

MINUTES

S.C. Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
May 7, 2004
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building, Conference Room 107
Columbia, SC

Dr. Dennis W. Newton, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Other members participating during the meeting included: Dr. Timothy Assey, Dr. Michelle D. Bedell, Dr. William D. Cranford, Dr. Amon A. Martin, Jr., Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H. and Dr. John D. Snowden.

Staff members participating included: Rion Alvey, Administrator, Jay Evans, Investigator, Annie Heyward, Administrative Specialist; and Velma Stork, Administrative Assistant. LLR employees participating during the meeting included: Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, and Shirley Robinson, Hearing Attorney.

A member of the public included Dr. James Mercer.

Dr. Newton announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to The State newspaper, Associated Press, and all other requesting persons, organizations or news media.

Dr. Newton stated Dr. Bragdon and Ms. Duncan have been granted excused absences.

Motion: Dr. Martin moved the agenda be adopted with the ability to reorganize to move the meeting rapidly. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

February 6-7, 2004 Meeting

Motion: Dr. Martin moved the minutes of the February 6-7, 2004 meeting be approved as presented. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

March 31, 2004 Conference Call Meeting

Motion: Dr. Martin moved the minutes of the March 31, 2004 conference call be approved as presented. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licenses to the following individuals:

General Dentists

Cynthia L. Garner Clifton Jordan, III Rhonda G. Carter
Brandon F. Johnson Rhonda L. Corey
Jill H. Wonder Mayur M. Patel

Richard A. Patterson Benjamin G. Burriss

The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Dental Hygienist

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licenses to the following individual:

Amy L. Tibbs

The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Restricted Volunteers Practical Examination

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licenses to the following individuals:

Robert L. Kimbrough Charles J. McOuat

Motion: Dr. Martin moved the Board enter executive session to interview exam candidates and to review the investigative report.. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Following Executive Session, Dr. Newton announced the return to public session.

Motion: Dr. Martin moved that licensure/registration be granted to the following individuals:

Brandi A. Bailey Katie G. Blain
Tonya E. Davis Jada B. Nadeau
Sonya L. Prater Michele M. Romo

The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board reinstate the Dental Hygiene license of Kerri Alison with the condition that successful completion of the SRTA exam and 16 hours of Board approved continuing education. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board reinstate the Dental Hygiene license of Deane Martin contingent upon completion of eight hours of didactic and eight hours of lecture/hands-on continuing education approved by the Board. The motion received a second from Dr. Martin. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board reinstate the Dental Hygiene license of Stacy Wisler.

The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board grant Tammy Giannelli an Orthodontic Technician registration. The motion received a second from Dr. Martin. Motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board grant Dr. Peter P. Edmonds a Restricted Volunteer in Dentistry license. The motion received a second from Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board grant Jeffrey J. Wachtel a specialty (Prosthodontics) license. The motion received a second from Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Martin moved the Board dismiss the following cases:

02-32 03-42 03-56 03-57 03-59 03-62 03-83
03-109 03-111 03-116 03-117 03-121 04-02 04-04
04-08 03-66 03-54 03-84-95 03-120

The motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Snowden moved that the Board authorize a Formal Accusation in the following matters:

03-30 03-64 03-82 03-102 03-112 03-113
03-114 03-119 04-01

The motion received a second from Dr. Martin. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board accept the consent order agreement in the matter of Gregory Hierholzer, DMD, license #2989. The motion received a second from Dr. Martin. The motion carried.

Mr. Alvey stated that Mr. Wilson is working on the final draft legislation regarding mobile van dentistry. After hearing about a pediatric dentist working out of a van that had the carbon monoxide vented into the van, Dr. Cranford suggested requiring that mobile vans have a carbon monoxide alarm.

Dr. Martin briefed the Board on the scope of practice of oral surgery. He noted he has had discussions with Dr. Mercer and other oral surgeons regarding the model plans from Virginia and Tennessee. Dr. Martin believes that a model based on the best parts of both plans may be best, and recommended the Board draft legislation regarding the practice of oral surgery when the practice act is opened. Dr. Mercer indicated there may be a strong push against this from other sides; however, the South Carolina Dental Association fully supports this issue. He suggested that the Board implement the American Dental Association's (ADA) definition of "dentistry" when the practice act is

opened.

Dr. Snowden briefed the Board on the standards for conscious sedation. He believes the Board previously discussed using the ADA guidelines and incorporating the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists guidelines to supersede the ADA guidelines where applicable and with the appropriate legal terminology. The Board had also discussed replacing Section 39-17, however, no conclusion has been drawn on this issue. Motion: Dr. Martin moved the Board draft legislation to eliminate Regulation 39-17, and replace it with language incorporating the guidelines of the American Dental Association (ADA) and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), requiring that the dentist be responsible for determining which of the two guidelines he will operate under and holding the dentist responsible for complying with the same. A grandfather clause of ten years will apply as in the current practice act. The motion received a second from Dr. Assey. The motion carried.

Dr. Newton stated the Board should be able to amend Regulation 39-4 to eliminate the timeframe of 15 years in which dental and dental hygiene applicants must have passed their National Board Examinations.

Dr. Martin stated Mr. Alvey recently received a letter from the South Carolina Dental Laboratory Association in regard to the registration of out-of-state dental laboratory technicians. Dr. Newton presented further documentation for the Board's review in this matter. Dr. Martin and Dr. Newton attended a luncheon with the Dental Laboratory Association and briefed the Board on the Association's view on registering out-of-state labs and technicians. Dr. Newton briefed the Board on Hal Zorn's views on this matter. Motion: Dr. Martin moved that at this point the Board not seek legislation to register out-of-state laboratories as recommended by the South Carolina Dental Laboratory Association. The motion received a motion from Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Upcoming State Board Specialty Examinations.

Dr. Martin stated there have been two changes to the specialty examinations: the elimination of the need to bring a view box for the orthodontic examination and the periodontal examination has eliminated the need for live patients. He briefed the Board on the examination process.

Update: SRTA Board of Directors / Discussion of Dental Hygiene Radiograph Policy.
Dr. Newton briefed the Board on SRTA matters and an emergency meeting to be held in Chicago in June 2004 in regard to the examination.

On-line License Renewal for 2005.

Mr. Alvey stated staff is attempting to have the new computer system (RELAES) in place for the 2005 renewals. He indicated that if the system is in place, the renewal forms would be in a slightly different format, which would include a password for completion on-line. He also noted that after the initial entry on-line the registrants must ensure the information is current and correct. During a brief discussion, it was noted that there is a

nominal fee charged to the credit card for online renewals. The Board asked Mr. Alvey to research the credit card fee.

Review Draft of Board's Newsletter.

Dr. Newton asked the members to review the newsletter and to let Ms. Zeman or Dr. Bradgon know of any changes. A suggestion was made that the article regarding 2005 license renewal be bolded or highlighted. The Board also discussed the possibility of the surcharge for completing renewal on-line going into Dentistry's account. It was also suggested that the article could include wording that the on-line renewals would keep costs from rising.

Review Draft of Proposed Amended Policy Re: Dental Hygiene Licensure by Oral Examination. Ms. Riffe briefed the Board on the proposed amendment to Board policy regarding dental hygiene licensure by oral examination. She indicated that Ms. Zeman has added information from several different states to make it stronger. She noted that the continuing education requirement had not previously been in the policy. She asked the Board to review Section 40-15-140 and regulation 39-2. Mr. Alvey noted that since this is a procedural matter it is handled by policy. The Board will review the policy further prior to taking a vote.

Review CPR Course for Approval.

Dr. Newton stated the Medic First Aid Training Program is requesting the Board's approval on a CPR course. Mr. Alvey stated they are requesting the Board's approval so they may advertise it as a Board-approved course. Dr. Newton asked Dr. Cranford to review the course and to submit a report to the Board at its June 2004 meeting.

Letter from Dr. Martha Hanks Re: Request in Procedural Change in the State Board Hygiene Infiltration Anesthesia Exam Schedule.

Dr. Newton stated Dr. Hanks is requesting the board change the local infiltration anesthesia examination dates to coincide with the times the classes conclude. He presented his response to Dr. Hanks as information to the Board. He indicated that the exam is currently being given on four occasions during the year. Ms. Stork noted that Dr. Hanks would like to administer the exam prior to the students becoming licensed as dental hygienists. Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board retain its current policy of examining four times per year. The motion received a second from Dr. Martin. The motion carried.

Schedule Upcoming Meeting / Hearing Dates.

After a brief discussion, the Board determined it would not schedule any further meetings at this time.

Ms. Riffe announced that she is the recipient of the ADHA Distinguished Service Award and would receive the award in June 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey
Administrator