Dr. Bennett established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Open Session

Introduction of Visitors
Dr. Bennett welcomed the visitors.

Approval of Minutes
Dr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the July 13, 2018 meeting. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Licenses to Ratify
Dr. Nalley made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Suzanne Newkirk
The Board considered the Coronal Polishing and Fluoride Powerpoint, along with the Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam for Dental Assistants, which was tabled from the Board’s July meeting. Dr. Holcomb commented that it is a well thought out program. He stated he was hoping the Rules Committee would be able review it. He stated he did have some questions concerning what the prevailing standard is related to some of the program’s components and wants to make sure it comports with what the Board feels. Ms. Newkirk, who was present at the meeting, stated she would be happy to answer any questions the Board had. Dr. Holcomb responded by stating that he did not have any questions for her, but thinks this will require research on the Board’s part.
Correspondence from Suzanne Newkirk
The Board considered this correspondence from Ms. Newkirk requesting the Board’s approval for dental hygienists in Georgia, under the direction of their supervising dentist, to be delegated duties for low level light/laser therapy for the promotion of wound healing, treatment of soft tissue lesions and reduction of bacteria and pain following nonsurgical and surgical procedures. Dr. Holcomb stated that he thinks there is literature showing this does hold promise and benefit; however, there was a study from NYU that showed more research needed to be conducted. He stated he thinks this is something to be taken under consideration by the Rules Committee. Dr. Holcomb made a motion to refer this matter to the Rules Committee to see how this would apply in Georgia. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Newkirk stated that she is new to the State of Georgia, and when she looked at the law, this is an area that is ambiguous and open to interpretation or misinterpretation. She stated that in writing to the Board, she is requesting clarification as to whether or not this is something that may be delegated. Dr. Holcomb read Rule 150-5-.03(11) which states in part, “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.” Dr. Holcomb stated that this means any technology is prohibited and if there are any dentists delegating this duty, he/she is in violation of the rule. Ms. Newkirk stated that she suggests in the letter she wrote Low Level Light/Laser Therapy also known as Photobiomodulation and biostimulation therapy. Dr. Yeargan pointed out that a laser creates light waves, which creates heat. Ms. Newkirk stated that this laser therapy does not damage the tissue. Dr. Bennett stated that for this moment, Dr. Holcomb’s point is well taken and at this point, it is very clear the use of a laser can only be utilized by a licensed dentist. However, he stated the Board will refer the information presented by Ms. Newkirk to the Rules Committee to review.

Correspondence from Suzanne Newkirk
The Board considered this correspondence from Ms. Newkirk regarding teledentistry. Dr. Bennett stated that this has been a topic of the Board’s as far as long range planning goes. He stated he thinks the Board needs to be prepared to adjust its rules to address such. Dr. Nalley made a motion to forward the information provided by Ms. Newkirk to the Rules Committee. Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
The Board considered this correspondence regarding National Board Dental Exam Parts I and II being replaced with the Integrated National Board Dental Exam. Dr. Bennett suggested referring this information to the Rules Committee for review.

Correspondence from Emily Yona, GDA
The Board considered this correspondence regarding expanded duties certification expiration. Dr. Nalley made a motion to direct staff to respond by stating that the Board states a dental assistant may perform the expanded duties listed on the certificate, regardless of when the certificate was issued, as long as he/she has completed the appropriate training for such as required per Board Rule 150-9-.02. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

General – Dr. Richard Bennett
Dr. Bennett stated that the next scheduled board meeting will be on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. He added that the Rules Committee will meet that morning from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as there are many pending items for the Committee to discuss and will make sure there is ample time for public input. He stated that the Licensure Overview Committee will meet at 7:00 a.m. Mr. John Watson, ADSO, asked
if the Rules Committee was still scheduled to meet on August 10, 2018. Dr. Bennett responded by stating that yes, there will be a working session on the 10th.

**Southern Conference of Deans and Dental Examiners:** Dr. Bennett reported that the annual meeting for the Southern Conference of Deans and Dental Examiners will be held on January 25-27th of 2019 in Georgia. He stated he has had initial conversations with Dr. Kevin Frazier, Dental College of Georgia (DCG), as far as a venue in Augusta. He is aware that there are some board members who would like to see it closer to Atlanta or Lake Oconee. He was going to ask that the Board be allowed to have a presentation at that meeting about clinical exams and licensure. Dr. Bennett stated he will work on content for that.

Dr. Nalley commented that he thinks Lake Oconee is a great place as that is where the conference was previously held. He stated that in his opinion he is not sure that Augusta will attract as many people; however, it may be more convenient for the Dental College of Georgia. Dr. Alan Furness, Dental College of Georgia, spoke to the Board regarding this matter. He stated that the tentative agenda submitted is just tentative. He added that Dr. Frazier has received several questions from other schools as to where the meeting will be held, so he is feeling pressure to finalize event details. Dr. Furness stated that there is cost savings to the school having the meeting in Augusta as opposed to having it at Lake Oconee. He stated that he understands that is not the most desired place, but asked the Board to keep that in mind. Dr. Bennett stated that he will be in talks with Dr. Frazier to get this going and will make sure the Board receives this information in a timely manner to review.

**CE Audit Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett**
Dr. Bennett reported that 2017 was a renewal year. He stated that as of July 1st, those licensees that did not renew have been lapsed. Dr. Bennett stated that the Board will proceed with its post-renewal audit.

**General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Antwan Treadway**
No report.

**Conscious Sedation Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett**
Dr. Bennett stated he appreciates Dr. Gay’s timely review of the applications.

**Credentials Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans**
No report.

**Dental Hygiene Committee Report – Ms. Rebecca Bynum**
No report.

**Examination Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan**
No report.

**Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Bert Yeargan**
No report.

**Legislative Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans**
No report.

**Licensure Overview Committee Report – Dr. Tracy Gay**
No report.
**Rules Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey**
Dr. Bennett stated that he previously discussed when the Committee would be meeting. He stated he hopes to get pending issues resolved soon.

**Education Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey**
No report.

**Long Range Planning Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb**
Dr. Holcomb thanked Dr. Bennett for addressing several of the items that have been forwarded to the Rules Committee. Specifically, teledentistry.

**CRDTS Steering Committee – Dr. Logan Nalley**
Dr. Nalley reported that the CRDTS Steering Committee will meet on August 23rd and 24th.

**IP Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett**
No report.

**EDDA Review Committee – Dr. Greg Goggans**
Dr. Goggans discussed expanded duties course submissions received from Dental Staff School and American Academy of Dental Assisting. Dr. Goggans made a motion to approve the schools as providers of EDDA courses. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle**
Ms. Battle acknowledge an email received from Mr. Scott Lofranco, GDA, regarding proposed language related to non-profit clinics. She stated that she has forwarded the information received to the Rules Committee.

**Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes**
No report.

**Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm**
Ms. Emm discussed an inquiry she received regarding forensic dental identification for law enforcement. She stated the individual will not be working with any live patients and is requesting to know if he needs to obtain a dental license to do such. The Board directed staff to respond by stating that there is nothing in the law or rules regarding such and for the individual to contact the Georgia Crime Lab to ask what is required for him to be able to perform this duty.

Ms. Emm discussed an inquiry she received from Lakimberly Flowers regarding the standard of care for minor patients that receive their dental treatment at the local hospital under general anesthesia. Ms. Flowers states she is updating their policy manual and asks how long after the procedure should they be following up. The Board directed staff to respond by stating that she should update the manual based on the hospital’s policy.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Steve Holcomb seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2), §43-11-47(h) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and receive information on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Dr. Logan Nalley, and Dr. Bert Yeargan.
Executive Session

Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases
- A.L.K.
- M.P.
- P.L.P.

Applications
- J.A.B.
- L.V.G.
- M.S.
- B.J.P.
- M.W.L.
- O.A.
- B.A.B.
- D.T.K.
- D.H.H.
- J.W.G.
- K.T.C.
- J.P.L.
- S.M.B.

Correspondence
- S.H.H.

Investigative Committee Report
Report Presented:
- DENT180186
- DENT150100
- DENT180160
- DENT150316
- DENT160317
- DENT140092
- DENT150277
- DENT170068
- DENT140066
- DENT130199
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- DENT150206
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Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Tanja Battle
Discussed list of non-compliant dentists as it relates to the PDMP requirements.

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes
Mr. Thernes discussed the following individuals:
- A.J.D.
- S.A.G.
- T.F.F.
- J.G.S.

Mr. Thernes discussed the Board’s directives regarding impairment orders.

Legal Services – Ms. Kimberly Emm
No report.

No votes were taken in Executive Session. Dr. Bennett declared the meeting back in Open Session.

Open Session

Dr. Nalley made a motion to approve all recommendations based on deliberations made in Executive Session as follows:

Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases
- A.L.K. Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant Approved application
- M.P. Request to Terminate Probation Table pending receipt of additional information
- P.L.P. Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Table pending receipt of additional information

Applications
- J.A.B. Dental Exam Applicant Approved application
- L.V.G. Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant Approved application
- M.S. Dental Credentials Applicant Denied application
- B.J.P. Dental Faculty Applicant Approve application
- M.W.L. Dental Faculty Applicant Approved application
- O.A. Dental Reinstatement Applicant Denied application
- B.A.B. Conscious Sedation Applicant Approved for provisional permit
- D.T.K. Conscious Sedation Applicant Approved evaluation
- D.H.H. Conscious Sedation Applicant Denied request for 2nd extension of provisional permit
- J.W.G. Conscious Sedation Applicant Approved for provisional permit
- K.T.C. Conscious Sedation Applicant Approved evaluation
- J.P.L. General Anesthesia Applicant Tabled to allow additional time for review
- S.M.B. General Anesthesia Applicant Tabled to allow additional time for review

**Correspondence**
- S.H.H. Request for extension of application Approved request

**Investigative Committee Report**

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Dr. Gay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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