

**MINUTES**  
S.C. Board of Dentistry  
Board Meeting  
**April 28-29, 2006**  
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building  
Columbia, South Carolina

On Friday, April 28, 2006, Dr. William H. Bragdon, President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Other members present included: Dr. C. Timothy Assey; Dr. Michelle D. Bedell; Dr. Thomas M. Dixon, Ms. Genie M. Duncan; Dr. Charles Millwood, and Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H. It was noted for the record that Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, Secretary, was excused from this meeting. It was further noted that Dr. William D. Cranford, Vice President, recused himself from the hearings today because he was the Investigative Review Chairman (IRC) in these matters.

Staff members present included: Rion Alvey, Administrator; Terri Zeman, Administrative Assistant, Sheliah Jones, Administrative Specialist, and Rachel Palo, Administrative Specialist. Marvin Frierson, Attorney, Office of General Counsel, and Louis Rosen, Advice Attorney, were both present. Kenneth Woodington, Attorney, was present for the afternoon hearings.

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. Assey moved the agenda be approved as presented. The motion received a second by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Assey moved that the Board go into Executive Session to conduct final order hearings. The motion received a second by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

Following the hearings, Dr. Bragdon announced the meeting back in public session. The Board voted as follows:

04-36 – The Board voted to accept the Certified Report of the disciplinary panel.

2003-38 – The Board voted to dismiss this matter.

2004-46 – The Board voted to accept the Consent Order in this matter.

2004-67 – The Board voted to dismiss this matter.

02-98; 02-99; 03-20 – The Board voted to dismiss these matters.

04-45 – The Board voted to issue a Private Reprimand (Anonymous) in this matter.

03-104 – The Board voted to issue a Private Reprimand (Anonymous) in this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m., to be continued on Saturday, April 29, 2006.

On Saturday, April 29, 2006, Dr. Bragdon called the meeting to order. The following Members were present: Dr. Cranford; Dr. Bedell; Dr. Millwood; Dr. Dixon; Mrs. Riffe and Ms. Duncan. It was noted that Dr. Snowden and Dr. Assey were excused from the meeting today.

Staff members present were: Mr. Alvey; Mrs. Zeman; Mrs. Stork; Mrs. Heyward, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Palo.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 13, 2006 meeting. **Motion:** Dr. Bedell moved the minutes be approved as presented. Dr. Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Dixon 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. Andrew C. Robinson	Dr. Richard D. Bertetti
Dr. Allison K. Hunter	Dr. Richard E. Swaja
Dr. Thien Chi Pham	Dr. Kenneth B. Reagin
Dr. John N. Templeton, III	Dr. Aaron P. Burleson
Dr. Bassil S. Cuffy	Dr. Byron A. Davis

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

**Motion:** Dr. Dixon made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a volunteer dental license to the following individual based on successful completion of the examination and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

**Restricted Volunteer Dentist**

Dr. Leonard P. Riley

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

**Motion:** Dr. Dixon 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:

**General Dentists**

Dr. James L. Woods, Jr.	Dr. Anny Van Dam Zalesne
Dr. Kyle H. O'Neal	Dr. Vincent D. Straley
Dr. Mark E. Peacock	Dr. Durwood E. Bach
Dr. James C. Chapman	Dr. Ronald W. Katz
Dr. Van B. Haywood	Dr. Earl C. Price

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

**Motion:** Ms. Riffe 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 and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

**Dental Hygienists**

Mandy L. Boatwright  
Krystin S. Cadeau  
Amanda M. Lawson  
Virginia E. Williams  
Amanda L. Carr  
Gena M. Hughes  
Carolina V. Richardson

Mary Leslie S. Bullman  
Deana L. Hardwick  
Ashley N. Scoggins  
Renada M. Woods  
Sherry L. Ellenburg  
Melissa B. Langston  
Pamela S. Vaughn

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

**Motion:** Ms. Riffe made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant the following individuals with a License to Practice Dental Hygiene based on criteria approval and meeting all requirements for licensure:

**Dental Hygienists**

Jennifer Bench  
Jessica R. Kiser  
Grace E. Boles  
Jennifer A. Bayliss  
Lisa A. Brown  
Julia P. McKinnon  
Shelley D. McNeil  
Mary K. Wolford

Rachel L. Lancaster  
Kathryn J. Scharpf  
Donna M. Jones  
Ann M. Anderson  
Mary B. DuBose  
Jeannice W. Hart  
Roxanne M. Reynolds

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

**Motion:** Dr. Bedell made a motion that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant reinstatement of licensure to the following individuals based on successful completion of all requirements for reinstatement:

**Dentists**

Dr. John R. Howell, Jr.  
Dr. Terry L. Kunkle, II  
Dr. John W. Riley  
Dr. Earl W. Simmons, Jr.  
Dr. Brian C. Low

Dr. Terry L. Kunkle  
Dr. Christopher B. Phillips  
Dr. Robert B. Gamble, Jr.  
Dr. William F. Rineheart  
Dr. William C. Friedman

**Dental Hygienists**

Cynthia F. Rinaldi

Pamela B. Ochiltree

**Dental Technician**

James A. Cole

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

**Motion:** Dr. Bedell made a motion that the Board grant a license to the following individuals based on successful completion of SRTA and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

**Dentist:**

Dr. Rebecca S. Hobbs

### **Dental Hygienist**

Katherine E. Church

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

At this time, Mr. Alvey noted that this would be the last Board meeting that Mrs. Stork would attend as she is retiring effective May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Stork has been with the Board of Dentistry for fourteen years and will be greatly missed by all.

Mr. Alvey introduced Mr. Ken Buxton as the Board's new staff member effective May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Buxton will serve as the Assistant Administrator and will supervise the administrative staff in addition to financial and other duties. The members and staff welcomed Mr. Buxton to the meeting and stated that they look forward to working with him. Mr. Buxton thanked the Board and stated that he looks forward to working with the Dentistry Board.

Mr. Alvey reported that a password accessible Board member site on the LLR Web page will soon be available for Board members of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL) Boards. He also noted that Mrs. Jones has been diligently working to update and improve the Dentistry Board's Web site. The examination applications and requirements have been added to the site so that applicants can download the forms they need. Mr. Alvey noted that the Board may want to consider "biennial license renewal" in the near future.

### **Discussion Topics**

#### **Review of Letters**

Board members reviewed a letter from Dr. Randy Johnson. Dr. Johnson had requested the Board waive the penalty for the late renewal of his license. After careful review of this matter, the Board voted to deny the request. Mr. Alvey will send a letter to Dr. Johnson advising of the Board's decision.

Board members reviewed a letter from Dr. R. Ross Powell requesting information regarding the Board's policy in granting special approval to retake the SRTA examination a fourth time. It was noted that Board Regulation 39-4.1.B. states, "If the applicant has not met the Board's criteria for passing the examination after three takings, applicant shall not be permitted to retake the examination, and any score received after three takings shall not be considered, except by special permission of the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to petition the Board and to successfully complete at least one year of additional dental or dental hygiene education in an American Dental Association approved dental school or residency, as applicable, or explain in detail any special or compelling factors presented by the applicant to the Board the applicant wishes the Board to consider." Therefore, Dr. Powell may contact the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine to inquire about a one-year remedial education program; or, if he has any "special or compelling factors" he would like the Board to consider, he may present that to the Board. A letter will be sent to Dr. Johnson advising him of his options.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Michael D. Riordan regarding the release of patient records. The Board feels that withholding the release of patient records from a patient because of an outstanding balance is a violation of the Dental Practice Act. Dr. Riordan will be advised

that if he is aware of such practice, he may wish to file a complaint with the Board office and the matter will be investigated.

### Licensure / Policy Issues

Dr. Bragdon reported that the first ADEX exam to be administered at MUSC in Charleston was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Board discussed sending a letter to ADEX Administrators requesting that, on behalf of South Carolina students (re-takes), they consider moving their Georgia exam's orientation session to later in the evening or offering another exam in Charleston.

Dr. Bragdon noted that the Board had received a letter from the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) asking the Board to consider recognizing the results of the CITA examination as satisfying requirements for licensure in South Carolina. After careful review, it was the consensus of the Board that if, and when, CITA becomes a member of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) and administers the ADEX examinations, the South Carolina Board of Dentistry will accept results of the CITA licensure examinations as satisfying our clinical licensure requirements. At this time, however, the South Carolina Board of Dentistry does not accept the results of CITA examinations for licensure. A letter of response will be sent to CITA advising of the Board's position.

Board members discussed the requirements for dental licensure by credentials, specifically the requirement that an applicant must have actively practiced for a minimum of five years "immediately preceding" the date of application. The intent of the legislation was to assure current competency to practice dentistry as demonstrated by recent practice. Upon advice from Rick Wilson, it was the consensus of the Board that the Board will examine each applicant's qualifications for a license by credentials on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the applicant can show satisfactory evidence of clinical practice within a reasonable proximate time preceding the application date. After discussion, the Board agreed upon the following policy:

- 1) Applicant for a dental license by credentials that has actively practiced for five years, and has actively practiced within three months of the date of the application, may not be required to appear before the Board;
- 2) Applicant for a dental license by credentials that has actively practiced for five years, and has actively practiced within three to six months of the date of the application will be required to appear before the Board;
- 3) Applicant for a dental license by credentials that has actively practiced for five years, but has not actively practiced within six months of the date of the application, is considered ineligible for a license by credentials.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Alvey reported that with regard to proposed legislation to increase the credentialing fee for dentists, the proposed regulation has been withdrawn and will be resubmitted in the near future. With regard to the proposed Dental Hygiene Practice Act legislation, it was noted that no action had been taken at this time.

### Update on Board Election – 4th Congressional District

Dr. David W. Jones was unopposed in the recent election and has, therefore, been declared elected by the Board. A request has been sent to Governor Sanford to appoint Dr. Jones to the Board for a six-year term effective January 1, 2007.

### Update on State Board Specialty Examinations

The State Board will administer its Specialty Board Examinations on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at the Board office. Staff is in the process of recruiting deputy examiners at this time.

Dr. Bragdon inquired about an oral surgery resident who, while in the process of rotations in his residency program, wrote a prescription that was totally appropriate for what he was doing, although not oral surgery-related, and a pharmacist refused to fill the prescription because it was non-dental. Mr. Alvey will check with the Pharmacy Board Administrator for clarification on this matter.

### Update on Recovering Professional Program (RPP)

Dr. Hugh Coleman appeared before the Board and gave a presentation on the status of the RPP. It was noted that Dr. Millwood is the Board's representative on the RPP Advisory Committee. Dr. Coleman stated he would like to enjoy a comfortable working relationship with the Board and asked the Board to consider allowing him approximately 10-15 minutes on future Board meeting agendas to keep the Board apprised of the status of RPP. He stated that every January, there is an alcohol-drug conference, a one and a half day program with internationally known speakers, that the Board may want to consider sending a representative. Board members thanked Dr. Coleman for his presentation. Dr. Bragdon stated that he would like to encourage other groups such as the SC Dental Association, study clubs, etc., to contact Dr. Coleman and have him give presentations on RPP, and to spread the word that representatives from RPP are available to give such presentations.

### Revised Dental Practice Act Examination

Dr. Bragdon noted that Dr. Dixon and Mrs. Zeman had recently revised the South Carolina Dental Practice Act Examination and that the new exam was now in use. A question arose whether or not the Board would consider posting the new exam on the Web site and allowing licensees to challenge the exam for continuing education credit. It was suggested that the staff could have two or three different versions of the exam posted. This matter will be studied further and discussed at a later meeting.

### Spring 2006 Newsletter

Board members reviewed a draft of the spring 2006 Newsletter. It was noted that Dr. Snowden and Mrs. Zeman are in the process of finalizing the Newsletter and, once completed, it will be posted to the Board's Web site.

### Schedule Upcoming Board Meetings/Hearing Dates

The next meeting of the Board of Dentistry is scheduled on July 21-22, 2006. The Board meeting will be on Friday, July 21; the State Board Specialty Exams will be administered on Saturday, July 22.

The Board briefly discussed whether or not a dentist can provide facial cosmetics procedures such as the use of botox for lip augmentation, etc. Mr. Alvey noted that the Board office receives telephone calls regarding this, and his response is "no," because dental schools do not teach this in their curriculum and a dental license does not provide for the performance of such procedures.

**Motion:** Dr. Cranford moved the Board enter executive session to conduct examination interviews. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

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

In the matter of Debra M. Swing, applicant for reinstatement of her dental hygiene license, the Board voted to have Mr. Wilson prepare an Agreement with pre-conditions for reinstatement. The pre-conditions for reinstatement will include: successful completion of the Southern Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (SRTA) dental hygiene examination; current CPR certification; twenty-eight hours of continuing education, not less than eight hours of which must be a hands-on participation course in periodontal scaling and root planning. Not more than ten hours of the courses may be online or Internet-based, and must include two to four hours of infection control.

In the matter of Dr. Herbert R. Edelstein, an applicant for a dental license by credentials, the Board voted to require Dr. Edelstein to appear at the next Board meeting.

In the matter of Dr. Roger N. Kourey, the Board voted to accept the withdrawal of his application for a dental license by credentials at this time.

Board members presented Mrs. Velma Stork with a retirement card/gift and thanked her for fourteen years of outstanding and dedicated service. Mrs. Stork thanked the members for their continued support over the years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey  
Administrator