

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
2 Peachtree St. NW, 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
December 4, 2017
1:15 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Tom Godfrey, President
Dr. Greg Goggans, Vice-President
Dr. Richard Bennett
Ms. Becky Bynum
Dr. Steve Holcomb
Dr. Dale Mayfield
Dr. Logan Nalley
Dr. Antwan Treadway
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General
Kimberly Emm, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Open Session

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists: Dr. Godfrey pointed out that there were some board members not present for the December 1st board meeting. As such, he shared that there were two items found that should be corrected. He stated one issue is that the Board has not defined years of experience for dental hygienists which this is inconsistent with other rules. He explained the other item was a life safety issue. He stated it was his opinion that these items needed to be corrected before moving forward with the rule. He asked Mr. Thernes for his opinion. Mr. Thernes stated that there is nothing in the statute directing the Board to have the rule in place by a certain time. Dr. Godfrey commented that he understands there is a desire to have a rule in place now; however, the current version has two flaws. He asked the Board if those can be addressed now and have the Rules Committee meet later in December.

Dr. Goggans responded that from the standpoint of the issue of the medical emergency training, he felt that would better be handled under the continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists under general supervision. Ms. Bynum agreed. Dr. Yeargan commented since there is no rule in place at all not now, the Board should vote to adopt this version and if needed, amendments could be made at a later date.

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to adopt Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists. Dr. Goggans seconded. Discussion was held by Dr. Holcomb. Dr. Holcomb commented that these have been good, valid points that have come up and agrees with Dr. Yeargan. He stated that he thinks it is incumbent upon the Board to move along in a manner that is timely and responsible and then make adjustments to the rule later. He stated it is his personal opinion to move along with rule the Board has in place. With no further comments, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, January 12, 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.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director