

MINUTES
S.C. Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
January 13, 2006
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
Columbia, South Carolina

On Friday, January 13, 2006, Dr. William H. Bragdon, 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 D. Cranford, Jr., Vice President; Dr. Thomas M. Dixon, Ms. Genie M. Duncan; Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H.; and Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, Secretary.

Staff members present included: Rion Alvey, Administrator; Annie Heyward, Administrative Specialist, and Sheliah Jones, Administrative Specialist. Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Marvin Frierson, Attorney, Office of General Counsel; Louis Rosen, Advice Attorney; and Rick Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, were also present.

A member of the public attending the meeting was Tammi Byrd.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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.

Motion: Dr. Cranford moved the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of the meeting in Chicago and the disciplinary panel to the discussion topics. The motion received a second by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2005 meeting. Dr. Bedell noted one correction to the minutes. On page four of the minutes the November 15th meeting was an ADEX meeting. **Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved the minutes be approved as amended. Dr. Bedell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the December 7, 2005 conference call meeting. **Motion:** Dr. Assey made a motion that December 7, 2005 conference call meeting minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Snowden 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 SRTA examination, the Dental Practice Act Examination, and meeting all requirements for licensure:

General Dentists

Dr. William M. Powell
Dr. Terry A. Gutknecht-Sams
Dr. Michelle M. Robinson

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

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licensure to the following individuals to practice dentistry in South Carolina based on credentials:

Karla K. Rothfus, DDS
Randall A. Rothfus, DDS
Arthur H. Behrens, DDS
John F. Burton, DDS
Denis M. Robison, DDS
Stephen F. Tuttle, DDS
Dianna L. Lenick, DDS

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

Motion: Dr. Snowden 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 the results of the SRTA examination:

Dental Hygienists

Linda D. Strickland
Greta A. Blanton
Cristine H. Mobley
Karen W. Fisher

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

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licensure to the following individual to practice as a dental technician in South Carolina based on state examination.

Dental Technician

Judson D. Barton, III

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

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a license based on successful completion of SRTA and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

Dentist:

Jennifer L. Bailey, DDS

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

Dental Hygienist

Veronica B. Douglas

Margaret P. Shuford

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

Dr. Bragdon opened the floor for nominations for president. **Motion:** Dr. Dixon made a motion that Dr. Cranford be nominated as president. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. Dr. Dixon made a motion that Dr. Snowden be nominated as vice president. Board members discussed the members' terms and election of officers. Dr. Bragdon stated there is no statement in the statute that says there is an automatic rotation of the Board members as officers. Dr. Dixon withdrew his motion.

Motion: Dr. Dixon made a motion that Dr. Bedell serve as president from July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 followed by Dr. Cranford for the following six months, that Dr. Snowden serve as vice president when Dr. Cranford becomes president and nominated Ms. Riffe serve as secretary, and that the split year on a rotating basis throughout the congressional district. After a brief discussion regarding a new member coming on the Board as a new member during the time that member serves as president, Dr. Dixon withdrew his motion.

Motion: Dr. Dixon nominated Ms. Riffe as secretary. The nomination carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Cranford made a motion that Dr. Snowden be nominated as vice president from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The nomination carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey nominated Dr. Cranford as president from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The nomination carried.

Dr. Cranford asked that Dr. Bedell serve as president in his stead from July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

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

Following executive session, Dr. Bragdon declared the meeting back in public session.

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion that the Board allow the agreement to relinquish be withdrawn on Dr. James W. Denny, II and that the Board accept the consent order and disposition in this case. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board return to executive session. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

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Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board approve the consent order in the matter of Dr. Bradford L. Keeney. The motion was seconded by Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board accept the Memorandum of Agreement on Dr. Sandy S. Termotto. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board members interviewed the following individuals as the end of probation candidates:
Dr. Benetta G. Bell Dr. Michael R. Grant Dr. David R. Hutto

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 1:52 p.m. and resumed public session at 2:30 p.m.

Return to Public Session

Ms. Kathy Prince introduced Elliott Willis, an investigator recently hired with the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

The Board reviewed the IRC's recommendations regarding cases reviewed at the January 6, 2006 IRC meeting.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board accept the IRC's recommendations of the January 6, 2006 IRC meeting regarding the following cases:

Dismissal

2005-62	2005-66	2005-68	2005-75
205-81	2005-83	2005-94	2005-96

Formal Complaint

205-85	2005-87
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Letter of Caution

2005-39

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

Motion: Dr. Cranford 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:

Julie M. Abrahamson	*Kristie R. Conley	Kristie E. Fleischmann
Barbara M. Hengst	Kathryn P. Henley	*Janet Lee Kennedy
Lynn S. Norman	Elisa M. Rogers	Marilyn M. Wright

*Ms. Conley and Ms. Kennedy are approved with the condition they submit additional documentation.

Dr. Bedell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Cranford made a motion that the following individual be granted a license to practice dental specialty based on results of an oral examination, American Board Certification, and meeting all other requirements for licensure, including completion of all required paperwork:

Travis D. Nash, DDS

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

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board approve Susan Muller, DMD, for reinstatement of licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Snowden moved the Board approve Angela D. Hammonds, DDS for reinstatement of licensure contingent upon an audit of her continuing education and a review of her complete work history. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board approve the following dentists for licensure by credentials

Lynn Brooks Fader, DDS Joseph Lembo, Jr., DMD William John Zimmer, DDS

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

Discussion Topics

Update on Dental License by Credentials

The Board reviewed applications for dental licensure by credentials. Dr. Bedell stated Section 40-15-275 (A)(3) states the applicant must have been actively practicing for a minimum of five years immediately preceding the date of application. She asked the Board for a clarification of the word “immediately”.

Dr. Bragdon asked if staff could flag those applicants who have not worked the previous year. He also asked staff to contact the Board members when meetings are scheduled.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board revisit Dr. Fader’s application. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. Following some discussion the motion was denied.

Discuss Dental Hygiene License by Oral Examination

Ms. Riffe noted that the dental hygiene licensure by oral examination requirements are currently in policy. She would like to have this policy in law. She went on to say that the new credentialing law for dentists does not require the dentist applicants to appear before the Board, and that it is the Board’s discretion as to which applicants appear. She further stated the Board has not denied a dental hygiene applicant based on an oral examination and appearance before the Board since she has been on the Board. She stated that she would like the dental hygienist applicants to be required to appear at the Board’s discretion.

Mr. Alvey stated the hygiene oral examination policy was written because the Board did not have reciprocity. He further stated at the time the policy was written the Board's thoughts were that an oral examination would be required.

Motion: Ms. Riffe moved the oral hygiene licensure by oral examination policy, item number 13, be reworded to say, "The applicant ~~shall~~ may appear ~~before~~ at the discretion of the Board at a time and place designate by the Board for an oral examination." The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Review Revised Applications for Licensure

Board members reviewed the revised applications for licensure.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board approve the applications with the noted changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Riffe. The motion carried.

Update on 2006 Reregistration

Staff noted that as of January 12, 2006, 209 dentists have not renewed their licenses. Following a brief discussion the Board members asked that by February 15, 2006 they be provided the names of those individuals who have not renewed their licenses.

Winter 2006 Newsletter Online

The Board reviewed the Winter 2006 newsletter.

Update On ADEX/CITA/SRTA

Board members reviewed a letter sent via certified mail on January 9, 2006 to the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA) ending the Board's membership and participation in CITA. Board members then reviewed a letter sent to the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) expressing interest in becoming affiliated with that organization.

Dr. Bragdon noted that CRDTS would hold a CRDTS Steering Committee meeting in Kansas City on March 2-4, 2006 to discuss the administration of the exam. He noted CRDTS would pay for six Board members to attend the meeting. He further stated the Board would also need to pick a member for the Steering Committee.

Legislative Update

Board members reviewed proposed regulation 39.1(D). It was noted that the proposed regulation would raise the fee for dental licensure by credentials from \$300 to \$500. Mr. Alvey noted the agency could only recommend the administrative cost of the program. The Board asked whom they should contact if the members wanted to raise the fee higher. Mr. Alvey stated the Board could contact Representative Bobby Harrell or Lieutenant Andre Bauer.

Ms. Tammi Byrd, of the South Carolina Dental Hygienists' Association, asked the Board why the fee is being raised. She asked if the Board is raising the fee to protect the public or the profession. The Board stated the fee would be raised to be consistent with surrounding states. Dr. Bragdon stated, in his opinion, if the Board is protecting the public, they are protecting the profession.

Ms. Riffe noted the dental hygienist applicants for licensure in South Carolina would be taking the SRTA examination this year (2006).

Update on RPP

Dr. Bragdon presented the RPP report on behalf of Dr. Millwood.

Board Meeting Dates

The Board set the next Board meeting dates as April 28-29, 2006 in Columbia. Tentatively, hearing(s) will be held on Friday, April 28, and the Board will meet on Saturday, April 29, 2006.

Dr. Cranford stated the Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners would be meeting January 20-22, 2006 in Memphis, Tennessee. Three Board members will be attending that meeting.

Dr. Cranford stated the American Association of Dental Examiners would be meeting in Chicago, Illinois on March 17-21, 2006. Dr Bragdon and Ms. Riffe will be attending this meeting.

Motion: Dr. Cranford made a motion that the Board approve Dr. Amon A. Martin, Jr. to the disciplinary panel. Dr. Snowden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion: There being no further business, Dr. Cranford moved the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Snowden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The January 13, 2006 meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey
Administrator