

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
Board Meeting  
November 4, 2005

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, November 4, 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. Henry Cook Dr. Steve Holcomb Dr. Peter Trager Tunde Anday, RDH Mr. Charles McDougald  Dr. Becky Carlon (Conference Call) Dr. Isaac Hadley (Conference Call) Dr. Logan Nalley (Conference Call) <b>Called in at 11:00am and exited at 11:30am.</b>	Anita O. Martin, Executive Director Susan Hewett, Application Specialist Eva Holmes, Board Secretary Reagan Dean, Board Attorney Darryl Smith, Shurett Dental Group Martha Phillips, GDA Don Benton, GDA Robert Renjel, GDA Jeffrey Schultze, GSOMS Sonya Williams, Legal Services Attorney Jennifer Haskins, Legal Services Attorney Cheryl Haynes, GDHA Richard Kinsey, GSOMS Pamela Bush, GDHA Bill Malone, SRTA Chad Buckendahl, SRTA

Dr. Carroll 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 9:38 a.m.

**Board Rule 150-05-.02** - Qualifications for Dental Hygienists – Verbal comments were received from Martha Phillips with GDA and from Cheryl Haynes with GDHA.

**Board Rule 150-03-.01** – Examination for Dental Licensure – Verbal comments were Received from Martha Phillips with GDA, Bill Malone, and Chad Buckendahl with SRTA.

The public hearing adjourned at 9:50am and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:35am was called to order at 10:00am.

**Minutes from the October 14, 2005 meeting:** Dr. Holcomb made a motion, Dr. Cook seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes as amended.

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

- No report

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

- Asked that if any member of the board heard of issues pertaining to sedation to please bring to the Board.

**Credentialing Committee:** Dr. Becky Carlon

- No report

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

- Thanked Dr. Trager for giving the board report @ the GDHA annual meeting. Also stated that she met with the hygiene educators group at the annual meeting to discuss the ADEX. Requested that the Dental Hygiene sub-committee meet with the educators group at the conclusion of the January meeting to further discuss the local anesthesia issue.

**Examination Committee:** Dr. Logan Nalley

- Reported that CIF exam @ MCG went very well. Drs. Carlon, Hadley & Nalley are in Kansas City conducting examination calibration. Also reported that the CRDTS staff is available during the exam to assist with paperwork processing.

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

- No open session report

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

- Discussed SB 78- Requested that the GDA & GDHA provide written comments to the Board if they had issue with the legislation as drafted. Dr. Trager also discussed the letter from Secretary of State Cathy Cox re: the budget.

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

- In Dr. Hadley's absence, Ms. Anday conducted the LOC interviews. No report for open session

**Rules Committee:** Dr. Peter Trager

- Rule 150-5-.02 – Qualifications for Dental Hygienists: Dr. Nalley made the motion and Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to adopt the rule as posted, with Drs. Trager and Cook opposing.

**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;

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- (f) Furnish a criminal background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check; and
- (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. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-9, 43-11-20, 43-11-70, 43-11-70.1, 43-11-71 and 43-11-73.

- Rule 150-3-.01 – Examination for Dental Licensure: Dr. Nalley made a motion and Dr. Holcomb seconded and the board voted to adopt the rule as posted, with Drs. Trager and Cook opposing.

**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.
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 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

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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. §§ 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 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. Trager motioned & Dr. Cook seconded to post rules 150-5-.02 – Qualification for Dental Hygienists and Rule 150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure as amended. Vote failed for lack of a quorum. Drs. Trager and Cook in favor – all others opposed.

**General:**

- **Correspondence from Bennie C. Taylor regarding dental hygiene education and testing:** Board reviewed this as informational only.
- **Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued:** Ms. Anday 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>		
DH009688	Tone, Stephanie	Dental Hygienist
DH009689	McMillon, Sherisse Quezon	Dental Hygienist
DH009690	Andersen, Deborah Ann	Dental Hygienist
DH009691	Gavrilovic, Cheryl I	Dental Hygienist
DH009692	Damas, Jacy	Dental Hygienist
DN013202	Nelatoor, Suganya	Dentist
DN013203	Sclafini, Leslie Denise	Dentist
DN013204	Lee, Michael Wayne	Dentist
DN013205	Hall, Tameka A	Dentist
DN013206	Nwosu, Deborah N	Dentist
DN013207	Barnes, Kiono Lance	Dentist
DN013208	Burrell, Stephanie M	Dentist
DN013209	Hwang, Sang D	Dentist
DN013210	Thompson, Cleopatra Eyvonne	Dentist
DNGA000195	Kao, Solon Ting-Yao	General Anesthesia Permit
PDH000014	Carrico, Nancy Lynn	Provisional Dental Hygienist
PDH000015	Peterson, Sandra R	Provisional Dental Hygienist

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PDN000020	St. Romain, Scott A.	Provisional Dentist

- **Correspondence from Connie Drisko, DDS at MCG regarding reciprocity for an incoming resident who is currently serving in the military:** Dr. Trager made a motion and Dr. Holcomb seconded and the board voted to notify Dr. Drisko that the resident's options for licensure in Georgia are to take the exam for licensure in Georgia or apply for a teacher license and public health license. The Board would consider licensure upon a complete application being received.
- **Correspondence from David Fields, DMD regarding licensure by credentials:** Notify Mr. Fields that NJ is not considered substantially equivalent and therefore, does not qualify.
- **Correspondence from ADA re:** 2006 accreditation visits – The Board named Dr. Godfrey and Ms. Anday to be the representatives participating in the 2006 site visits. Dr. Godfrey will attend the Medix School on August 22-23, 2006 and Ms. Anday will attend Valdosta State on October 24-26, 2006.
- **Letter from Phyllis A. Brant re: employment contractual issues** – Board request that a response be sent that this is not in the jurisdiction of the Board.

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

- Executive Director will notify SRTA in writing that all GA Board members were resigning from their respective SRTA committees. Also Ms. Anday's prior resignation will need to be reaffirmed.

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

- Introduction of new Board Secretary, Eva Holmes and Compliance Secretary, Elaine Liester.
- Provided update on the renewal process.
- With the assistance of IT, provided information on the new electronic notification to new licensure applicants.
- Announced that two board members are now able to attend out of state meetings through the end of the year.
- Provided information on the Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners conference in January 2006. Dr. Carroll and Dr. Holcomb will attend.

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

- No open session report.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Board updated policy as follows: 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 2/22/93 and 12-31/05. For dental applicants only - SRTA retake examination results will be accepted until 12/31/06. Results from the clinical examination given by the Georgia Board of Dentistry prior to 02/22/93 are accepted. Effective 01/01/06, each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass all sections with a score of 75 or higher on the clinical ADEX examination administered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry or a testing agency designated and approved by the Board.

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

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included Drs. Andrews, Carroll, Holcomb, and Cook. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

**Licensure Overview Committee – Ms. Tunday Anday**

- **B.B.B. – Dental Hygiene applicant** - rescheduled for January 2006
- **A.P.V. – Dental applicant** - recommended to approve

**Applications/Licensure**

- **H.H.N. – Dental applicant** – Tabled pending additional information on LA disciplinary issue.
- **C.A.W. – Dental Credentials applicant variance request** – Approved variance for \$100.00.
- **R.L.C. – Dental Hygiene credentials applicant variance request** – Approved variance for \$50.00 and transcript. Must have documentation of valid, current CPR.
- **S.D.R. – Dental Hygiene applicant waiver request of SRTA** – recommended to deny.
- **A.N.F. – Dental Applicant** – recommended to approve.
- **I.L.G. – Dental credentials applicant variance request** – Approved variance for \$100.00.

**Investigative Report – Dr. Logan Nalley, Jr. – In Dr. Nalley’s absence, report was given by Dr. Steve Holcomb** - recommended to approve. Report as follows:

	05-0150	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0039	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0212	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0203	CLOSE W/LOC
	06-0017	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0112	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0211	CLOSE W/LOC
	04-0138	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0167	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0233	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0201	CLOSE W/LOC
	06-0003	CLOSE W/LOC
	06-0028	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0275	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0186	CLOSE W/LOC
	05-0297	CLOSE W/LOC
	04-0137	CLOSE
	05-0228	CLOSE
	37-01-02-0042	CLOSE
	05-0231	CLOSE
	05-0230	CLOSE
	05-0215	CLOSE
	05-0257	CLOSE
	05-0209	CLOSE
	05-0207	CLOSE
	05-0264	CLOSE
	06-0002	CLOSE
	05-0147	CLOSE
	05-0139	CLOSE

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	05-0239	CLOSE
	05-0274	CLOSE
	05-0221	CLOSE
	05-0172	CLOSE
	04-0110	CLOSE
	05-0229	CLOSE
	05-0250	CLOSE
	05-0245	CLOSE
	05-0099	CLOSE
	05-0084	CLOSE

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

- **Bernard Andrews – Voluntary Cease and Desist Order (2005-1796)** – Recommended to accept.
- **K.K. – Dental Hygiene credentials applicant** – Send notification that applicant does not qualify for licensure by credentials. If applicant takes SRТА before 12/31/05 or ADEX after that date and presents a passing score – application will be reconsidered.

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

- Provided update on S.W.S case.

**Legal Services Report**

- No report

**Miscellaneous**

**Rule Waiver request from licensure by credentials applicant B.L.** was considered and denied at the last meeting; requesting the Board to reconsider. Board upholds previous decision.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2006 at **9:30 a.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12.22p.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 \_\_\_\_\_.