# GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY Board Meeting 2 Peachtree St., N.W., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta, GA 30303 October 9, 2015 9:30 a.m.

#### The following Board members were present:

Dr. Steve Holcomb Dr. Bert Yeargan Dr. Richard Bennett Ms. Becky Bynum Dr. Randy Daniel Dr. Tracy Gay Dr. Tom Godfrey (*departed @ 12:30 p.m.*) Dr. Greg Goggans Dr. Logan Nalley Dr. Antwan Treadway

#### Staff present:

Eric Lacefield, Deputy Executive Director Bryon Thernes, Assistant Attorney General Ryan McNeal, Chief Investigator Anil Foreman, Legal Officer Brandi Howell, Business Operation Spec

#### Visitors:

John Watson, ADSO TJ Kaplan, JCM Carol Smith, DPH Pam Wilkes, Total Craft Consultants James E. Barron, GDS Stephen Colm, Emory Oral Surgery Melana McClatchey, GDA Gigi Meinecke, FACES, LLC Don Harvey, DentaSpa Ana Delgado, DentaSpa Devon Orland, Sen Asst Attorney General Ronald Stacey, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Open Session**

Dr. Holcomb established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

#### **Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Holcomb welcomed the visitors.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the Public Session minutes for the September 11, 2015 meeting as amended. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Nalley made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes for the September 11, 2015 meeting. Ms. Bynum 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. Goggans seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### <u>General – Dr. Steve Holcomb</u>

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the 2016 meeting dates with the changes noted. Dr. Bennett seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## CE Audit Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett

No report.

## Conscious Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Randy Daniel

Dr. Daniel commented on the requirement for obtaining an additional permit for additional sites. He stated that having to hold a permit for every location can be very confusing. He stated there are locations such as hospitals where the Board does not issue permits as hospitals are not governed by the Board. He stated that there is nothing in the Dental Practice Act that keeps a dentist from establishing a different office is he/she wants to. He went on to state that he is questioning when the Board received authority to require a separate permit for additional locations. He stated that he would like for the Board to consider discontinuing issuing permits and requiring a fee for each location as he feels it is overstepping the Board's bounds. Dr. Goggans asked if the Board requires the dentist to certify all equipment for the location. Dr. Daniel responded yes. Dr. Goggans then asked how the Board would know that the dentist has a new location. Dr. Daniel responded by stating that he does not have any problem with permit holders notifying the Board of a new location, but is not sure it is in the Board's purview. Discussion was held regarding the dentist supplying an attestation statement when notifying the Board of a new location. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board to consider this new policy for its next renewal cycle. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## Credentialing Committee Report – Dr. Greg Goggans

No report.

## Dental Hygiene Committee Report – Ms. Rebecca Bynum

No report.

## Examination Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb

Dr. Holcomb reported that the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) exam was held last weekend. The Minnesota exam starts today. The exam is in the Curriculum Integrated Format (CIF).

## 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.

## **<u>Rules Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey</u>**

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to post Rules 150-3-.10 Continuing Education for Volunteer Licenses, 150-5-.05 Requirements for Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists, 150-3-.09 Continuing Education for Dentists, and 150-7-.03 Volunteers in Dentistry. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **150-3-.10** Continuing Education for Volunteer Licenses.

(1) A dentist licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as a volunteer shall maintain and furnish to the Board, upon request, official documentation of having completed a minimum of forty (40) hours of continuing education during each biennium. Official documentation shall be defined as documentation from an approved provider that verifies a licensee's attendance at a particular continuing education course. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a dentist for at least three (3) years following the end of the biennium during which the course as taken.

(a) A dentist licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as a volunteer may complete forty (40) hours of continuing education as defined in 150-3-.09.

(b) A dentist licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as volunteer may complete up to thirty (30) hours of continuing education per biennium by providing, uncompensated dental care at a public agency or institution, not for profit agency, not for profit institution, nonprofit corporation or not for profit association which provides dentistry services to indigent patients. Such continuing education credits will be applied toward the dentist's clinical courses but shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year renewal period;

2. All appropriate medical/dental records must be kept;

3. Dentists shall at all times be required to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in Georgia;

4. The Board shall have the right to request the following:

(i) Documentation from the organization indicating that the dentist provided the dental services;

(ii) Documentation from the organization that it provided medical and/or dental services to the indigent and/or those making up the underserved populations;

(iii) Notarized verifications from the organization documenting the dentist's agreement not to receive compensation for the services provided;

(iv) Documentation from the organization detailing the actual number of hours spent providing said services; and

(v) Documentation from the dentist and/or organization verifying the services provided.

(c) Should a dentist licensed in the State of Georgia as a volunteer choose to satisfy a portion of the requirement of forty (40) hours of continuing education by providing uncompensated dental care as provided for in (1)(b), the dentist must complete the remaining continuing education from a provider approved under 150-3-.09.

(d) Four credit (4) hours for successful completion of the CPR course required by Georgia law and may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period.

(2) A dental hygienist licensed to practice as a volunteer in the State of Georgia shall maintain and furnish to the Board upon request, official documentation of having completed a minimum of twentytwo (22) hours of continuing education during each biennium. Official documentation shall be defined as documentation from an approved provider that verifies a licensee's attendance at a particular continuing education course. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a dentist for at least three (3) years following the end of the biennium during which the course as taken. (a) A dental hygienist licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as a volunteer may complete twentytwo (22) hours of continuing education as defined in 150-5-.05.

(b) A dental hygienist licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as volunteer may complete up to fifteen (15) hours of continuing education per biennium by providing uncompensated dental care at a public agency or institution, not for profit agency, not for profit institution, nonprofit corporation or not for profit association which provides dentistry services to indigent patients. Such continuing education credits will be applied toward the dental hygienist's scientific courses but shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year renewal period;

2. Dental hygienists shall at all times be required to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in Georgia;

3. The Board shall have the right to request the following:

(i) Documentation from the organization indicating that the dental hygienist provided the dental services;

(ii) Documentation from the organization that it provided medical and/or dental hygiene services to the indigent and/or those making up the underserved populations;

(iii) Notarized verifications from the organization documenting the dental hygienist's agreement not to receive compensation for the services provided;

(iv) Documentation from the organization detailing the actual number of hours spent providing said services; and

(v) Documentation from the dental hygienist and/or organization verifying the services provided.

(c) Should a dental hygienist licensed in the State of Georgia as a volunteer choose to satisfy a portion of the requirement of twenty-two (22) hours of continuing education by providing uncompensated dental care as provided for in (2)(b), the dental hygienist must complete the remaining continuing education from a provider approved under 150-3-.09, 150-5-.05.

(d) Four credit (4) hours for successful completion of the CPR course required by Georgia law and may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period.

## 150-5-.05 Requirements for Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists.

(1) Dental hygienists licensed to practice in the state of Georgia shall maintain and furnish to the Board, upon request, official documentation of having completed a minimum of twenty-two (22) hours of continuing education during each biennium. Official documentation shall be defined as documentation from an approved provider that verifies a licensee's attendance at a particular continuing education course. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a dental hygienist for at least three (3) years following the end of the biennium during which the course was taken.
(a) Compliance with all continuing education requirements is a condition for license renewal. Failure to complete all hours of mandatory continuing education being taken against a licensee.
(b) Upon its own motion, the Board may at any time randomly select a percentage of actively licensed dental hygienists for the purpose of auditing their compliance with the continuing education requirements of the Board. Those licensees selected for an audit shall submit official documentation of their compliance within thirty (30) days of receipt of the audit letter. Failure to respond to an audit request in a timely manner shall be grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.

(c) The continuing education requirements shall apply within the first biennium that a dental hygienist is licensed in Georgia. However, in order to meet the continuing education requirements during the first biennium, a newly licensed dental hygienist may submit as their continuing education hours proof of dental hygiene coursework taken within the previous two (2) years of the date of the renewal application from a university or other institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Following the first biennium that a dental hygienist is licensed in Georgia such licensees shall comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in Rule 150-5-.05(2) and (3).

(d) The continuing education requirements shall not apply to dental hygienists who are on inactive status.

(e) The continuing education requirements for volunteer dental hygienists are not controlled by this rule.
(2) Coursework, including home study courses, sponsored or approved by any organization recognized under Rule 150-3-.09(2) will be accepted.

(3) Course content:

(a) All courses must reflect the professional needs of the hygienist providing quality dental health care to the public;

(b) At least fifteen (15) hours of the minimum requirement must be scientific courses in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or to the community;

(c) Four (4) credit hours for successful completion of the CPR course required by Georgia law offered by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the American Safety and

Health Institute, the National Safety Council, EMS Safety Services, or other such agencies approved by the Board may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period.

(d) Up to eight (8) hours of continuing education per year may be obtained by assisting the

Board with administering the clinical licensing examination or by assisting the Board with investigations of licensees. These hours shall be approved by the Continuing Education

Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and need not be sponsored by any agency or organization listed in 150-3-.09(2).

(e) Up to five (5) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by teaching dental hygiene at any ADA-approved educational facility. These hours shall be awarded, in writing, by the

course director at the facility and approved by the Continuing Education Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry.

(f) Up to five (5) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by providing, uncompensated dental hygiene care at a public agency or institution, not for profit agency, not for profit institution, nonprofit corporation or not for profit association which provides dental hygiene services to indigent patients.

(g) Up to ten (10) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by members of the Georgia Board of Dentistry for member service, where one continuing education hour is credited for each five hours of Board service provided.

(4) Criteria for receiving credit for attending an approved continuing education course:

(a) Credit hours are not retroactive or cumulative. All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year period to which they are applied; and

(b) One credit hour for each hour of course attendance will be allowed;

(c) Only twelve hours of credit will be accepted per calendar day;

(d) Effective January 1, 2008, at least eleven (11) of the required twenty-two (22) hours of credit must be acquired in person at an on-site course or seminar; you are not allowed to acquire all CE hours through on-line courses, electronic means, journal studies, etc.

(5) Criteria for receiving credit for teaching an approved continuing education course:

(a) Credit hours for teaching an approved course must be obtained and used during the biennium that the approved course is taught;

(b) A dental hygienist that teaches an approved continuing education course is eligible to receive two (2) credit hours for each hour of coursework that he or she presents at a particular course.

Credit will be given for teaching a particular course on one occasion only. A maximum of five (5) credit hours per biennium may be obtained by a dental hygienist by whom an approved continuing education course is taught;

(c) Only continuing education course designated in Rule 150-5.05(2) as being sponsored or approved by recognized organizations will be considered for credit pursuant to this subsection of the rule. Courses taught by a dental hygienist prior to or a part of the process of obtaining his or her R.D.H. shall not be eligible for consideration pursuant to this provision of the rule;

(d) In the event that an audit is conducted of the continuing education hours of a dental hygienist who has taught a course approved by a recognized organization, the following shall be required to document the dental hygienists role in presenting a continuing education course:

1. Documentation from an approved provider verifying that the dental hygienist presented an approved continuing education course;

2. Documentation from an approved provider reflecting the content of the course;

3. Documentation from an approved provider specifying the list of materials used as part of the course; and

4. Documentation from an approved provider verifying the hours earned and the dates and times that the course in question was given.

(e) In the event that an approved continuing education course is taught by more than one dental hygienist, continuing education credit will be given for those portions of course work in which the dental hygienist is directly involved and primarily responsible for the preparation and presentation thereof. Continuing education credit will not be available to a dental hygienist whose participation in preparing and presenting an approved course is not readily identifiable.

(6) Criteria for receiving credit for providing uncompensated indigent dental hygiene care.

(a) Up to five (5) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by providing uncompensated dental hygiene care at a public agency or institution, not for profit agency, not for profit institution, nonprofit corporation or not for profit association which provides dental hygiene services to indigent patients.

(b) Dental hygienists may receive one hour of continuing education for every four hours of indigent dental hygiene care the dental hygienist provides, up to five (5) hours. Such continuing education credits will be applied toward the dental hygienist's clinical courses.

(c) All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year renewal period;

(d) Dental hygienists shall at all times be required to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice in Georgia;

(e) The Board shall have the right to request the following:

1. Documentation from the organization indicating that the dental hygienist provided the services;

2. Documentation from the organization that it provided medical and/or dental hygiene services to the indigent and/or those making up the underserved populations;

3. Notarized verifications from the organization documenting the dental hygienist agreement not to receive compensation for the services provided;

4. Documentation from the organization detailing the actual number of hours spent providing said services; and

5. Documentation from the dental hygienist and/or organization verifying the services provided.

# 150-3-.09 Continuing Education for Dentists

(1) Dentists licensed to practice in the state of Georgia shall maintain and furnish to the Board, upon request, official documentation of having completed a minimum of forty (40) hours of continuing education during each biennium. Official documentation shall be defined as documentation from an approved provider that verifies a licensee's attendance at a particular continuing education course. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a dentist for at least three (3) years following the end of the biennium during which the course as taken.

(a) Compliance with all continuing education requirements is a condition for license renewal. Failure to complete all hours of mandatory continuing education shall serve as grounds to deny the renewal of a license and may also result in disciplinary action being taken against a licensee.

(b) Upon its own motion, the Board may at any time randomly select a percentage of actively licenses dentists for the purpose of auditing their compliance with the continuing education requirements of the Board. Those licensees selected for an audit shall submit official documentation of their compliance within thirty (30) days of receipt of the audit letter. Failure to respond to an audit request in a timely manner shall be grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.

(c) The continuing education requirements shall not apply to dentists whose licenses are on inactive status.

(d) The continuing education requirements shall apply within the first biennium that a dentist is licensed in Georgia. However, in order to meet the continuing education requirements during the first biennium, a newly licensed dentist may submit as their continuing education hours proof of dental coursework taken within the previous two (2) years of the date of the renewal application from a university or other institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency. Following the first biennium that a dentist is licensed in Georgia such licensees shall comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in Rule 150-3-.09(2) and (3). (e) The continuing education requirements for volunteer dentists are not controlled by this rule.

(2) Coursework, including home study courses, sponsored or approved by the following recognized organizations will be accepted:

(a) American Dental Association/American Dental Hygienists association, and their affiliate associations and societies;

(b) Academy of General Dentistry;

(c) National Dental Association and its affiliate societies;

(d) Colleges, and universities and institutions with programs in dentistry and dental hygiene that are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental

Association when the professional continuing education course is held under the auspices of the school of dentistry or school of dental hygiene;

(e) CPR courses offered by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the American Safety and Health Institute, the National Safety Council, EMS Safety Services, or other such agencies approved by the Board.

(f) National and State Associations and/or societies of all specialties in dentistry recognized under Georgia law;

(g) Veterans Administration Dental Department;

(h) Armed Forces Dental Department;

(i) Georgia Department of Public Health;

(j) American Medical Association, the National Medical Association and its affiliate associations and societies;

(k) Hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO).

(3) Course content:

(a) All courses must reflect the professional needs of the dentist in providing quality dental health care to the public;

(b) At least thirty (30) hours of the minimum requirement shall be clinical courses in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or to the community;

(c) Four (4) credit hours for successful completion of the CPR course required by Georgia law may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period;

(d) Up to fifteen (15) hours of continuing education per year may be obtained by assisting the Board with administering the clinical licensing examination. These hours shall be approved by the Continuing Education Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and need not be sponsored by any agency listed in 150-3-.09(2);

(e) Eight (8) hours per biennium may be obtained by assisting the board with investigations of licensees. This may include consultant review on behalf of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and peer reviews completed by committees of the Georgia Dental Association but shall be limited to two (2) hours for each case reviewed. These hours shall be approved by the Continuing

Education Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and need not be sponsored by any agency listed in 150-3-.09(2);

(f) Up to ten (10) hours of continuing education per year may be obtained by teaching clinical dentistry or dental hygiene at any ADA-approved educational facility. These hours shall be awarded in writing by the course director at the facility and approved by the Continuing

Education Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry;

(g) Up to ten (10) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by providing, uncompensated dental care at a public agency or institution, not for profit agency, not for profit institution, nonprofit corporation or not for profit association which provides dentistry services to indigent patients;

(h) Up to twenty (20) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by members of the Georgia Board of Dentistry for member service, where one continuing education hour is credited for each five hours of Board service provided.

(4) Criteria for receiving credit for attending an approved continuing education course:

(a) Credit hours are not retroactive or cumulative. All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year period to which they are applied;

(b) One credit hour for each hour of course attendance will be allowed;

(c) Only twelve hours of credit will be accepted per calendar day;

(d) Effective January 1, 2008, at least twenty (20) of the required forty (40) hours of credit must be acquired in person at an on-site course or seminar; you are not allowed to acquire all CE hours through on-line courses, electronic means, journal studies, etc.

(5) Criteria for receiving credit for teaching an approved continuing education course:

(a) Credit hours for teaching an approved course must be obtained and used during the biennium that the approved course is taught;

(b) A dentist who teaches an approved continuing education course is eligible to receive two (2) credit hours for each hour of course work that he or she presents at a particular course. Credit will be given for teaching a particular course on one occasion. A maximum of ten (10) credit hours per biennium may be obtained by a dentist by whom an approved continuing education course is taught;

(c) Only continuing education courses sponsored by organizations designated in Rule 150-3.09(2) will be considered for credit pursuant to this subsection of the rule.

(d) In the event that an audit is conducted of the continuing education hours of a dentist who has taught a course approved by a recognized organization, the following information shall be required to document the dentist's role in presenting a continuing education course:

(i) Documentation from an approved provider verifying that the dentist presented an approved continuing education course;

(ii) Documentation from an approved provider reflecting the content of the course;

(iii) Documentation from an approved provider specifying the list of materials used as a part of the course; and

(iv) Documentation from an approved provider verifying the hours earned and the dates and times that the course in question was given.

(e) In the event that an approved continuing education course is taught by more than one dentist, continuing education credit will be given for those portions of coursework for which the dentist is directly involved and primarily responsible for the preparation and presentation thereof.

Continuing education credit will not be available to a dentist whose participation in preparing and presenting an approved course is not readily identifiable.

(6) Criteria for receiving credit for providing uncompensated indigent dental care.

(a) Up to ten (10) hours of continuing education per biennium may be obtained by providing, uncompensated dental care at a public agency or institution, not for profit agency, not for profit institution, nonprofit corporation or not for profit association which provides dentistry services to indigent patients.

(b) Dentists may receive one hour of continuing education for every four hours of indigent dental care the dentist provides, up to ten (10) hours. Such continuing education credits will be applied toward the dentist's clinical courses.

(c) All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year renewal period;

(d) All appropriate medical/dental records must be kept;

(e) Dentists shall at all times be required to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in Georgia;

(f) The Board shall have the right to request the following:

1. Documentation from the organization indicating that the dentist provided the dental services;

2. Documentation from the organization that it provided medical and/or dental services to the indigent and/or those making up the underserved populations;

3. Notarized verifications from the organization documenting the dentist's agreement not to receive compensation for the services provided;

4. Documentation from the organization detailing the actual number of hours spent providing said services; and

5. Documentation from the dentist and/or organization verifying the services provided.

(7) Effective January 1, 2012, dentists may receive continuing education credit for dental coursework taken during a residency program from a university or other institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Such coursework must have been taken during the current license renewal period.

(1) Submission of a copy of the certificate of completion of program showing dates of completion is sufficient proof of coursework.

(2) One (1) credit hour equals one (1) continuing education credit.

## 150-7-.03 Volunteers in Dentistry.

(1) The Board may issue volunteer licenses in its discretion when it has identified an area of this state in which there is an urgent, unfilled need for dental and/or dental hygiene services, and when it has located a competent dentist or dental hygienist to fulfill such need. In granting these volunteer licenses, the Board shall observe the following criteria:

(a) Need of the Community. A volunteer license shall be issued for the purpose of serving indigent patients in areas of this state in which there is inadequate personnel to supply dental or dental hygiene services. In determining what constitutes an inadequate supply of dental or dental hygiene personnel, the Board shall consider various factors, including the dentist-patient ratio or the dental hygienist- patient ratio in the area in question, the distance between patients and any existing dentist or dental hygienist, the maldistribution of particular types of specialty care, and any other factors which are indicative of an absence of adequate dental or dental hygien services in or reasonably accessible to the area in question. Any group or groups of persons seeking to secure such a dentist or dental hygienist for a community shall supply the Board with all information necessary for it to make a determination as to the existence of all the foregoing factors.

(b) Qualifications of the Dentist.

1. The dentist or dental hygienist must submit an application for a volunteer license to the Board and must be retired from the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene and not currently engaged in such practice either full time or part time, and has prior to retirement maintained full licensure in good standing in dentistry or dental hygiene, or is currently licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in any licensing jurisdiction in the U.S. and whose license is unrestricted and in good standing. This license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene must have been issued by a licensing authority following successful completion of a clinical licensing examination, approved by the board and must have been held at least five years while engaged in clinical practice. Applicants must not have failed a clinical licensing exam within the past five years.

2. As a condition precedent to a volunteer license being issued, after five (5) years have passed without the applicant being engaged in the direct observation and treatment of patients, the Board, in its discretion, may require a refresher course or the passage of an examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board.

3. The applicant dentist or dental hygienist may be asked to submit a statement from a physician attesting to the applicant's physical and mental capacity;

4. The applicant must show proof of current CPR certification;

5. If the applicant is not in compliance with the continuing education requirements established by the Board at the time application is made for the volunteer license (which is forty (40) hours for dentist and twenty-two (22) hours for dental hygienist of continuing education within the last two (2) years including CPR at the basic life support level), the applicant may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license to practice for six months provided the applicant is otherwise qualified for such license.

6. All applicants must show passage with a score of 75 or higher on a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry/dental hygiene in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be administered in the English language;

7. There shall be no application or licensing fee for initial issuance of a volunteer license.

(c) Dental Hygienists are subject to all provisions of direct supervision per Rule 150-5-.03.

(d) Renewal of a volunteer license.

1. Volunteer licenses shall expire at the close of December 31 in all odd-numbered years, and shall be administratively revoked for failure to renew on July 1 of the following even-numbered year.

2. There shall be no renewal fee for licensees holding a volunteer in dentistry license.

3. Licenses which have been administratively lapsed for non-renewal shall be reinstated only at the discretion of the board;

4. Holders of a volunteer in dentistry license are subject to continuing education requirements as outlined in Board Rule 150-3-.09 (40 hours including CPR). 150-3-.10.

5. Holders of a volunteer in dental hygiene license are subject to continuing education requirements as outlined in Board Rule 150-5-.05 (22 hours including CPR). 150-3-.10.

(d) Any other provisions of Chapter 11, Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated not inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the special license statute shall be fully applicable to all specially licensed dentists.

A motion was made by Dr. Godfrey, seconded by Dr. Nalley, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with these proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the relevant code sections.

In the same motion, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the relevant code sections to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of Dentistry.

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

#### **150-7-.04 Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials.**

(1) For purposes of this rule:

(a) "State" includes Washington D.C. and all U.S. territories.

(b) "Provisional Licensure by Credentials" means a license to practice dentistry in the State of Georgia granted to individuals licensed to practice dentistry in another state who have not met all of the requirements for a regular dental license but who have met equivalent requirements for the practice of dentistry as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-41 and by board rule.

(c) "Full-Time Clinical Practice" means a minimum of 1,000 hours for each full twelve (12) month period of licensure immediately preceding the date of the application in the hands-on treatment of patients. For the purposes of this rule, each such period shall not be less than a full twelve (12) months. <u>Neither clinical practice through Ttraining programs nor during periods of residency do not qualifyies</u> as full-time clinical practice. Whether apart of or separate from the training or residency program, no clinical practice while participating in or enrolled in any training or residency program shall be considered for the purposes of this rule.

(d) "Active Dental License" is defined as an unencumbered license held by an individual without restrictions.

(e) "Full-Time Clinical Faculty Practice" means a minimum of 1,000 hours for each full twelve (12) month period of licensure immediately preceding the date of the application in the teaching of clinical dental skills at an ADA-accredited dental school/program. For the purposes of this rule, each such period shall not be less than a full twelve (12) months. <u>Neither the teaching of clinical dental skills</u> through <u>Ttraining programs nor during periods of residency do not qualifyies</u> as full-time clinical faculty practice. <u>Whether apart of or separate from the training or residency program, no teaching of clinical dental skills while participating in or enrolled in any training or residency program shall be considered for the purposes of this rule.</u>

(2) Only those applicants licensed and currently engaged in full-time clinical practice as defined in subsection (1)(c) of this rule in a state that has a credentialing law similar to the licensure by credentials law in Georgia will be considered by the board for a provisional license by credentials. Applicants from states not issuing licenses by credentials are ineligible.

(3) The board may, in its discretion, grant a provisional license by credentials to dentists licensed in another state who do not hold a Georgia license to practice dentistry.

(4) As set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-41, an applicant for a provisional license by credentials must also meet the following requirements:

(a) Must have an active dental license in good standing from another state.

(b) Must have received a doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) degree or a doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree from a dental school approved by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (A.D.A.) or its successor agency.

(c) Applicants must have been in full-time clinical practice, as defined in subsection (1)(c) of this rule; full-time faculty as defined in subsection (1)(e) of this rule; or a combination of both for each of the five years immediately preceding the date of the application.

(d) Candidates with any felony convictions are not eligible. Candidates convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or dealing with the administering, dispensing or taking of drugs including, but not limited to controlled substances, are not eligible.

(e) Those applicants who have received a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, must provide the following in order to complete their application:

1. Certified copy of the applicant's testing results showing passage of all sections with a score of 75 or higher or its equivalent score on a clinical examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board.

(i) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be recognized by the board for licensure by credentials in Georgia.

2. Show passage with a score of 75 or higher on a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be administered in the English language.

3. Proof of current CPR certification;

4. Copies of any and all National Practitioner's Data Bank reports pertaining to the applicant;

5. Official transcripts under seal from a school or university from which the applicant received his/her  $\underline{a}$  doctorate in dentistry;

6. National Board scores showing passage of all sections of the examination with a score of 75 or higher;

7. Verification of licensure from all states where the applicant has ever held or currently holds a license to practice dentistry;

8. Furnish a background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

9. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-36-1, all applicants applying for licensure must submit an Affidavit Regarding Citizenship and submit a copy of secure and verifiable documentation supporting the Affidavit with his or her an application.

(5) Those applicants who have received a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, in addition to the information required in subsection (8)(a), (c), (d) and (e) of this rule must also provide the following in order to complete their application:

(a) Proof of successful completion at an ADA-accredited dental school approved by the board of the last two years of a pre-doctoral program as a full-time student under the conditions required of other full-time students, except as excused or limited in the manner that any other student's participation would be excused or limited by state and federal law, and receipt of the doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree; and

(b) Certification by the dean of the accredited dental school where the applicant took the required supplementary program specified in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-41(a) setting forth that the applicant has achieved the same level of didactic and clinical competency as expected of a graduate of the school and that the student has completed the last two years of a pre-doctoral program under the conditions required of other full-time students, except as excused or limited in the manner that any other student's participation would be excused or limited by state and federal law.

(6) A certification letter from a dental board or regional testing agency of a passing score of 75 or higher on each section of a clinical licensure examination substantially equivalent to the clinical licensure examination required in Georgia and which was administrated by the dental board or its designated testing agency. A certification letter from the applicant's dental school is not acceptable.

(a) Such certification shall state that the examination included procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of clinical competencies and shall have included evaluations in the following areas:

1. periodontics, human subject clinical abilities testing;

2. endodontics, clinical abilities testing;

3. posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite preparation and restoration, human subject clinical abilities testing;

4. anterior class III composite preparation and restoration, human subject clinical abilities testing;

- 5. crown preparation, clinical abilities testing;
- 6. prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;

7. oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; and

8. oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing.

(b) In addition to the foregoing requirements to be eligible for licensure consideration by credentials, a license examination after January 1, 1998 shall include:

1. anonymity between candidates and examination raters;

- 2. standardization and calibration of raters; and
- 3. a mechanism for post exam analysis.

(c) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be recognized by the board for licensure by credentials in Georgia.

(d) All applicants must show passage of a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examinations shall be administered in the English language.

(7) Within the first two (2) years of being granted a provisional license by credentials, the applicant must establish full-time clinical practice that is defined as 1,000 hours in the hands-on treatment of patients per twelve (12) month period, or the license will be automatically revoked.

(8) Active duty military dentists on federal installations are exempt from the state of practice requirement as contained in subsection (2) of this rule as long the applicant has an active license in an acceptable state and meets all other requirements as set forth in this rule.

(9) Contract employees on Georgia federal installations are exempt from the state of practice requirement as contained in subsection (2) of this rule as long the applicant has an active license in an acceptable state and meets all other requirements as set forth in this rule.

(10) These exempt applicants must provide a letter from the supervising authority/commanding officer at the federal installation. Such letter must include but not be limited to the applicant's general service record, any complaint or disciplinary action as well as continuing education that the credentialing candidate may have obtained.

(11) For the first five biennial renewal periods, the holder of a dental provisional license by credentials must attest to the fact that he or she has maintained full-time clinical practice in the State of Georgia as defined in subsection (1)(c) of this rule.

(12) The Board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a provisional license by credentials to an applicant, or to revoke the provisional license by credentials to a dentist licensed by the Board, or to discipline a dentist holding a provisional license by credentials in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-11-47.

A motion was made by Dr. Nalley, seconded by Dr. Godfrey, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the relevant code sections.

In the same motion, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the relevant code sections to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of Dentistry.

Dr. Godfrey made a motion to post Chapter 150-26 Mobile Dentistry. Dr. Nalley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

# CHAPTER 150-26 MOBILE DENTISTRY

# Rule 150-26-.01 APPLICABILITY

This chapter applies to a dentist with an active Georgia license who provides dental services at a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation. This chapter does not permit any person other than a dentist with an active license to practice in Georgia to provide dental services at a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation, excepting dental auxiliaries who are under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist and providing services within the appropriate scope of practice authorized by law and regulation. This chapter does not apply to any physically stationary office where dental services may be provided.

## Rule 150-26-.02 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words have the following meanings.

(a) "Dental Auxiliary" means a dental hygienist or dental assistant.

(b) "Mobile Dental Facility" means any self-contained facility in which dentistry or dental hygiene is practiced which may be moved, towed, or transported from one location to another, independent of whether the facility is used on a permanent or temporary basis at an out-of-office location such as a school, nursing home, or other institution.

(c) "Patient" means any person whom any treating dentist working at the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation has examined, treated, cared for, or otherwise consulted with during the previous one (1) year period.

(d) "Portable Dental Operation" means dental equipment utilized in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene that is transported to and utilized on a temporary basis at an out-of-office location, including but not limited to patients' homes, schools, nursing homes, or other institutions or locations. It shall also mean any equipment that is set up on-site to provide dental services outside of a mobile dental facility or a dental office and uses non-fixed dental equipment and independent plumbing.

(e) "Session" means any period of time during which a dentist and/or the dentist's auxiliary(ies) at mobile dental facility or portable dental operation are available to provide dental services at a particular location.

# **RULE 150-26-.04: OPERATION OF A MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY**

(1) Only a dentist actively licensed in Georgia can provide dental services at a mobile dental facility. No dentist actively licensed in Georgia shall provide dental services at a mobile dental facility unless the minimum standards of safe and acceptable practice set forth in this section are satisfied.

(2) A dentist who provides dental services at a mobile dental facility shall:

(a) Maintain all dental records for patients;

(b) Ensure that informed consent is provided when treating patients;

(c) Comply with all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Georgia Department of

Public Health, any local Departments of Health, and all applicable federal, state, or local laws,

regulations, or ordinances including, but not limited, those relating to radiographic equipment, flammability, construction, sanitation, medical waste transportation, zoning, and prevention of transmission of infection and disease, including but not limited to:

1. Providing appropriate access if services are provided to disabled persons.

2. Having access to a properly functioning sterilization system.

3. Having access to an adequate supply of potable water, including hot water.

4. Having access to toilet facilities.

5. Having a covered galvanized, stainless steel, or other non-corrosive metal container for the deposit of refuse and waste materials

(d) Ensure that all dental auxiliaries that assist the dentist in the provision of dental services at a mobile dental facility are authorized by law or regulation to provide these services;

(e) Provide direct supervision of any dental auxiliaries as provided by law and regulation;

(f) Maintain a written or electronic record, which shall be available to the Board within ten (10) business days of a request, detailing each location where the dentist performed dental services that includes at least all of the following information:

1. The street address of the service location;

2. The dates of each session;

3. The number of patients served;

4. The types of dental services provided and the quantity of each service provided;

(g) Ensure that any mobile dental facility at which the dentist provides dental services contains the equipment necessary to perform dental procedures at or above the minimum standards of safe, acceptable, and prevailing dental practice, including, without limitation, possession of the following: 1. Equipment to treat medical emergencies;

2. Appropriate and sufficient dental instruments and infection control supplies;

3. Communication abilities that enable the dentist to contact necessary parties in the event of a medical or dental emergency, that enable the patient or parent or guardian of the patient treated to contact the dentist for emergency care, follow-up care, or information about treatment received, and that enable the provider who renders follow-up care to contact the dentist and receive treatment information, including radiographs.

## **RULE 150-26-.05 PORTABLE DENTAL OPERATIONS**

(1) Only a dentist actively licensed in Georgia can provide dental services at a portable dental operation. No dentist actively licensed in Georgia shall provide dental services at a portable dental operation unless the minimum standards of safe and acceptable practice set forth in this section are satisfied.

(2) A dentist who provides dental services at a mobile dental operation shall:

(a) Maintain all dental records for patients;

(b) Ensure that informed consent is provided when treating patients;

(c) Comply with all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Georgia Department of Public Health, any local Departments of Health, and all applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances including, but not limited, those relating to sanitation, medical waste transportation, zoning, and prevention of transmission of infection and disease;

(d) Maintain a written or electronic record, which shall be available to the Board within ten (10)

business days of a request, detailing each location where s/he performed dental services that includes at least all of the following information:

1. The street address of the service location;

2. The dates of each session;

3. The number of patients served;

4. The types of dental services provided and the quantity of each service provided;

(e) Ensure that all dental auxiliaries that assist the dentist in the provision of dental services at a portable dental operation are authorized by law or regulation to provide these services;

(f) Provide direct supervision of any dental auxiliaries as provided by law and regulation;

(g) Ensure that any portable dental operation at which the dentist provides dental services contains the equipment necessary to perform dental procedures at or above the minimum standards of safe,

acceptable, and prevailing dental practice, including, without limitation, possession of the following: 1. Equipment to treat medical emergencies;

2. Appropriate and sufficient dental instruments and infection control supplies;

3. Communication abilities that enable the dentist to contact necessary parties in the event of a medical or dental emergency, that enable the patient or parent or guardian of the patient treated to contact the dentist for emergency care, follow-up care, or information about treatment received, and that enable the

provider who renders follow-up care to contact the dentist and receive treatment information, including radiographs.

# **RULE 150-26-.06 CLOSING OF OPERATIONS**

(1) Upon discontinuing practice at a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation, a dentist shall notify the Board in writing within thirty (30) calendar days.

(2) Upon discontinuing services in a community or permanent closure of the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation, a dentist who provided dental services at a mobile dental facility or portable dental operation shall:

(a) Provide notice of closure to all patients that the dentist treated by publication. The dentist shall notify patients of the closing of the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation by publication once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation operated.

(b) Provide individual notice of closure to all patients via mail. At a minimum, the notice mailed to the patients shall state the following:

1. That the dentist intends to discontinue providing services at the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation in the community;

2. the date that the closure becomes effective, and the date on which the dentist/patient relationship may resume, if applicable, should the dentist continue to practice at a fixed location in the community;
3. a location at which a patient may receive emergency dental care for at least thirty (30) days following the closure of the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation;

4. a statement of further dental treatment required, if any; and

5. a means for the patient to obtain a copy of the patient's dental records.

(3) The dentist shall make reasonable arrangements with the patients that the dentist treated at the mobile dental facility or portable dental operation for the transfer of the records, including radiographs or copies thereof, to the succeeding practitioner or, at the written request of the patient, to the patient.

A motion was made by Dr. Godfrey, seconded by Dr. Nalley, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the relevant code sections.

In the same motion, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the relevant code sections to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of Dentistry.

## Education Committee Report – Dr. Tom Godfrey

Dr. Godfrey reported that Georgia Regents University (GRU) has changed its name to Augusta University.

## Long Range Planning Committee Report – Dr. Steve Holcomb

Dr. Holcomb reported that the Committee presented a list of items at the previous meeting for consideration.

## CRDTS Steering Committee – Dr. Logan Nalley

Dr. Nalley reported that the Steering Committee will meet at the end of October.

## IP Committee Report – Dr. Richard Bennett

Dr. Bennett reported that there will be two organizations appearing later in the morning to present information to the Board regarding their injectable pharmacologics course.

#### Executive Director's Report – Mr. Eric Lacefield

Mr. Lacefield reported that the renewal cycle has started. Currently, 388 dental hygienists and 619 dentists have renewed. There are currently thirty-one (31) licenses in "active-renewal pending" status. Mr. Lacefield stated that notifications were sent to all licensees with a valid email address in early September. Those licensees that do not have an email address will be mailed a paper renewal form.

#### Attorney General's Report Open Session – Mr. Bryon Thernes

No report.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Bert Yeargan 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, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett, Ms. Becky Bynum, Dr. Randy Daniel, Dr. Tracy Gay, Dr. Tom Godfrey, Dr. Greg Goggans, Dr. Steve Holcomb, Dr. Logan Nalley, Dr. Antwan Treadway and Dr. Bert Yeargan.

#### **Executive Session**

#### **Appearance**

• S.J.C

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

#### **Open Session**

#### Appearances

Appearance by Dr. Gigi Meinecke, FACES, LLC: Dr. Meinecke thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to its members. Dr. Meinecke explained her background and provided each member with a handout containing information on the neurotoxin and dermal filler course outline and current literature on botulinum toxin A for treatment of myofascial pain. She stated that the course is PACE approved. Dr. Holcomb asked if the course is a template course or do they tailor it. Dr. Meinecke responded by stating that Oregon contacted her about a course and she tailored the course to them as they were having difficulty with others being to tailor a course to meet their specific needs. Dr. Holcomb stated that the reason he asks is because the licensee may attend the course, but some procedures may be performed outside of the scope the Board has outlined in its rule and the licensee may think that it is okay to do those procedures. Dr. Holcomb thanked Dr. Meinecke for answering its questions and stated that the Board will reach a decision and notify her accordingly.

Appearance by Ms. Ana Delgado and Dr. Don Harvey, DentaSpa: Ms. Delgado provided handouts to the Board for review. She explained her background and stated that she was here with Dr. Harvey to address the clinical side of the course. Ms. Delgado showcased the points of their program. She explained that the course is exclusively for dental practitioners and is 21 hours. The course is ADA, CERP and AGD recognized. Dr. Harvey stated that the course is very complete and thorough. He added that he felt the program helps a lot of dentists. Dr. Holcomb thanked Ms. Delgado and Dr. Harvey for meeting with the Board and stated that it will reach a decision and notify her accordingly.

Dr. Logan Nalley made a motion and Dr. Bert Yeargan 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, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Richard Bennett,

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#### **Executive Session**

#### **Miscellaneous**

- F.
- D.
- The Board received legal advice regarding pending litigation.

#### Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

- C.H.K.
- F.N.Y.
- Z.R.S.Y.
- C.A.M.
- T.M.B.
- P.E.A.

#### **Applications**

- A.S.O.
- K.N.B.
- L.C.J.
- K.L.C.
- T.B.W.
- K.C.D.
- D.P.B.

## **Investigative Committee Report**

Report presented:

- DENT150082
- DENT150316
- DENT140228
- DENT150223
- DENT140157
- DENT140251
- DENT150240
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- DENT140258
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- DENT160030
- DENT150333
- DENT140100DENT150102
- DENT150383DENT140160
- DENT150375
- DENT160005
- DENT130021DENT140307
- DENT140158DENT130021
- DENT130194
- DENT130135
- DENT130018
- DENT120151
- DENT150037
- DENT150403
- DENT150404
- DENT150412
- DENT1600010DENT160003
- DENT150295DENT160010
- DENT140132
- DENT150353
- DENT150308
- DENT140174
- DENT160050
- DENT160103DENT160139
- DENT160103
- DENT160091
- DENT150356DENT160142
- DENT140323DENT150356
- DENT110087
- DENT150200
- DENT150186
- DENT150178
- DENT150350
- DENT150350
- DENT150234
- DENT150112
- DENT150088DENT150182

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- DENT160089
- DENT160119
- S.C.
- The Board requested advice from the Attorney General's office regarding language for correspondence.

## **Correspondence**

- R.B.
- A.R.
- A.R.B.
- K.P.
- K.A.H.

#### Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

• No report.

## <u>Attorney General's Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes</u>

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

• G.T.A.

Mr. Thernes presented the following summary suspension acceptance:

• S.D.C.

Mr. Thernes presented the following consent order for acceptance:

• G.P.

## <u>Legal Services – Ms. Anil Foreman</u>

• L.P.

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

#### **Open Session**

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

#### **Miscellaneous**

- F. Injectable Pharmacologics Course Approved course
- D. Injectable Pharmacologics Course Approved course
- The Board received legal advice regarding pending litigation.

#### Licensure Overview Committee Appointments/Discussion Cases

C.H.K. Dental Hygiene Exam Applicant Approved application • F.N.Y. Approved application **Dental Exam Applicant** • Dental Exam Applicant Approved application Z.R.S.Y. C.A.M. **Dental Hygiene Reinstatement** Denied application T.M.B. **Dental Credentials Applicant Denied** application P.E.A. Request to terminate probation Approved request

# **Applications**

• A.S.O.	Dental Credentials Applicant	Approved application
• K.N.B.	Dental Credentials Applicant	Approved pending receipt of additional information
• L.C.J.	Dental Hygiene Credentials	Approved application
• K.L.C.	Dental Faculty Applicant	Table pending receipt of additional information
• T.B.W.	Inactive Status Applicant	Approved application
• K.C.D.	Dental Hygiene Reinstatement	Approved application
• D.P.B.	General Anesthesia Permit	Approved to receive provisional permit

# Investigative Committee Report Report presented:

<b>Complaint Number</b>	Allegations	Recommendation
DENT150082	Unprofessional conduct	Refer to the Department of Law
DENT150316	Quality of care/substandard practice	Refer to the Department of Law
DENT140228	Arrest, conviction & pleas	Close - no action
DENT150223	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT140157	Other	Close - no action
DENT140251	Quality of care/substandard practice	Refer to the Department of Law
DENT150240	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150241	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150242	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
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DENT150246	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150247	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150248	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150249	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150250	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150251	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT140219	Quality of care/substandard practice	Refer to the Department of Law
DENT150088	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150182	Quality of care/substandard practice	Refer to the DOL on CE issue if unable to show completion
		of hours required for renewal in 2013
DENT150112	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150234	Other	Close - no action
DENT150350	Unlicensed Practice	Close - letter of concern
DENT150350	Unlicensed Practice	Close - letter of concern
DENT150178	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT150186	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - letter of concern
DENT150200	Quality of care/substandard practice	Refer to the Department of Law on CE issue
DENT110087	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT140323	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150356	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action

DENT160142	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT160091	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT160103	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT160139	Unethical Conduct	Close - no action
DENT160050	Unlicensed Practice	Close - no action
DENT140174	Quality of care/substandard practice	Refer to the Department of Law
DENT150308	Advertising	Close
DENT150353	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT140132	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT150295	Unprofessional conduct	Close - no action
DENT160010	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT160003	Unethical Conduct	Close - no action
DENT150412	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150404	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150403	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT150037	Over Px and Tx Plan	Close
DENT120151	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close - no action
DENT130018	Patient abuse	Close - no action
DENT130135	Malpractice	Close - no action
DENT130194	Unsanitary conditions	Close - no action
DENT140158	Malpractice	Close - no action
DENT130021	Billing	Permit a combination of CE courses within 30 days
DENT140307	Quality of care/substandard practice	Send correspondence advising that the Board thoroughly investigated the case and closed it in a manner consistent with the Dental Practice Act
DENT160005	Unlicensed Practice	Close with no action
DENT150375	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT150383	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT140160	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with a letter of concern
DENT150102	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT150333	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT160030	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT160042	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT160056	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT160062	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT160065	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with a letter of concern
DENT160073	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT140258	Unprofessional conduct	Respond to complainant and assure the individual that the
		case is closed and the Board is confident in the decision to close
DENT160089	Quality of care/substandard practice	Close with no action
DENT160119	Unsanitary conditions	Close with no action
S.C.	Impairment	Summarily suspend

• The Board requested advice from the Attorney General's office regarding language for correspondence.

#### **Correspondence**

• R.B.

Correspondence

Directed staff to respond that the individual's WREB scores do not meet the current rule

- A.R. Request for extension
- A.R.B. Request for refund
- K.P. CorrespondenceK.A.H. Request for waiver

Approved extension until 10/31/2015 Denied request Approved request Denied inactive status application

## Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja Battle

• No report.

# <u>Attorney General's Report – Mr. Bryon Thernes</u>

Mr. Thernes discussed the following individual:

• G.T.A. Directed staff to respond regarding denial of application in January 2015.

Mr. Thernes presented the following summary suspension acceptance:

• S.D.C. Summary Suspension accepted

Mr. Thernes presented the following consent order for acceptance:

• G.P. Public Consent Order accepted

# <u>Legal Services – Ms. Anil Foreman</u>

L.P. Records request Request approved

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Yeargan 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, November 6, 2015, at 9:30 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 P. Howell, Business Operations Specialist Minutes edited by Eric Lacefield, Deputy Executive Director