

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Rules Committee Meeting**  
**May 31, 2013**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**The following committee members were present:**

Dr. Tom Godfrey  
Dr. Barry Stacey  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Staff Present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Reagan Dean, Board Attorney  
Brandi Howell, Licensure Analyst

**Visitors:**

Meg Robinson, GDA

**Open Session**

The Rules Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry met on Friday, May 31, 2013. The meeting was called into open session at 8:36 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Stacey made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2013 Rules Committee Meeting. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Discussion Topics**

Board Rule 150-3-.07 Inactive Licensure Status. Amended: Dr. Godfrey made a motion that the Committee provide the proposed amended rule for the Board's consideration to vote to post at the Board meeting today. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to provide the following rule for the Board's consideration:

**150-3-.07 Inactive Licensure Status. Amended.**

In accordance with Chapter 295-15 of the Rules and Regulations of the Joint Secretary regarding Inactive Status Licensing, a licensee may apply for inactive licensure status under the following conditions:

(a) A dentist or dental hygienist who holds an active license ~~licensed~~ in the state of Georgia may apply to the Board for inactive status by submitting the required form and paying the proper fee, ~~where the licensee has either:~~

~~1. reached the age of 60 and is retired from the active practice of dentistry or dental hygiene; or~~

~~2. has become disabled and unable to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.~~

(b) A licensee granted inactive status is exempt from the payment of the biennial renewal fee and continuing education requirement.

(c) A person holding an inactive license may not practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state.

(d) A dentist or dental hygienist holding an inactive license may apply for reinstatement ~~licensee may, in the discretion of the Board, have any inactive license restored by following the reinstatement policy found on the Board's website:~~

~~1. filing the required application and paying the proper fee;~~

- ~~2. providing documentation from a physician or physicians licensed in the State of Georgia that establishes to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients;~~
- ~~3. providing documentation demonstrating current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation ("CPR") certification;~~
- ~~4. fulfilling any remedial requirements deemed necessary by the Board as a condition precedent to the licensee resuming his or her practice of dentistry or dental hygiene; and~~
- ~~5. appearing before a Committee of the Board upon request.~~

~~(e) In considering any application for restoration under this Rule, the Board may require that an applicant for restoration of an active license execute releases necessary to obtain documentation of the applicant's complete medical history; the Board may also require the applicant, at his or her own expense, to undergo further examination by physicians designated by the Board.~~

~~(f) As a condition precedent to a license being restored, after 5 years have passed without the applicant being actively engaged in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, the Board, in its discretion, may require passage of an examination administered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry or a Regional Testing Agency designated and approved by the Board.~~

Board Rule 150-13-.03 Renewal of Conscious Sedation and Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits: Dr. Stacey made a motion that the Committee provide the proposed amended rule for the Board's consideration to vote to post at the Board meeting today. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to provide the following rule for the Board's consideration:

### **150-13-.03 Renewal of Conscious Sedation and Deep Sedation/ General Anesthesia Permits**

(1) Conscious sedation and deep sedation/general anesthesia permits shall be renewable biennially, on or prior to December 31st of all odd-numbered years, and upon payment of the renewal fee as provided in Rule 150-12-.01. The permit shall be administratively revoked for failure to renew on July 1st of the following even-numbered year. Permits, which have been administratively revoked, shall be reinstated only in the discretion of the Board, upon completion of a reinstatement application. The former permit holder may also be subject to an on-site inspection prior to renewal of the permit.

(2) The dentist must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic and advanced levels and all support personnel who provide direct hands-on patient care must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board approved provider with an update not to exceed two years.

(3) ~~The dentist must take four (4) hours of continuing education every 2 years to stay current in pharmacology, anesthesia, emergency management or sedation, as part of the 40 hour requirement for license renewal, to maintain certification for the Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia, Enteral and/or Parenteral Conscious Sedation permits. Certification of this CE must be submitted at license renewal.~~ on sedation/general anesthesia techniques, patient risk assessment courses, new medications, improved monitoring devices, and any other developing trends to insure that current knowledge and competency are maintained so that sedation/general anesthesia can be most safely provided. These four hours will be part of the total forty (40) hour CE requirement.

(4) CPR, ACLS, and PALS are required to rescue patients from untoward events and do count toward the total of forty (40) CE hours every two years, but do not satisfy the four (4) hour CE requirement referenced in subsection (3) above.

Board Rule 150-7-.04 Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials: The Committee will continue to review and will discuss further at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Licensure Analyst  
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director