

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Rules Committee Meeting**  
**July 18, 2014**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**The following committee members were present:**

Dr. Tom Godfrey  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Staff Present:**

Bryon Thernes, Board Attorney  
Anil Foreman, Legal Officer

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Greg Goggans  
Dr. Antwan Treadway

**Visitors:**

Dr. Carol Wooden, AGD  
Sarah Sikkelle, Connect South Public  
Affairs  
Greg Leathers

**Open Session**

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order 9:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2014 meeting of the Rules Committee Meeting. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Discussion Topics**

**150-10-.01: Fraudulent, Misleading, or Deceptive Advertising**

Dr. Godfrey introduced Rule 150-10-.01 for discussion and called for any comment from the Committee or visitors. After no comments were received, Dr. Yeargan made a motion to recommend to the full Board to vote to post notice of intent to amend the Rule. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**150-4-.01: Investigations. Amended.**

Dr. Godfrey introduced Rule 150-4-.01 for discussion and called for any comment from the Committee or visitors. After no comments were received, Dr. Yeargan made a motion to recommend to the full Board to vote to post notice of intent to amend the Rule. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**150-5-.02: Qualifications for Dental Hygienists**

Dr. Godfrey introduced Rule 150-4-.01 for discussion and called for any comment from the Committee or visitors. After no comments were received, Dr. Yeargan made a motion to recommend to the full Board to vote to post notice of intent to amend the Rule. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Rule 150-13-.02: Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits**

Dr. Godfrey introduced Rule 150-13-.02 for discussion and called for any comment from the Committee or visitors. Mr. Thernes summarized the information that he provided to the full Board at its last meeting. Mr. Thernes stated that the Board likely does not have authority over a medical

doctor in a dental facility; a dentist may dictate what equipment is available in the dental office but cannot dictate what a medical doctor must use. Mr. Thernes expressed skepticism of any amendment requiring a dentist to have a permit where an anesthesiologist was present. Drs. Godfrey and Yeargan agreed. Ms. Foreman inquired as to how the Board could require the presence of equipment without also regulating the facility. Mr. Thernes suggested that the Board may have the authority to say that a dentist must have certain equipment present in the facility. Dr. Yeargan suggested increasing the amount of equipment required for sedation procedures. Mr. Thernes stated that the increasing the amount of equipment required in a facility would make applications for permits more onerous. Dr. Godfrey suggested discussing the matter with Georgia Composite Medical Board. Mr. Thernes agreed that a discussion with the Georgia Composite Medical Board might eliminate future problems by providing a medical perspective on the issue of anesthesiologists practicing in dental offices. Dr. Godfrey stated that if the Board required additional equipment to be present in the dental office, practitioners may be exposed to additional liability, and Dr. Yeargan agreed. Dr. Godfrey made a motion to table the amendments pending further revision. Dr. Yeargan seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next scheduled meeting of the Rules Committee will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Anil Foreman, Legal Officer  
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director