

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
Board Meeting  
September 9, 2005

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, September 9, 2005, 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 Dr. Clyde H. Andrews Dr. Becky Carlon Dr. Henry Cook Dr. Tom Godfrey (left at 12:30 p.m.) Dr. Isaac Hadley Dr. Steve Holcomb Dr. Logan Nalley Dr. Peter Trager Tunde Anday, RDH	Anita O. Martin, Executive Director Susan Hewett, Board Secretary Reagan Dean, Board Attorney Darryl Smith, Shurett Dental Group Pamela Bush, GDHA Cheryl Hanes, GDHA Candice Kendal, ADHS Amanda Roberts, GDHA Rob McCormack, GSOMS Kathy Kelly, RDH Martha Phillips, GDA Carola Gil

Dr. Carroll, Board President, established that a quorum was present, and the **public hearing** that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:31 a.m.

**Rule 150-3-.05 – Renewal and Reinstatement:** No written or verbal comments were received regarding this rule.

**Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists:** No written or verbal comments were received regarding this rule.

**Rule 150-7-.01 Public Health License:** No written or verbal comments were received regarding this rule.

**Rule 150-7-.03 Volunteers in Dentistry:** No written or verbal comments were received regarding this rule.

**Rule 150-13-.01 Conscious Sedation Permits:** No written or verbal comments were received regarding this rule.

**Rule 150-13-.02 Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits:** No written or verbal comments were received regarding this rule.

The public hearing was adjourned at 9:34 a.m., and the **meeting** that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:35 a.m.

Dr. Trager made a motion, Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the following rules:

➤ **Rule 150-3-.05 Renewal and Reinstatement**

150-3-.05 Renewal and Reinstatement

(1) Licenses shall expire at the close of December 31 in all odd-numbered years, and shall be administratively revoked for failure to renew on July 1 of the following even-numbered year. Fees for license renewal shall be assessed as set forth in Rule 150-12-.01. Licenses, which have been administratively revoked, shall be reinstated only

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in the discretion of the Board upon completion of a reinstatement application.

(2) Any service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 15-12-1 whose license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene expired while serving on active duty outside the state shall be permitted to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in accordance with the expired license and shall not be charged with a violation relating to such practice on an expired license for a period of six (6) months from the date of his or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. Any such service member shall be entitled to renew such expired license without penalty within six (6) months after the date of his or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location with the state. The service member must present to the board a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service members commanding officer to waive any charges.

(3) For all instances in which the license in question was revoked for reasons other than the failure to renew, a minimum of two (2) years shall pass from the date of the revocation of license before the Board will consider an application for its reinstatement.

(4) In the event that an application for reinstatement of a license is denied, the Board will consider a subsequent reinstatement application no sooner than one (1) year from the date that the previous application was denied.

(5) As a condition precedent to the reinstatement of a revoked license, the Board may, in its discretion, impose any remedial requirements deemed necessary before an individual may resume the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene. After five (5) years have passed without the applicant being actively engaged in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, the Board may, in its discretion, require passage of an examination administered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry or a Regional Testing Agency designated and approved by the Board. In addition, the Board may require 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.

Authority O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-40, 43-11-47, 43-1-31, and 15-12-1.

➤ **Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists**

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, examines the patient

(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.

(3) 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.

(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:

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(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 of and fissures of teeth;

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

(g) Perform periodontal probing.

(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).

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-9, and 43-11-74.

➤ **Rule 150-7-.01 Public Health License**

150-7-.01 Public Health License. Amended.

(1) The board may issue, in its discretion without examination, a license to dentists for the sole purpose of practicing public health dentistry in an official state or a local health department or to render dental services to patients in state-operated eleemosynary or correctional institutions, provided that these dentists possess a license in another state, are in good standing in said state and have graduated from an American Dental Association (ADA) accredited dental college. Such license shall be valid for as long as the holder maintains employment only in a public health setting.

(2) Temporary public health licensees are subject to all provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-46 and 43-11-46.1 at renewal.

(3) Temporary public health licensees shall at all times maintain all out-of-state licenses in good standing and shall certify to this with each renewal.

(4) Upon request, all applicants shall furnish a criminal background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-42, 43-11-46, and 43-11-46.1.

➤ **Rule 150-7-.03 Volunteers in Dentistry**

150-7-.03 Volunteers in Dentistry.

(1) The Board may issue volunteer licenses in its discretion when it has identified an area of this state in which there is an urgent, unfilled need for dental and/or dental hygiene services, and when it has located a competent dentist or dental hygienist to fulfill such need. In granting these volunteer licenses, the Board shall observe the following criteria:

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(a) Need of the Community. A volunteer license shall be issued for the purpose of serving indigent patients in areas of this state in which there is inadequate personnel to supply dental or dental hygiene services. In determining what constitutes an inadequate supply of dental or dental hygiene personnel, the Board shall consider various factors, including the dentist-patient ratio or the dental hygienist-patient ratio in the area in question, the distance between patients and any existing dentist or dental hygienist, the maldistribution of particular types of specialty care, and any other factors which are indicative of an absence of adequate dental or dental hygiene services in or reasonably accessible to the area in question. Any group or groups of persons seeking to secure such a dentist or dental hygienist for a community shall supply the Board with all information necessary for it to make a determination as to the existence of all the foregoing factors.

(b) Qualifications of the Dentist.

1. The dentist or dental hygienist must submit an application for a volunteer license to the Board and must be retired from the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene and not currently engaged in such practice either full time or part time, and has prior to retirement maintained full licensure in good standing in dentistry or dental hygiene. This license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene must have been issued by a licensing authority following successful completion of a clinical licensing examination, approved by the board and must have been held at least five years while engaged in clinical practice. Applicants must not have failed a clinical licensing exam within the past five years.

2. As a condition precedent to a volunteer license being issued, after five (5) years have passed without the applicant being engaged in the direct observation and treatment of patients, the Board, in its discretion, may require a refresher course or the passage of an examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board.

3. The applicant dentist or dental hygienist may be asked to submit a statement from a physician attesting to the applicant's physical and mental capacity;

4. The applicant must show proof of current CPR certification;

5. If the applicant is not in compliance with the continuing education requirements established by the Board at the time application is made for the volunteer license (which is forty (40) hours for dentist and twenty two (22) hours for dental hygienist of continuing education within the last two (2) years including CPR at the basic life support level), the applicant may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license to practice for six months provided the applicant is otherwise qualified for such license.

6. All applicants must show passage with a score of 75 or higher on a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry/dental hygiene in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be administered in the English language;

7. There shall be no application or licensing fee for initial issuance of a volunteer license.

(c) Dental Hygienists are subject to all provisions of direct supervision per rule 150-5-.03. Renewal of a volunteer license.

1. Volunteer licenses shall expire at the close of December 31 in all odd-numbered years, and shall be administratively revoked for failure to renew on July 1 of the following even-numbered year.

2. There shall be no renewal fee for licensees holding a volunteer in dentistry license.

3. Licenses which have been administratively lapsed for non-renewal shall be reinstated only at the discretion of the board;

4. Holders of a volunteer in dentistry license are subject to continuing education requirements as outlined in Board rule 150-3-.09 (40 hours including CPR).

5. Holders of a volunteer in dental hygiene license are subject to continuing education requirements as outlined in Board rule 150-5-.05 (22 hours including CPR).

(e) Any other provisions of Chapter 11, Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated not inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the special license statute shall be fully applicable to all specially licensed dentists.

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Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, and 43-11-52.

➤ **Rule 150-13-.01 Conscious Sedation Permits**

150-13-.01 Conscious Sedation Permits.

(1) When the intent is anxiolysis only, which is defined as the diminution or elimination of anxiety, and the appropriate dosage of nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation and/or oral agents is administered, a permit for conscious sedation is not required.

(2) No dentist shall administer conscious sedation in Georgia in accordance with the definition of conscious sedation as defined by O.C.G.A. 43-11-1 unless such dentist possesses a permit based on a credentials review. The permits issued are either Enteral and/or Combination Inhalation/Enteral Conscious Sedation or Parenteral Conscious Sedation.

(3) An Enteral and/or Combination Inhalation/Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit holder may administer and manage enteral and or combination inhalation/enteral conscious sedation. To obtain an Enteral and/or Combination Inhalation/Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit, a dentist must provide certification of the following:

(a) Completion of an ADA-accredited postdoctoral training program, which affords comprehensive training necessary to administer and manage enteral and or combination inhalation/enteral conscious sedation; or

(b) Completion of a continuing education course, which consists of a minimum of eighteen (18) hours of didactic instruction plus twenty (20) hours of participation or video clinically-oriented experiences, which provides competency in enteral and/or combination inhalation/enteral conscious sedation. The course content must be equal to that described for an approved continuing education program in these techniques in the *ADA Guidelines for Teaching Comprehensive Control of Anxiety and Pain in Dentistry*, 2002 edition, or its successor publication.

(c) The dentist must have a properly equipped facility for the administration of enteral and/or combination inhalation/enteral conscious sedation and be staffed with appropriately trained and supervised personnel. The facility must have the equipment capable of delivering positive-pressure oxygen ventilation, and a pulse oximeter. The applicant must submit verification that the facility meets the above requirements and may be subject to an on-site inspection.

(d) The dentist and all support personnel must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board approved sponsor with an update not to exceed two years per board rules 150-3-.08, 150-3-.09, 150-5-.04, and 150-5-.05.

(e) The dentist must take four (4) hours of continuing education every two (2) years in pharmacology, anesthesia, emergency medicine or sedation, as part of the 40 hour requirement for license renewal, to maintain certification for the Enteral and/or Combination Inhalation/Enteral Conscious Sedation permit. Certification of this continuing education must be submitted at renewal.

(f) The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall be given a written, thirty (30) day advance notification of the relocation of a facility, the addition of a facility or significant change to the facility.

(g) If the permit holder intends to sedate patients under the age of twelve (12) years, an additional twelve (12) hours of pediatric-specific instruction divided between didactic and participation or video clinical experience must be obtained. This educational documentation must be submitted with the application for the Enteral and/or Combination Inhalation/Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit.

(h) When a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is permitted to function under the direction and responsibility of a dentist for the administration of conscious sedation by Enteral and/or Combination Inhalation/Enteral Conscious Sedation the operating dentist must have completed training and hold a valid conscious sedation permit issued by the board.

(4) The dentist utilizing multiple sedation modalities, including intravenous, enteral, parenteral, and inhalation, shall maintain a properly equipped facility for the administration of such sedation, staffed with appropriately trained and supervised personnel. The facility must have equipment capable of delivering positive pressure oxygen ventilation, a pulse oximeter, suction equipment that allows aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavity, an operating table

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or chair that allows for the patient to be positioned to maintain an airway, a firm platform for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and a recovery area with available oxygen and suction. All of the afore mentioned equipment and supplies must be stationary and not subject to transfer from one site to another. The applicant must submit verification that the facility meets the above requirements and shall be subject to an on-site inspection. A Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit holder may administer and manage the following: parenteral, enteral and/or a combination inhalation/enteral or parenteral conscious sedation. To obtain a Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit, the dentist must provide certification of the following:

(a) Completion of an ADA-accredited, postdoctoral training program, which affords comprehensive training to administer and manage parenteral conscious sedation; or  
(b) Completion of a continuing education course consisting of a minimum of sixty (60) hours of didactic instruction plus management of at least twenty (20) patients, which provide competency in parenteral conscious sedation. The course content must be equal to that described for an approved continuing education program in these techniques in the *ADA Guidelines for Teaching the Comprehensive Control of Anxiety and Pain in Dentistry*, 2002 edition, or its successor publication.

(c) The dentist utilizing multiple sedation modalities, including intravenous, enteral, parenteral, and inhalation, shall maintain a properly equipped facility for the administration of such sedation, staffed with appropriately trained and supervised personnel. The facility must have equipment capable of delivering positive pressure oxygen ventilation, a pulse oximeter, suction equipment that allows aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavity, an operating table or chair that allows for the patient to be positioned to maintain an airway, a firm platform for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and a recovery area with available oxygen and suction. All of the afore mentioned equipment and supplies must be stationary and not subject to transfer from one site to another. The applicant must submit verification that the facility meets the above requirements and shall be subject to an on-site inspection.

(d) The dentist and all support personnel must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board approved sponsor with an update not to exceed two years per board rules 150-3-.08, 150-3-.09, 150-5-.04, and 150-5-.05.

(e) The dentist must take four (4) hours of continuing education every two (2) years in pharmacology, anesthesia, emergency medicine or sedation, as part of the 40 hour requirement for license renewal, to maintain certification for the Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit. Certification of this continuing education must be submitted at renewal.

(f) The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall be given a written, thirty (30) day advance notification of the relocation of a facility, the addition of a facility or significant change to the facility.

(g) If the permit holder intends to sedate patients under the age of twelve (12) years, a minimum of five (5) pediatric-specific instructional experiences, both didactic and clinical, must be included. This educational documentation must be submitted with the application for the Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit.

(h) When a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is permitted to function under the direction and responsibility of a dentist for the administration of conscious sedation utilizing multiple sedation modalities, including intravenous, enteral, parenteral, and inhalation, the operating dentist must have completed training and hold a valid conscious sedation permit issued by the board.

(5) Permit fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board of Dentistry.

(6) Renewal Fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board of Dentistry.

(7) Late Renewal Fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board of Dentistry.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-21, and 43-11-21.1.

➤ **Rule 150-13-.02 Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits**

150-13-.02 Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits.

(1) The educational requirements for a permit to use deep sedation/ general anesthesia in Georgia shall be equal to those set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-21.1.

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(2) The following guidelines shall apply to the administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia in the dental office or a site approved by the Board:

(a) When administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia is provided by another qualified dentist holding a current (Georgia) deep sedation/general anesthesia permit or by a physician anesthesiologist, the operating dentist and the staff must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board-approved sponsor with an update not to exceed two years per board rules 150-3-.08, 150-3-.09, 150-5-.04, and 150-5-.05.

(b) When a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is permitted to function under the direction and responsibility of a dentist, administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia by a CRNA shall require the operating dentist to have completed training in deep sedation/general anesthesia, commensurate with these guidelines.

(c) A dentist administering deep sedation/general anesthesia must document current successful completion of an advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) course (or an appropriate equivalent).

(d) All staff must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the basic life support level given by a board-approved sponsor with an update not to exceed two years per board rules 150-3-.08, 150-3-.09, 150-5-.04, and 150-5-.05.

(3) In all areas in which this level of anesthesia is being conducted, the dentist shall maintain a properly equipped facility for the administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia, staffed with appropriately trained and supervised personnel. The facility must have equipment capable of delivering positive pressure oxygen ventilation, a pulse oximeter, suction equipment that allows aspiration of the oral and pharyngeal cavity, an operating table or chair that allows for the patient to be positioned to maintain an airway, a firm platform for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and a recovery area with available oxygen and suction. All of the aforementioned equipment and supplies must be stationary and not subject to transfer from one site to another. The applicant must submit verification that the facility meets the above requirements and shall be subject to an on-site inspection.

(4) The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall be given a written thirty (30) day advance notification of the relocation of a facility, the addition of a facility or significant changes in the facility. Changes in the method of administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia should also be brought to the attention of the Board. The permit holder shall be subject to an on-site inspection.

(5) The dentist must take four (4) hours of continuing education every two (2) years in pharmacology, anesthesia, emergency medicine or sedation as part of the forty (40) hour requirement for license renewal to maintain certification for the deep sedation/general anesthesia permit. Certification of this continuing education must be submitted at renewal.

(6) Permit fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board

(7) Renewal fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board.

(8) Late renewal fees: As shown in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-21, and 43-11-21.1.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules 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.

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**Minutes from the August 12, 2005 conference call meeting:** Dr. Nalley made a motion, Dr. Cook 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 Sub-Committee:** Ms. Tunde Anday, RDH

- Ms. Anday will attend the AADE meeting
- Ms. Anday will participate in the upcoming Clayton College and State University Accreditation visit

**Examination Committee:** Dr. Logan Nalley

- SRTA will incorporate CSW and eliminate Removable Prosthesis
- Discussion regarding the elimination of the perio patient
- SRTA exam assignments have been sent out. List is needed by Dr. Nalley no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion regarding the administration of SRTA & ADLEX
- ADLEX will be administered at MCG in March, May & October
- SRTA will be administered at MCG in April
- Dr. Holcomb and Ms. Anday will work together to write a letter to concerned dental hygiene students to help dispel misinformation concerning the ADHLEX.
- Dr. Nalley made a motion, Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to **post** an amendment to Rule 150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure.

**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.
1. Once the candidate shows written proof of successful completion of the approved 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.
- (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 after February 22, 1993 and December 31, 2005 or results from any testing agency including SRTA designated and approved by the board by policy. SRTA retake examination results will be accepted until December 31, 2006. Results from the clinical examination given by the Georgia Board of Dentistry prior to February 22, 1993 are accepted.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ \_\_\_\_\_.

- Dr. Nalley made a motion, Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to **post** an amendment to Rule 150-5-.02 Qualifications for Dental Hygienists.

**150-5-.02 Qualifications for Dental Hygienists.**

- (1) No persons shall be issued a license to practice as a dental hygienist unless such person is a graduate of a school or college for dental hygienists recognized by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency. Such school or college must conduct a course consisting of not less than two (2) academic years for dental hygiene graduation.
- (2) All applicants must show passage of all sections with a score of 75 or higher on a clinical examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board by policy and a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dental hygiene in the State of Georgia. Such examinations shall be administered in the English language. The Board may hold other examinations as may be required and necessary.
- (3) The applicant must provide the board with a copy of his or her score showing passage of all sections with a score of 75 or higher on the National Board Examination.
- (4) An applicant for dental hygiene licensure must provide the board with the following items:
  - (a) An official transcript under seal showing the date of graduation and degree awarded from an accredited dental hygiene school certified by the appropriate officials;
  - (b) A certified copy of the results of the clinical examination given by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board;
  - (c) Copies of score of the National Board Examination;
  - (d) Proof of current CPR certification;
  - (e) Copies of any and all National Practitioner's Data Bank reports pertaining to the applicant;
  - (f) Furnish a criminal background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check; and

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(g) Verification of licensure from all states where the applicant has ever held or currently holds a license to practice dental hygiene. All such licenses shall be unencumbered by any past or present disciplinary action.

Authority O.C.G.A. \_\_\_\_\_

- Dr. Nalley made a motion, Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to **approve** a **policy** statement “Examinations Accepted by the Board”.

**Examinations Accepted by the Board:**

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 or results from any testing agency including SRTA designated and approved by the board by policy. SRTA retake examination results will be accepted until December 31, 2006. Results from the clinical examination given by the Georgia Board of Dentistry prior to February 22, 1993 are accepted. In addition to the successful completion of any clinical examination currently approved and accepted by the Board it accepts for the clinical examination requirement for dental/dental hygiene in Georgia, the successful completion with a score of 75 or greater on all sections of the clinical ADEX examination, given by any state or regional testing agency.

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

- No report

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

- ADA may begin accrediting International schools

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

License #	Name	License Type
<b>NEWLY ISSUED LICENSES</b>		
DH009646	Garvin, Monique Yvonne	Dental Hygienist
DH009647	Taylor, Ashleigh Allen	Dental Hygienist
DH009648	Downey, Brittany Morghan	Dental Hygienist
DH009649	French, Crystal Lee	Dental Hygienist
DH009650	Ziemba, Kathleen Marie	Dental Hygienist
DH009651	McCoy, Sharon Ann	Dental Hygienist
DH009652	Moye, Denise W.	Dental Hygienist
DH009653	Pominville, Tracy Ryan	Dental Hygienist
DH009654	Wolfenbarger, Kelly Ann	Dental Hygienist
DH009655	Byrd, George Albert	Dental Hygienist
DH009656	Patel, Ami C	Dental Hygienist

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DN013172	Ghatak, Monamie	Dentist
DN013173	Hardaway, Martha Taylor	Dentist
DN013174	White, Kingsly Dione	Dentist
DN013175	Balkcum, Jennifer Leigh	Dentist
DN013176	Nwizu, Agatha Nkechi	Dentist
DN013177	Johnson, Marlin Shandrell	Dentist
DN013178	Morin, Jessica Wall	Dentist
DN013179	Carter, LeToiya Marie	Dentist
DN013180	Purvis, Flynt Gilbert	Dentist
DN013181	Willis, Kamili Johnson	Dentist
DN013182	Tanner, Benjamin Franklin, II	Dentist
DN013183	O'Neal, Brandon Kyle	Dentist
DN013184	Merreddy, Ravi Prakash Reddy	Dentist
PDN000011	Asarch, Thomas Eugene	Provisional Dentist
PDN000012	Song-Cha, Daisy Sungsoon	Provisional Dentist
PDH000002	Carmichael, Irene Altman	Provisional Dental Hygienist
PDH000003	Furman, Barbara Miriam	Provisional Dental Hygienist
PDH000004	Leijja, Janie	Provisional Dental Hygienist
PDH000005	Rainchuso, Lori Stephens	Provisional Dental Hygienist
	<b>Reinstatements</b>	
DN010133	Hamel, John H., III	Dentist
DH007841	Harrison, Heather K.	Dental Hygienist

- **Consider new policy statement:** Dr. Nalley made a motion, Dr. Trager seconded and the Board voted to **approve** as **policy** the following:
  - All complaints that allege unlicensed practice can be automatically referred without cognizant review to Enforcement to serve a Cease & Desist Order.
- **2005 Committee List: Approved** as amended.
  - Change AD HOC Committee on Board Autonomy to **Long Range Planning Committee**. Dr. Trager will co-chair with Dr. Holcomb. Dr. Carroll requested that Dr. Trager initiate communication with involved professional organizations and share issued and have a long-range plan for the future.
- **Correspondence regarding Georgia Dental Regs Change:** Viewed as **informational**
- **Correspondence from Saint Joseph's regarding supervision of hygienists:** Dr. Holcomb made a motion, Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted to **deny** the request. Ms. Anday was in **opposition** to the vote.
- **2006 Meeting Schedule:** Dr. Carlon made a motion, Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the schedule, including any conference calls on Friday to begin at 12:00 noon.
- **Correspondence from Michael Carr, DMD regarding the Medicaid program:** Viewed as **informational**.

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**SRTA Board of Director's Report:** Dr. Clark Carroll

- No report

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

- Provided information regarding the upcoming license renewals

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

- No report for open session

**Miscellaneous:**

- **Letter from GDA regarding continuing education for volunteer services:** The Board requested that GDA provide a list of clinics and states who have implemented this, and referred the issue to the **Rules Committee** for consideration.
- **Letter from GDA regarding disaster relief remedies for Hurricane Katrina survivors:** Dr. Holcomb made a motion, Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the policy drafted by the Board.

Effective 09/09/05 until 03/31/06 the Board will accept applications for individuals from the Katrina Disaster affected areas allowing for the following variances/waivers:

- Applications must be marked at the time of submission "Katrina Disaster."
- Applicants must have an active license with no restrictions/sanctions.
- Must show proof of residency in affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi & Alabama.
- Must provide licensure verification information from all states licensed.
- Licenses issued are valid until 12/31/07 and are subject to renewal at that time.
- Licenses are subject to CE in compliance with Board Rule before renewal 12/31/07.
- If information is acquired that the licensee has a violation of OCGA §§ 43-1-19 & 43-11-47, the Board reserves the right to revoke the license.

**Dentists with 5 or more years of full-time clinical practice** as defined by board rule are to apply for a License by Credentials and meet all criteria of OCGA § 43-11-41. All other criteria as required by board rule may be varied or waived upon request and are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Licensure Overview Committee.

**Dentists with less than 5 years of full-time clinical practice** as defined by board rules are to apply for Dental Licensure and meet all criteria of OCGA § 43-11-40. All other criteria as required by board rule may be varied or waived upon request and are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Licensure Overview Committee.

**Dental hygienists with 2 or more years of full-time clinical practice** as defined by board rule are to apply for a License by Credentials and meet all criteria of OCGA § 43-11-71.1. All other criteria as required by board rule may be varied or waived upon request and are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Licensure Overview Committee.

**Dental hygienists with less than 2 years of full-time clinical practice** as defined by board rules are to apply for Dental Hygiene Licensure and meet all criteria of OCGA § 43-11-71. All other criteria as required by board rule may be varied or waived upon request and are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Licensure Overview Committee.

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

**Appointments with the Board:**

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- **C.K.L. – Appeal decision of Board to deny reinstatement of license:** Recommendation to **uphold previous decision to deny**
- **C.G. – Appeal decision of Board to deny application for licensure:** Recommendation to **uphold previous decision to deny**
- **C.T. – Appeal decision of Board to deny licensure by credentials:** **Rescheduled** for November
- **E.N. – Appeal decision of Board to deny application for licensure:** Recommendation to **uphold previous decision to deny**
- **Kathleen M. Kelly – To discuss licensure by credentials:** Request presented is being considered.

### Licensure Overview Committee

- **T.R.D. – Termination of Period of Limitation:** Recommendation to **approve** and lift restrictions once T.R.D. submits a letter that he has been sober for at least five years.
- **S.C. – Application for licensure:** Recommendation to **approve**
- **P.G. – Dental Hygiene reinstatement application:** Recommendation to **approve** upon receipt of a total of 66 hours of c.e., 7 hours being in hands-on
- **K.C., D.M.D. – Request to remove restrictions from license:** Recommendation to deny request
- **C.R.C., DDS – Reinstatement of license:** **Cancelled** – requested to be rescheduled for October meeting

### Applications/Licensure

- **M.J.Y. – Dental hygiene applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**
- **M.D.B. – Dental applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**
- **A.E.K. – Dental hygiene applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**

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

- No report

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

- **P.P. – Request for volunteer license:** Recommendation to notify pursuant to law, **not eligible**
- **R.M.S. – Reconsider denial of licensure:** Recommendation to **deny**
- **J.R.E. – Dental hygiene applicant –** Recommendation to **deny**
- **R.P.F. – Request to be allowed to sit for SRTA for 4<sup>th</sup> attempt –** Recommendation to require **c.e. course in operative dentistry, 26 hours with a portion being hands-on, and all being in direct restoration.** The course must be **pre-approved by the Board, and upon favorable completion the Board will consider for the exam. Contact SRTA for the deadline to take the exam.**

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

- Dr. Holcomb made a motion, Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted to **accept a Public Consent Order** on David N. Faircloth.

### Legal Services Report

- No report

Dr. Holcomb made a motion, Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made in Executive Session regarding applications and licensure.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at **9:00 a.m.**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

**These minutes were approved by the Board at the October 14, 2005 meeting.**

**CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE**

Called to order: 4:09 p.m.

In attendance:

Dr. Clyde Andrews

Dr. Becky Carlon

Tunde Anday

Susan Hewett, Board Secretary

**M.A. – Provisional dental hygiene applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**

Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.