

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Board Meeting
October 6, 2006

The Board Meeting for the Georgia Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, October 6, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
Dr. Clark Carroll, DMD – President Dr. Clyde Andrews, DDS Ms. Pamela Bush, RDH Dr. Becky Carlon, DDS Dr. Henry Cook, DDS Dr. Tom Godfrey, DMD Dr. Issac Hadley, DMD Dr. Stephan Holcomb, DMD Ms. Elaine Richardson Dr. Pete Trager, DDS	Anita Martin, Executive Director Eva Holmes, Board Secretary Reagan Dean, Board Attorney Robert Renjel, GDA Don Benton, GDA

Dr. Carroll established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introduction of visitors – Dr. Carroll also welcomed the Board’s new consumer member, Ms. Elaine Richardson.

Minutes from the September 8, 2006 board meeting: Dr. Hadley made a motion, Dr. Andrews seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

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

- No report

Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee: Dr. Clyde Andrews

- No report

Credentialing Committee: Dr. Becky Carlon

- No report

Dental Hygiene Committee: Ms. Pamela Bush, RDH

- Ms. Bush reported that she had met with the Georgia Dental Hygiene Educators Group and the GDHA Trustee’s committee.
- Ms. Bush reported that the 2007 Exam dates had been established.
- Ms. Bush requested that a list of the 12/31/05 non-renewed dental hygienists be provided to her for the GDHA.

Examination Committee: Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr. – Dr. Steve Holcomb reported in Dr. Nalley’s absence.

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Legislative Committee: - Drs. Steve Holcomb & Pete Trager

- No report

Licensure Overview Committee: - Dr. Issac Hadley

- No open session report

Rules Committee: - Dr. Pete Trager

- Draft of Board Rule 150-5-.03: Supervision of Dental Hygienists – Ms. Bush motioned, Dr. Cook seconded and the Board voted to post as amended.

150-5-.03 SUPERVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

(1) ~~Direct supervision as it pertains to procedures delegated to a dental hygienist shall mean that a dentist licensed in Georgia is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental hygienist and, before dismissal of the patient, examines the patient. Any reference to a dental hygienist in this rule means a Georgia licensed dental hygienist.~~

(2) ~~A dental hygienist shall perform his or her duties only under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist who is licensed to practice in the state of Georgia.~~

~~(a) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the educational training of dental hygiene students at an institution approved by the Board and the Commission on~~

~~Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.~~

~~(b) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of dental hygiene duties at approved dental facilities of the Department of Human Resources, county boards of health, or the Department of Corrections.~~

~~(c) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to dental screenings in health fair settings in schools, hospitals, clinics, and state, county, local and federal public health programs; or other health fair settings pre-approved by the board.~~

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~~(4) In addition to routine duties and the procedures of any of the operations or procedures authorized in O.C.G.A. §43-11-74, the following activities may be performed by a dental hygienist working under the direct supervision of a dentist:~~

~~(a) All the duties that are usually performed by a dental assistant pursuant to Title 43, Chapter 11, Article 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Chapter 150-9 of the Rules of the Georgia Board of Dentistry, under the limitations and stipulations set forth in Title 43, Chapter 11, Article 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Chapter 150-5 of the Rules of the Georgia Board of Dentistry.~~

~~(b) Take and mount oral x-rays;~~

~~(c) Apply medications and/or solutions approved by the Board and prescribed by the dentist that can be applied by methods approved by the Board, be that by irrigation, tray, or insertion of bioresorbable materials;~~

~~(d) Remove calcareous deposits, secretions, and stains from the surfaces of teeth.~~

~~Ultrasonic technologies are authorized for use by dental hygienists;~~

~~(e) Utilize techniques and materials necessary for the application of sealant(s) to pits and fissures of teeth;~~

~~(f) Perform root planing and curettage with hand instruments; and~~

~~(g) Perform periodontal probing. No dentist shall supervise more practicing dental hygienists than he or she can safely and reasonably supervise in order to ensure that the health, safety, and welfare of patients are protected.~~

~~(5) Nothing in these rules shall be construed as authorizing dental hygienists to utilize other techniques in the course of the performance of their duties, otherwise authorized by these rules. Only dentists licensed by the Georgia Board of Dentistry shall be authorized to perform procedures involving laser technology which alters tissue, creates thermal effect, or is intended to cut, coagulate, photocoagulate, vaporize, or ablate essentially any soft or hard tissues of the body. Additionally only dentists licensed by the Board shall be authorized to perform procedures utilizing air abrasive technology, which is normally intended for cavity preparation or enamel removal. This is to be distinguished from "micro etching" and "air polishing" technologies which are intended for stain removal and roughening the surfaces of enamel to enhance bonding, similar to acid etching, (i.e., Micro etching and air polishing are technologies authorized for use by dental hygienists). In addition to routine duties and the procedures of any of the operations or procedures authorized in O.C.G.A. §43-11-74, the following activities may be performed by a dental hygienist working under the direct supervision of a dentist:~~

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Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. _____

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 these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Dentistry.

- Dr. Carlon requested that Board Rule 150-7-.04 be revised to limit the number of examination attempts a candidate for licensure by credentials could have and still be considered for licensure in Georgia.

General: Dr. Clark Carroll

- **Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued:**

Dr. Hadley made a motion, Dr. Cook seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following newly issued licenses.

License#	Name	Profession	Status
DHF000046	Davis, Debra Lynne	Dental Hygiene Faculty	Active
DH009973	Berntson, Diane	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009974	Carpenter, Kristy Lynn	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009975	Calloway, Bershuna Kiesha	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009976	Skipper, Brandi Renee	Dental Hygienist	Active

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DH009977	Choi, Christie Hyon-jung-Kim	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009978	Upshaw, Tina D	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009979	Wisembaker, Trista R	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009980	Odum, Tasha Von	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009981	Parker, LaCresia Diane	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009982	Barnes, Stephanie Diane	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009983	Pizzo, Sheila Rena	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009984	Barlow, Michelle Renee'	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009985	Hagans, Korey	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009986	Kipper, Tiane Rene'e	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009987	Vickers, Haley Beth	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009988	Connell, Melissa E	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009989	Highsmith, Jenny Kathryn Graham	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009990	Yarbrough, Melissa Ann	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009991	Luethi, Ashley Diane	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009992	Dale, Jessica Main	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009993	Nix, Tarra Lirea	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009994	Creamer, Ashlee Marie	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009995	Hughes, Donna Tillman	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009996	Atkinson, Sabrina Angela	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009997	Metz, Tonya L	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009998	Stringer, Tracy Louise	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH009999	Stephens, Kelley Denise	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH010000	Perkins, Stacey Nicol	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH010001	McCurry, Christian Candice	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH010002	Smith, Meghan Elizabeth	Dental Hygienist	Active
DH010003	Stone, Rachel Lyann	Dental Hygienist	Active
DN013415	Kim, Yoo Mee	Dentist	Active
DN013416	Ferrara, Eric Dante	Dentist	Active
DN013417	Marsh, Vincent Rashaid	Dentist	Active
DN013418	Cummins, Brandon J	Dentist	Active
DN013419	Allen, William David	Dentist	Active
DN013420	Lee, Brian Yoon	Dentist	Active
DN013421	Martin, Maureen Melinda	Dentist	Active
DN013422	Ryan, Robert Cory	Dentist	Active
DN013423	Strickland, Roderick Paul, Jr	Dentist	Active
DN013424	Summerlin, Dexter Lamont	Dentist	Active
DN013425	Frisbie, Rachael Elizabeth	Dentist	Active
DPH000003	Benson, Gerald Mitchell, Jr	Public Health	Active
DNGA000202	Velez, Martin R.	General Anesthesia Permit	Active

- **Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners Preliminary Program** - *Board response:* Viewed as informational. The Executive Director will send copies of the registration material to each board member.
- **2007 Meeting Schedule:** *Board response:* Dr. Cook motioned, Dr. Trager seconded and the Board voted to approve as amended.

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- **Correspondence from Tunde Anday, RDH re: NERB Associate Examiner - Board response:** Dr. Carlon motioned, Ms. Bush seconded and the Board voted to approve the request.
- **Correspondence from Jackie Evans re: Complaint re: CRDTS/ADHLEX - Board response:** Viewed as informational.
- **Correspondence from Dr. Drisko re: a teaching license - Board response:** Viewed as informational. No response required.
- **Dr. TuWanda Martin petitioning for waiver of Board Rule 150-3-.01 -** Dr. Andrews motioned, Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted to **deny** the request. The Board does not feel that the public health, safety and welfare is protected if they consider waiving this requirement.
- **Correspondence from DOCS extending an invitation to attend the upcoming “Oral Sedation Dentistry” seminar - Board response:** Viewed as informational.
- **Correspondence from B. Ann Seals of LVI Global – Board response:** Notify Ms. Seals that the Board would consider review of any complaint received in this office to see if it falls within their legal jurisdiction.
- **Correspondence from Steve Sorrells of Ridge Creek – Board response:** - Notify Mr. Sorrells that the Dental screenings as described in his letter are allowed under Georgia Law OCGA§43-11-71 and Board Rule 150-5-.03.

CDRTS Examination Report – Dr. Clyde Andrews

- Dr. Andrews reported on his attendance at the CRDTS Steering Committee meeting. He also reported that no content changes have been made on the 2007 dental & dental hygiene examinations.

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

- Question from Lanier Tech – Board response: Dr. Carlon motioned, Dr. Hadley seconded and the board voted to notify Lanier Tech Dental Hygiene program that students are not allowed to participate in Dental Screenings as provided for in OCGA§43-11-71 and Board Rule 150-5-.03. These allocations only apply to licensed dental hygienists.
- Provided clarification that only the members of the Investigative Committee receive a copy of the Investigative Committee report listing the practitioners by name and complaint number. All other board members reports reflect the complaint number only.
- Requested clarification on what information is needed from Jane Walters re: approved treatment facilities for licensees. Board directed they were attempting to have the GDA list of approved facilities and the Board’s list to be identical. Get with Ms. Walters to see why some on the Board approved facilities on the board’s list are not on hers.

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Attorney General's Open Session Report: Reagan Dean

- No open session report

Miscellaneous –

- Smoking cessation issue – Dr. Godfrey & Reagan Dean will work together to see if the previously provided advice changes concerning smoking cessation drugs and the practice of dentistry. Dr. Godfrey stated that the FDA has approved certain drugs used for smoking cessation to be used by dentist
- Dr. Carroll appointed the following new committee assignments:
 - Dr. Hadley – AdHoc to the IC
 - Dr. Carlon – Rules
- Correspondence from Dr. R. Grant seeking the Board's advice – Board response: Send no legal letter and refer to rule on patient dismissal.
- Review and approval of minutes from September 28, 2006 conference call – Dr. Carlon motioned, Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board voted to approve.

Dr. Cook made a motion, Dr. Trager 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, Andrews, Carlon, Godfrey, Holcomb, Ms. Bush and Ms. Richardson. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Appointments with Board

C.J. – Dental applicant appealing denial of licensure – Dr. Holcomb made a motion and Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board voted to uphold previous decision to **deny**.

Applications/Licensure - Dr. Trager made a motion and Dr. Andrews seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the applications as follows:

- D.W.P. – Dental hygiene applicant requesting approval for reinstatement of licensure. – **Schedule for LOC**
- A.J.W. – Dental applicant requesting approval for licensure. – **Schedule for LOC**
- E.A.F. – Dental hygiene applicant requesting approval for licensure. – **Schedule for LOC**
- J.L.J.G. – Dental hygiene applicant requesting approval for licensure. – **Approved**
- M.A.A. – Dental applicant requesting approval for licensure. Met with Board at last month's meeting. Board will reconsider for licensure upon receipt verifying FL fine was paid. - **Denied**
- C.H.M. – Dental hygiene applicant requesting approval for licensure. – **Approved**
- B.E.C.J. – Dental applicant requesting approval for reinstatement of licensure upon receipt or sealed NPDB report. (NPDB report received – Sec has copy) – **Approved under standard reinstatement consent order policy**

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- W.B.T. – Dental applicant requesting approval for reinstatement of licensure. (unlicensed practice) – **Approved under standard reinstatement consent order policy**
- L.W.B. – Dental hygiene applicant requesting approval for reinstatement of licensure. – **Approved under standard reinstatement consent order policy**
- M.R.Z. – Dental applicant requesting approval for licensure. - **Approved**
- J.N.P. – Conscious sedation applicant requesting approval for another renewal temporary permit. Initially applied 1/23/04. temporary permit was issue 12/8/04. He re-applied 2/27/06, a temporary permit was issued 3/7/06 and expired 9/7/06. – **Issue one (1) additional 30 day permit which allows sedation for the evaluation only.**
- D.E.J. – Renewal applicant - submitting copy of current CPR card – **Write Dr. J. a letter requesting a copy of the 2004-2005 CPR; contact provider for duplicate and provide within 14 days or board will proceed with renewal under a private consent order citing no CPR as required by law. Dr. Trager voted in opposition.**

Investigative Report – Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr.

Dr. Cook made a motion and Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the Investigative Report as follows:

Complaint#	Recommendation
DENT 04-0194	Close with letter of concern
DENT 06-0072	Return records and corrected models to Dr Steward, for further investigation
DENT05-0236	Close with letter of concern
DENT 06-0224	Close upon receipt of proof of additional CE
DENT 06-0301	Close with letter of concern re:
DENT 06-0127	Close
DENT 04-0124	Close with letter of concern
DENT 06-0185	Close
DENT 06-0334	Further investigation needed.
DENT 06-0093	Close
DENT 05-0144	Further investigation needed.
DENT 04-0274	Schedule investigative interview
DENT 06-0262	Close
DENT 06-0349	Close
DENT 06-0269	Close
DENT 06-0245	Independent Oral Surgeon to review 12 records quarterly for 1 year. S/d must pay Oral Surgeon. S/d must be seen by a Board approve psychiatrist. The S/d must petition the Board to end monitoring of the Oral Surgeon.

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DENT 06-0044	Close case on Dr V. and open case on Dr O.S, and schedule for II
DENT 06-0308	Refer to enforcement to determine if emergency message is any clearer
DENT 06-0290	Mitigating circumstance letter, requiring s/d to attend a risk management course within 90 days of receipt of letter.
DENT 05-0255	Mitigating circumstance letter, requiring s/d to submit proof of restitution to insurance company within 30 days of receipt of this letter.
DENT 06-0031	Tabled for further investigation
DENT 06-0295	Tabled for further investigation
DENT 06-0313	Schedule investigative interview after Police report is received
DENT 06-0335	Closed
DENT 06-0198	Schedule Laurence Dunn for I.I.
DENT 06-0142	Close
DENT 06-0117	Close
DENT 06-0177	Close
DENT 06-0154	Close
DENT 06-0145	Close with letter of concern re: Rules 150-10-.01 & 150-11-.01
DENT 06-0022	Close with letter of concern to S/D for doing infinitive restoration before addressing periodontal condition & to office for patient communication re: insurance benefits.
DENT 06-0146	Close with letter of concern RE: adherence to CDC guidelines and universal precaution per rule 150-0-.01 (a)
DENT 06-0153	Close with letter of concern re: transfer of records & x-ray duplication.
DENT 06-0100	Close with letter of concern re: patient communication
DENT 06-0102	Close with letter of concern Re: patient communication
DENT 06-0144	Refer to AG to draft consent order for a 90 day standard suspension, restriction from extractions and to make records without names available to the Board

Licensure Overview Committee – Dr. Issac Hadley

Dr. Trager made a motion and Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations from the LOC as follows:

- D.J.L. – Dental applicant – **Approved**
- A.B.D. – Dental hygiene applicant – **Approved**
- Dr. Lela Lewis – requesting termination of probation – **Approved**
- K.N.R. – Dental applicant – **Approved**
- C.A.D. – Dental hygiene applicant – **Denied**
- T.T. – Dental reinstatement applicant - **Approved**

Examination Report

- Annual School's Report – Viewed as informational

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Attorney General's Report – Mr. Reagan Dean.

Dr. Holcomb made a motion and Dr. Hadley seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendation made in the AG's report as follows:

- Updated on cases in his office.
- Request from attorney for Dr. M.S. to make the change from consent order – public to private. **Request denied.**

Legal Service Report – Mr. Jeff Clements

Dr. Godfrey made a motion and Dr. Carlon seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendation made in the Legal Services report as follows:

- Request from Attorney for Dr. J.M., DENT05-0168 to release a copy of the consultant report. **Request denied.**

Miscellaneous

Dr. Cook motioned, Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made as follows:

- Accept consent orders on Keith L. McRae, DMD, R.F., DMD, William R. McCormack, DMD, Rita Taylor, DDS, Ramia Rahnema, DDS and C.J.R., DMD.
- Information was provided to the Board today concerning mortality in a Columbus dental practice. Information is being compiled by the practitioner to report to the Board in compliance with OCGA §43-11-21.2.
- Health Care Connections treatment center was approved for Dr. Keith McRae.
- Non-compliance with consent order on Dr. C.J.J. – Request enforcement to hand-serve the letters which have been returned. Allow response within 30 days of hand-service. If no response received, refer to Board Attorney to file a Notice of Hearing for revocation.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2006 at **9:30a.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Eva Holmes, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on November 3, 2006.