

## MINUTES

S.C. Board of Dentistry

Board Meeting

February 11, 2005

Synergy Business Park

Kingstree Building, Conference Room 108

Columbia, SC

Dr. Amon A. Martin, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present included: Dr. C. Timothy Assey, Dr. Michelle D. Bedell, Dr. William H. Bragdon, Ms. Genie M. Duncan, Dr. Charles E. Millwood, Jr., Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H. and Dr. J. Douglas Snowden. Dr. William D. Cranford was excused from the meeting.

Staff members participating included: Rion Alvey, Administrator, Kathy Prince, Investigator, Terri Zeman, Velma Stork, Annie Heyward, and Sheliah Jones, administrative staff. LLR Attorney Richard Wilson was present. Former Investigator James Evans was also present.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and by notice mailed to The State newspaper, Associated Press, and all other requesting persons, organizations or news media in accordance with section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Martin formally welcomed Dr. Millwood to the Board as this was Dr. Millwood's first official meeting since his term began January 1, 2005.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the agenda be approved as presented with a proviso that the President may reorder agenda items as necessary to facilitate the meeting. The motion received a second by Dr. Bragdon. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed minutes of the November 5, 2004 meeting. Dr. Bragdon noted one correction that needed to be made. Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Bragdon and seconded by Dr. Bedell to approve the minutes as presented with the one correction noted. The motion carried.

Dr. Hugh Coleman of the Recovering Professional Program spoke to the Board briefly about the status of RPP and offered to come before the Board periodically to give an update. It was noted that Dr. Millwood has replaced Dr. Newton as the Board's representative on the Board of Directors for RPP.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licensure to the following individuals to practice dentistry in South Carolina based on results of their SRTA examination, the Dental Practice Act Examination, and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

General Dentists

Dr. Richard J. Resler, Jr. Dr. Sean T. McDonnell  
Dr. Scott C. Schultz Dr. Terri H. Hubbard  
Dr. Beechard C. McConnell, III Dr. Judith A. McDonnell  
Dr. Kevin B. Miller Dr. Tamara A. Murray  
Dr. Andrea R. Grant Dr. Nathan B. Lee

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

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licensure to the following individuals to practice dental hygiene in South Carolina based on results of their SRTA examination:

Dental Hygienists

Corey M. Deussing Jill C. Lancaster  
Erin D. Jones Janet L. Baker

Ms. Riffe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved the Board enter executive session to conduct oral licensing examinations and interviews. The motion received a second from Dr. Assey. The motion carried.

Following Executive Session, Dr. Martin declared the meeting back in public session.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the following individuals be granted a license to practice dental hygiene based on results of their oral examination and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

Sarah B. Eades Dinah L. Gray  
Kristi A. Gross Charlene Y. Humphries  
Julie A. Lardo Shelley J. McIlhargie  
Tracey E. Taclik

Ms. Riffe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion that the Board reinstate the dental license of the following individual following her appearing via teleconference from Saudi Arabia:

Dr. Joy Y. Cleveland

Ms. Riffe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion that the Board reinstate the dental hygiene of the following individual following her appearance before the Board:

Susan P. Harvey

Ms. Riffe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the Board grant a specialty license to the following individual based on his American Board certification:

Dr. David C. Miller

The motion was seconded by Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the Board grant an instructor specialty license to the following individual based on her American Board certification:

Dr. Angela C. Chi

The motion was seconded by Dr. Assey. The motion carried.

Following the appearance of a licensee for non-compliance with continuing education requirements, the following motion was made. Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the Board deny the request for approval of continuing education credits as the credits presented by the licensee were not current.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Millwood. The motion carried.

Dr. James J. Swick, II appeared before the Board to report on the status of his probation. Dr. Hugh Coleman and Paulette Bentley, R.N., of the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) appeared on behalf of Dr. Swick. Having complied with the terms of probation, Dr. Swick is to be released from probation upon the effective date of his Order.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that in the matter of Virginia L. Hiott, R.D.H., the Board accept the consent order as presented. Dr. Assey seconded the motion. The motion carried. [It was noted that Dr. Millwood recused himself from voting in this matter.]

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that in the matter of Dr. Benjamin F. Thomas, Jr., the Board accept the Consent Order as presented. Dr. Assey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that in the matter of Dr. Joseph L. Brown, the Board accept the Consent Order as presented. Dr. Assey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the following cases be dismissed due to insufficient evidence to warrant a formal accusation and hearing:

02-93 03-96 04-38 03-49 03-58 02-31  
04-06 04-63\* 04-72 04-73 2004-23\* 2004-24  
2004-05\* 2004-07 04-49\* 2004-08\* 2004-11 2004-13\*  
04-05 04-18 04-33

The motion received a second from Dr. Bragdon. The motion carried. [\*Letters of caution to accompany the dismissal letters.]

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the following cases be drafted for formal accusations.

04-36 2004-06 04-12 04-37 2004-03  
2004-19

Dr. Assey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was noted that case 98-24 is to remain open pending further investigation.

The Board recessed for lunch and reconvened in public session.

The Board elected officers as follows:

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved to elect the following officers of the Board effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

President - Dr. William Bragdon  
Vice President - Dr. William Cranford  
Secretary - Dr. Douglas Snowden

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

Dr. Bedell briefed the Board on the SRTA examinations. It was noted that the Board needs to appoint a member to the SRTA Board of Directors to replace Dr. Newton.

Dr. Bragdon briefed the Board on the Southern Conference on Dental Deans and Examiners (SCDDE) meeting held in January in New Orleans. He stated that this meeting was very enlightening and feels like more than one Board member should be authorized to attend such meetings. He noted that three members attended this meeting, however, only one was reimbursed by LLR. Dr. Bedell asked the staff/Board members to be sure all Board members receive information on upcoming meetings so that they can decide whether or not to attend.

Dr. John C. Cosby, Jr. appeared before the Board to brief the members on the proposed development of a national dental examination. He stated that currently, we have a clinical exam conducted by independent third parties and that independent third party licensure exams are fundamental to all professions. The next step is the creation of a uniform national clinical exam that will be accepted for licensure by all state dental boards, thereby allowing mobility of the dental graduates. The American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) is a national examination development committee of participating state boards and testing agencies. Dr. Cosby noted that of sixteen testing agencies (state and regional), fourteen are currently on board with this project, and that forty-three state boards currently support it. ADEX is the governing body responsible for all forms, content, etc. Dr. Cosby anticipates that the national exam will start as early as fall of this year. Dr. Bedell noted that the schools have not seen the "content" of the exam at this time.

The Board reviewed 2005 reregistration statistics and noted that as of February 10, 2005, the following numbers of in-state licensees have not renewed their license:

Dentists 19  
Dental Specialists 7  
Dental Hygienists 33  
Dental Technicians 8  
Orthodontic Technicians 2  
Instructor Specialist 3  
Volunteer Dentists 1  
Volunteer Specialist 1

It was noted that a certified letter was mailed on January 31, 2005 to all non-registered individuals advising them of the impending expiration of their license on March 1. Board members will try to contact the individuals in their respective districts to advise them that they are not currently licensed for 2005.

It was the consensus of the Board that an audit of continuing education compliance is needed and asked the staff to begin making preparations for a random audit of 5% of its licensees at the conclusion of the 2005 reregistration period in March.

Dr. Martin reported that an election for a Board member from the Third Congressional District is to be held the first of March. A notice announcing the election will be mailed on March 1, 2005 from the Board office. Nominations will be accepted in the Board office until April 1, 2005.

Board members reviewed pending legislation. Mr. Alvey reported that he was in receipt of a letter from three dentists, Dr. George K. Camp, Dr. Charles F. Wade, and Dr. John E. Reese, III, all of whom operate a mobile dental until both as an owner and dentist in either Dental Access Carolina, LLC and/or Mobile Dental Care, LLC. Members reviewed the letter commenting on the proposed regulations regarding mobile dental facilities and

portable dental operations. The letter commended the Board on their efforts to monitor and regulate mobile dental practices. The letter also outlined some concerns with what they considered unnecessary and unrealistic requirements, and offered some suggestions. Board members noted that their concerns seemed valid, and Dr. Millwood offered to look into this matter further. It was noted that the proposed legislation is an amendment to the Code of Laws of SC by adding Section 40-15-172, and was introduced in the Senate on January 26, 2005.

Dr. Martin reported that the proposal to add Regulation 39-4.1, to establish procedures for re-examination of applicants for licensure who have failed the licensing examination three times, has been referred to House and Senate Committees and is pending at this time.

Dr. Martin reported that the proposal to amend Regulation 39-4, to delete the requirement that the National Board examination must have been passed within fifteen years, has been referred to House and Senate Committees and is pending at this time.

Board members reviewed a letter from Richard H. Haug, D.D.S., Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Executive Associate Dean at the University of Kentucky, regarding his desire to practice dentistry in South Carolina. Current Board regulations require that an applicant for licensure in South Carolina must have passed the National Board examination within fifteen years of application. If Dr. Haug were to apply for licensure at this time, he would be required to retake Part II of the National Board examination. Mr. Alvey will advise Dr. Haug that the Board has proposed an amendment to Regulation 39-4 that will eliminate the fifteen year requirement, and that the Board anticipates the passage of this amendment in late spring or early summer 2005.

Board members reviewed a letter from Steven D. Shapiro, D.M.D., M.D., requesting approval of his continuing medical education (CME) credits in order to satisfy the continuing education (CE) requirements for the renewal of his South Carolina dental license. It was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Shapiro may continue to report that he is in compliance with CE on his dental renewal form provided his CME credit hours are sufficient to meet the required CE hours for dentistry.

The Board received information from Dr. John L. Tate regarding the Coalition to Ban Mercury Toxins' upcoming meeting at Garner's Natural Market and Café in Greenville on February 17.

The Board received information from the American Dental Association, Department of Testing Services, regarding testing centers for the March 28-29, 2005 National Board Examinations.

The Board scheduled hearings for the weekend of April 1-2-3, 2005, in Columbia.

The next Board meeting for general business will be on Friday, July 15, 2005, in

Charleston. The State Board Specialty Exams will be administered on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at MUSC in Charleston.

Ms. Riffe voiced concerns with regard to confidential information getting into the hands of non-Board members, prior to the information being approved by the Board, and cautioned everyone to make sure this does not happen.

There were no public comments made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey, Administrator