D.R., DDS – Request for termination of probation– The Board recommended approval of termination of probation.

K.S.,DDS – Request Early Request for termination of probation– The Board recommended denial of the request.

P.C.,RDH – Request for termination of probation. The Board recommended termination of probation.

J.H.,RDH – Request for termination of probation. The Board recommended termination of probation.

A.W.,RDH – Request for termination of probation. The Board recommended termination of probation.

S.O.M., DMD – Renewal – The Board recommended referring to the Attorney General’s office for a Private Standard Impairment Consent Order with 5 years probation.

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R.B.M. - Dental Applicant – The Board recommended denial. However applicant can be reconsidered upon receipt of disposition of case from the Virginia Board.

K.T.S. – Renewal – The Board recommended applicant provide information that applicant’s criminal case was dismissed, an arrest record and require an OMPE.

D.A.B.,RDH – Renewal -The Board recommended approval.

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr.
Approved

Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin presented T.H.- Reinstatement Applicant – The Board recommended reinstating license under policy

- Ms. Martin presented eight additional applicants:
N.P. – DDS, - Renewal
S.L.W., RDH – Renewal
K.V.D.,RDH – Renewal
G.H.C.,DDS – Renewal
H.J.J.,RDH – Renewal
J.L.L.,RDH – Renewal

The Board recommended referring the renewal applicants listed above to the Attorney General’s office for a policy consent order under policy with a \$500.00 fine, double CE hours for deficient hours. If the applicant falsified renewal, also assess an additional \$500.00 fine.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Reagan Dean

- Mr. Dean presented to the Board for acceptance consent orders on C.M.W. and Mary Jane Werner.
- Mr. Dean presented the case on L.R. - the Board recommended scheduling her for an appointment with the LOC and to provide a copy of the drafted consent order to the LOC.

Open Session

Dr. Hadley declared the Board back into open session.

Dr. Carlon motion to approve the applications, Dr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dr. Bennett made a motion to approve the recommendations of the LOC and the IC. Ms. Bynum seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dr. Holcomb made a motion to

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accept the recommendations made for the Attorney General's Report. Dr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The next Dental Board meeting will be on March 23, 2012. The Board meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Carol White, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director