

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Conference Call
January 3, 2014
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 36th Floor
Atlanta, GA
1:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Richard Bennett
Ms. Becky Bynum
Dr. Becky Carlon
Dr. Tracy Gay
Dr. Tom Godfrey
Dr. Stephan Holcomb
Dr. Logan Nalley
Dr. Bert Yeargan

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Reagan Dean, Asst Attorney General
Bryon Thernes, Asst Attorney General
Anil Foreman, Legal Officer
Brandi Howell, Bus Operations Specialist

Open Session

Dr. Bennett established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reinstatement Applications: Ms. Battle wanted to confirm with the Board that staff is proceeding with reinstatement applications as the Board deems appropriate. She stated that there have been a few licensees who submitted their 2011 renewal payments in a timely manner but were not completely renewed due to various hold reasons. These licensees now want to renew.

Dr. Holcomb responded that he feels that if the licensee can provide documentation where they have actively taken steps to renew, they should not be penalized due any administrative errors that may have occurred under a previous administration. The licensees should be allowed to renew rather than reinstate. Dr. Nalley agreed.

Ms. Battle went on to state that licensees who have already paid for the 2013 renewal will have a status of Active-Renewal Pending until the Board processes all required documents. She also stated that all licensees who have not submitted a payment by January 12, 2014 will have a status of Lapsed-Late Renewal. The late fee will be assessed at that time.

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to allow those who were not renewed by staff in 2011 an extension to renew by January 12, 2014. The Board will revisit this topic, should any additional cases come up, at its next scheduled meeting. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Holcomb stated that he has been contacted by several licensees that have expressed frustration with the renewal process. He further stated that some of those same licensees have contacted him after reaching the office to compliment staff. He noted that Ms. Battle has been handling the majority of these and he commended her for a job well done.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Stephan 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 legal advice from the Attorney General's office. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Becky Carlon, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Stephan Holcomb, Dr. Logan Nalley and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

Executive Session

- W.A.B.

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

Open Session

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to approve the recommendation based on deliberations in Executive Session as follows:

- W.A.B. Direct the Attorney General's office to pursue a joint consent order.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi P. Howell, Business Operations Specialist
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director