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. Logan Nalley  
Dr. Antwan Treadway  
Dr. Bert Yeargan  

Staff present:  
Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Eric Lacefield, Deputy Executive Director  
Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General  
Kimberly Emm, Attorney  
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I  

Visitors:  
Fiona Roberts, Press Secretary, Department of Community Health  
Charles Craig, GDHA  

Open Session

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

Introduction of Visitors  
Dr. Godfrey welcomed the visitors.

Rules for Consideration  
Dr. Godfrey commented that a public hearing was previously held for the proposed rules.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-7-.04 Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct Defined. Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Nalley stated that the Board addressed all public comments with a policy that it will adopt.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to adopt Rule 150-9-.02 Expanded Duties of Dental Assistants. Dr. Treadway seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to adopt the following proposed addendum for coronal polishing/rubber cup prophylaxis. Dr. Nalley seconded. Dr. Holcomb commented that this policy addresses all issues both verbal and written by the public. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
Georgia Board of Dentistry Policy addendum

Coronal Polishing ("Rubber Cup Prophy")

Definition of Prophylaxis – Child (D1120)
Removal of plaque, calculus and stains from the tooth structures in the primary and transitional dentition. It is intended to control local irritational factors.

Requirements for calculus removal
Calculus, if present during a “rubber cup prophy”, must be identified and removed by a Georgia-licensed DMD/DDS or RDH only.

Age of primary dentition
The American Dental Association (ADA) lists the presence of primary teeth from approximately one year to about age twelve. The Georgia Board of Dentistry recognizes and accepts these basic parameters as the ages when primary teeth are present in a child.

Billing as a Prophylaxis
The prophylaxis, D1120, includes the combined processes of examination (DMD/DDS), calculus removal if present (DMD/DDS/RDH) and coronal polishing, “rubber cup prophy” (Trained DA).

Training in Coronal Polishing ("Rubber Cup Prophy") for Dental Assistants
A dental assistant with at least one year of prior chairside experience or a graduate of an approved dental assisting program is eligible to attend an 8 hour pre-approved course of study that includes didactic and clinical applications necessary for coronal polishing (“rubber cup prophy”) and shall include:

- Ethics and Georgia jurisprudence related to coronal polishing
- Identify the potential risks, indications and contraindications for coronal polishing
- Understand the definition of plaque, types of stain, calculus, and related terminology
- Dental anatomy and morphology for the proper identification of adult and child dentition
- Principles of coronal polishing including, but not limited to –
  - armamentarium;
  - proper positioning used/ergonomics,
  - preferred polishing technique using a stable fulcrum,
  - abrasive polishing agents commonly used in coronal polishing
  - polishing coronal surfaces of teeth on a typodont using a slow speed handpiece
- Indications for professionally applied topical fluoride agents for caries prevention
- Fluoride Delivery Methods

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, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

Miscellaneous
- Legal advice received from Board attorney, Bryon Thernes regarding the release of information.
No votes were taken in Executive Session. Dr. Godfrey 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:

**Miscellaneous**
- The Board received an inquiry from the media and approved response.

**Application**
- J.A.S. Dental Hygiene Reinstatement Refer to Legal Services

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

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, February 2, 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
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