

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Board Meeting  
March 17, 2006

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, March 17, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

<b>The following Board members were present:</b>	<b>Others Present:</b>
Dr. Clark Carroll, President Ms. Tunde Anday Dr. Clyde Andrews Dr. Becky Carlon Dr. Henry Cook Dr. Tom Godfrey Dr. Isaac Hadley Dr. Stephan Holcomb Mr. Charles McDougald	Anita O. Martin, Executive Director Eva Holmes, Board Secretary Reagan Dean, Board Attorney Martha Phillips, GDA Don Benton, GDA Pamela Bush, RDH Cheryl Haynes, GDHA Jeffrey Schultz, GSOMS Donald Palonisano, MAG Andrea Andrews Darryl Smith, SDG/HCS

**Dr. Carroll established** that a quorum was present and the Public Hearing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. for Board Rule 150-3-.01. No public or written comments were received. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:40.

**Dr. Carroll established** that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 9:50am.

**Consideration to adopt Rule 150-3-.01** – Dr. Hadley motioned, Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board voted to adopt rule 150-3-.01

**150-3-.01 EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL LICENSURE.**

- (1) Each candidate submitting an application for a dental license must have passed all sections of the National Board Theory Examinations – Part I and Part II with a score of 75 or higher. The President of the Georgia Board of Dentistry may appoint one or more members of the Board to proctor the National Dental Board Examinations held in Georgia.
- (2) Each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass with a score of 75 or higher a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be in the English language. The score will be valid for one year.
- (3) Each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass all sections with a score of 75 or higher on a clinical examination administered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry, or a testing agency designated and approved by the Board. Such examination shall be in the English language.
  - (a) Passage of any sections of this examination taken prior to May 1 of the year of graduation from an American Dental Association-accredited dental school shall be considered as passed to meet the requirement for successful passage of the clinical examination.
  - (b) Failure of any sections of this examination taken prior to May 1 of the year of graduation from an American Dental Association-accredited dental school shall not be considered as a failure for the purposes of sections (c) and (d) of this rule.
  - (c) Any candidate who fails three or more sections of the clinical examination three times must successfully complete a one-year American Dental Association-accredited course of study pre-approved by the board.

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1. Once the candidate provides written proof of successful completion of this one-year course of study, the board will grant the candidate one additional attempt at successful passage of the clinical licensing examination.

2. After a fourth failure of one or more sections of the clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.

(d) Any candidate who fails one or two sections of the clinical examination or any combination of one, two, or three sections of the clinical examination, three times must take a remedial course of study designated and pre-approved by the board.

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2. After a fourth failure of one or more sections of the clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.

(4) The Georgia Board of Dentistry will not recognize and will not accept results of any clinical examination from any testing agency where the applicant has deviated from (3)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this rule.

(5) In determining whether an applicant has met the requirements for licensure, the board will only consider examination results from the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) that were attained between February 22, 1993 and December 31, 2005. SRTA retake examination results will be accepted until December 31, 2006. After December 31, 2005, the board will only consider the American Board of Dental Examiners' (ADEX) examination as uniformly administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) or any other ADEX certified testing agency designated and approved by the board. Results from the clinical examination given by the Georgia Board of Dentistry prior to February 22, 1993 are accepted.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, and 43-11-40.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this 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 applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Dentistry.

**Minutes from the January 27, 2006 meeting:** Dr. Hadley made a motion, Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**Minutes from the February 3, 2006 conference call:** Dr. Holcomb made a motion, Dr. Cook seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**Minutes from the February 14, 2006 conference call:** Dr. Carlon made a motion, Dr. Andrews seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**C.E. Audit Committee:** Dr. Henry Cook, Sr.

- 33 of the 176 dental CE audits are still pending; 42 of the 304 dental hygiene audits are still pending. The committee is considering conducting a post renewal audit in lieu of a renewal audit.

**Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee:** Dr. Clyde Andrews

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- Dr. Carlon motioned, Dr. Hadley seconded and the Board voted that a C&D letter be sent to Dr. L.B. who currently has a temporary permit and failed the inspection. The Board also voted to **deny** her permit application.

**Credentialing Committee:** Dr. Becky Carlon

- The committee recommended that credentials rules be revised to limit candidates to a maximum of three attempts on any jurisdictions clinical examination to be considered for Georgia licensure. The candidates **must have** passed the examination within three attempts. This matter was referred to the Rules Committee for review and revision.

**Dental Hygiene Committee:** Ms. Tunde Anday, RDH

- No report

**Examination Committee:** Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr.

- Dr. Holcomb reported in Dr. Nalley's absence. The AADE meeting is being held this weekend. ADEX is developing a House of Representatives and considering moving the annual meeting to late summer/early fall. ADEX is approaching 30 states in which the exam is accepted and the administrations of the examination nation-wide are going well.

**Investigative Committee:** Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr.

- Dr. Holcomb reported in Dr. Nalley's absence. No open session report

**Legislative Committee:** Dr. Steve Holcomb and Dr. Pete Trager

- Ms. Martha Phillips from the GDA provided a legislative update.

**Licensure Overview Committee:** Dr. Isaac Hadley

- No report for open session

**Rules Committee:** Dr. Peter Trager

- No Report

**General:**

- **Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued:** Dr. Andrews made a motion, Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following newly issued licenses.

DH009737	White, Melody Dawn	Dental Hygienist
DH009738	Gross, Kristi Anne	Dental Hygienist
DH009739	Dennis, Andreen S	Dental Hygienist
DH009740	Hyatt, April Ne'cole	Dental Hygienist
DH009741	Arbaugh, Kristi Brock	Dental Hygienist
DH009742	Lorenz, Jean Marie	Dental Hygienist
DH009743	Bryan, Marcia D.	Dental Hygienist
DH009744	Kelly, Kathleen Mary	Dental Hygienist
DH009745	Ehlers, Stacey J	Dental Hygienist
DH009746	McKinney, Erica L.	Dental Hygienist
DN013276	Dixit, Priya Niranjana	Dentist
DN013277	Washington, Jelani Tenoa	Dentist
DN013278	Nelson III, Richard T	Dentist
DN013279	Hogan, Rhonda Corey	Dentist

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DN013280	Rucker, Barbara Lauisha	Dentist
DN013281	Jackson, Cheryl Antoinette	Dentist
DN013282	Amaya, Andres R	Dentist
DN013283	Reagin, Kenneth Britt	Dentist
DNES000081	Nath, Vishant	Enteral/Inhalation Conscious Sedation
DNES000082	Rundee, Kenneth Bradford	Enteral/Inhalation Conscious Sedation

- **Correspondence from GDA regarding annual liaison meeting** – Board response: Notify GDA that no one is available to attend due to all board members being in Augusta at the examination.
- **Correspondence from Pamela Bales (MCG) regarding CE issuance for part-time faculty who teach at MCG Orthodontic Department** – Board response: Notify Ms. Bales that this request is approved under Board Rule 150-3-.09 (3)(f) and a letter from the Department Head will suffice for the required documentation.
- **Correspondence from Miredy Benet-Rockefeller regarding exams accepted by Georgia Boards** – Board response: Notify Ms. Benet-Rockefeller that the Georgia Board currently only accepts the ADEX exam administered by CRDTS.
- **Request from Abel Aguilar for waiver of reinstatement fee** – Ms. Anday motioned, Dr. Cook seconded and the Board voted to **approve**.
- **Request from Dr. Russell Lowrey for waiver of renewal fee** – Dr. Carlon motioned, Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted to **deny**.

**CRDTS Examination Report** - Dr. Clark Carroll

- Drs. Carroll, Cook, Hadley, and Carroll reported on the off-site scoring and examination calibration held in Kansas.

**Executive Director’s Open Session Report:** Anita O. Martin

- Notified the Board that ED was scheduled to assist in the call center until the end of April.
- Notified the Board that there are currently 34 individuals who are listed as renewal pending and have until June 30, 2006 to clear up any renewal issues or the licenses will be lapsed.
- Provided a letter from AADE regarding the Citizen of the Year award. Viewed as informational.

**Attorney General’s Open Session Report:** Reagan Dean

- No open session report.

**Miscellaneous:**

- May board meeting date & location is tentative at this time and is to be determined at a later date.

Dr. Cook made a motion, Mr. McDougald seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters 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. Hadley, Carroll, Carlon, Andrews, Godfrey, Holcomb and Ms. Anday.

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The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

**Appointments with the Board**

- **Dr. L.S.S. – Appealing previous decision** – Dr. Cook motioned, Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board upheld previous decision to **deny** and also voted not to allow Dr. L.S.S.’s application to be withdrawn from consideration.

**Licensure Overview Committee** – Dr. Isaac Hadley

- **Dr. Annamalai Nadarajan – Additional information submitted and Request to lift probation** – Denied
- **Dr. R.E.F. – Dental Renewal Applicant** – Require OMPE and request that they provide results of the 2004 mental physical evaluation.
- **Dr. D.P.M. – Renewal Applicant** – Approved
- **J.J.H. – Renewal Applicant** – Require OMPE before board will consider renewal.

*Dr. Holcomb motioned, Dr. Andrews seconded and the Board voted to **accept** the recommendations.*

**Applications/Licensure**

- **S.J.L. – Dentist requesting approval to become a board consultant for conscious sedation/general anesthesia** – Dr. Godfrey motioned, Dr. Hadley seconded and the Board voted to **approve**.
- **E.E.A. – Dental Applicant requesting permission to take the ADEX exam. Applicant was denied in October** – Dr. Hadley motioned, Mr. McDougald seconded and the Board voted to **deny** – Will not be considered for licensure in Georgia.

**Investigative Report** – Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr.

Report given by Dr. Steve Holcomb in Dr. Nalley’s absence. Dr. Cook motioned, Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board **voted** to approve as follows:

**CASE NUMBERS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

<b><u>CASE NUMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
1. DENT 06-0029	CLOSE
2. DENT 06-0080	CLOSE
3. DENT 06-0157	CLOSE
4. DENT 06-0059	CLOSE
5. DENT 04-0283	CLOSE
6. DENT 06-0035	CLOSE W/LOC
7. DENT 06-0172	CLOSE W/LOC
8. DENT 05-0037	CLOSE AFTER CE IS SUBMITTED
9. DENT 04-0312	REFER TO CONSULTANT
10. DENT 06-0072	REFER TO CONSULTANT
11. DENT 05-0269	SEND MITIGATING LETTER
12. DENT 04-0046	SEND MITIGATING LETTER
13. DENT 05-0254	REFER TO AG ‘S OFFICE
14. DENT 04-0093	REFER TO AG FOR VOL. SURR.
15. DENT 05-0141	CLOSE
16. DENT 05-0045	CLOSE
17. DENT 03-0089	CLOSE
18. DENT 05-0187	CLOSE
19. DENT 06-0044	PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

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20. DENT 06-0180	PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION
21. 01-02-00143	PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION
22. DENT 05-0040, 05-0196	CLOSE
& 05-0072	CLOSE
23. DENT 06-0040	PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION
24. DENT 06-0106	CLOSE
25. DENT 04-0411	CLOSE
26. DENT 04-0279	CLOSE
27. DENT 05-0083	REFER TO LEGAL SERVICES
28. DENT 06-0061	CLOSE
29. DENT 06-0108	CLOSE
30. DENT 06-0065	CLOSE
31. DENT 04-0188	CLOSE
32. DENT 06-0173	CLOSE
33. DENT 05-0128	CLOSE W/LOC
34. DENT 03-0042	CLOSE
35. DENT 04-0198	REFER TO AG'S OFFICE

**Executive Director's Report** – Ms. Anita Martin

- Reported on renewal applicants with safety to practice issues.
- **Dr. M.D.W.** – Schedule to meet with LOC and request that he provide a detailed job description and a list of the companies he works for.
- **Dr. M.B.** – Allow for a private renewal consent order restricting practice. Also note in order that CPR course is required by law and cannot be waived.

*Dr. Holcomb motioned, Ms. Anday seconded and the Board voted to approve the actions as specified in the ED report.*

**Attorney General's Report** – Mr. Reagan Dean

- Accept consent orders for D.L.W., D.R.L., B.B.B., Krystal Michele Ellis, Antonia Fisher-McLin
- Accept C&D orders on LaTonia Smith and Elizabeth Hall

*Dr. Carlon motioned, Dr. Hadley seconded and the Board voted to **accept** report.*

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2006 at **9:30 a.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

**Minutes recorded by:**

Eva Holmes, Board Secretary

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director