

**MINUTES**  
S.C. Board of Dentistry  
Board Meeting  
**July 21-22, 2006**  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building  
Columbia, South Carolina

On Friday, July 21, 2006, Dr. Michelle D. Bedell, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present included: Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, Vice President; Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H., Secretary; Dr. William D. Cranford, Jr.; Dr. C. Timothy Assey; Dr. Charles Millwood, Dr. Thomas M. Dixon, and Ms. Genie M. Duncan. Dr. David Jones, Member-Elect, was also present. It was noted for the record that Dr. William H. Bragdon, Past President, was excused from the meeting.

Staff members present included: Rion Alvey, Administrator; Ken Buxton, Assistant Administrator; Terri Zeman, Administrative Assistant; Annie Heyward, Administrative Specialist, and Shelia Jones, Administrative Specialist. LLR Attorneys present included: Louis Rosen, Shirley Robinson, Pat Hanks and Rick Wilson.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office, 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.

**Motion:** Dr. Assey moved the agenda be approved as presented. The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a license to practice dentistry to individuals who had met all requirements for licensure. Motion received a second from Dr. Cranford. Motion carried.

**General Dentists**

Dr. Rosemary J. Ni Chochlain  
Dr. Eugenia Badescu  
Dr. Mary C.B. Haigler  
Dr. Andrew C. Marshall  
Dr. Michelle D. Uson  
Dr. Catherine J. Myrick  
Dr. Michael A. Twitchell  
Dr. Andy R. Butcher  
Dr. Christopher K. Cronin  
Dr. Jeremy R. Bayer  
Dr. Claire D. Donato  
Dr. Camille W. Horton  
Dr. Kristin K. Murphy  
Dr. Charles I. Brown, Jr.  
Dr. John W. Harden

Dr. Andy R. Burton  
Dr. Deidre B. Crockett  
Dr. Matthew L. Hunt  
Dr. John T. Parnell  
Dr. Jeffery B. Arrowood  
Dr. Huong T. Pham  
Dr. Jackson C. Whisnant, III  
Dr. Sadia I. Akhtar  
Dr. James D. Leitner, III  
Dr. Kristin R. Derrick  
Dr. John J. Frazier  
Dr. Robert L. Keels  
Dr. Jeffrey D. Reitzel  
Dr. Joy W. Dixon  
Dr. Cindy B. Nichols

Dr. Christa M. West  
Dr. Douglas C. McCartha  
Dr. Quang L. Nguyen  
Dr. James V. Myers, III  
Dr. Keith S. Wickizer  
Dr. Joseph F. Cervone

Dr. Teresita L. Alston  
Dr. Martha J. Netzler  
Dr. Molly A. O'Brien  
Dr. Charles J. Putnam  
Dr. Gary E. Stough

**Motion:** Ms. Riffe moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a dental hygiene license to individuals who had met all requirements for licensure. Motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Dental Hygienists

Teresa L. McMahon  
Kari A. Hedrick  
Bobbie Jo McDonald  
Irina G. Alexander  
Lee A. Barnes  
S. Michelle Burgess  
Mary E. Fletcher  
Heather N. Graham  
Shray E. Hoffman  
Melissa A. Jackson  
Sandraw W. Reepe  
Andrea G. Seaman  
Angela M. Youngblood  
Alicia M.F. Armstrong  
Angela D. Barnett  
Karyn M. Burnett  
Jeannie R. Cross  
LaTanya N. Hicks  
Brandy C. Knight  
Christina L. Marshall  
Roxanne L. McLeod  
Jacqueline Y. Rice  
Angela M.L. Walker  
Shannon M. Watkins  
Charles Manley, Jr.  
Crystal J. Hudson  
Antonia J. Birchler  
Stephanie B. Boykins  
Carrie A. Dukes  
Megan L. Long  
Aimee A. McLaren  
Jodie L. Still  
Jennifer L. Williams  
Ashley R. Atkins  
Frances L. Brooks  
Julie M. Carr

Donna H. Harkness  
Karen S. Hunkins  
Linda F. Underwood  
Amy L. Bailey  
Melinda L. Brown  
Sarah J. Drinkard  
Stephanie N. Galliot  
Amanda H. Grice  
Kathryn M. Inabinet  
Ashlee M. Laska  
Stephanie D. Roe  
Julie A.F. Spencer  
Hope R. Albrecht  
Erin P. Bailey  
Brittany T. Booth  
Sharon W. Cook  
Erica L. Gardner  
Darlene J. Hinkle  
Angela A. Laflin  
Tara N. Martina  
Katherine W. Parrish  
Cheri L. Swan  
Siobhan C.C. Ward  
Ann-Sydney Harden  
Mary D. Bigelow  
Amy S. King  
Stacey N. Bonano  
Judy S. Cook  
Heather L. Harris  
Teresa C. Maring  
Jennifer M. Mestres  
Deana B. VanNest  
Ashley R. Wilt  
Amy N. Blue  
Stacie L. Canto  
Kimberly N. Corder

Ashley D. Creech  
Marlene M. Gary  
Sylvia C. Hyatt  
Jennifer L. Phillips  
Tracy D. Simpson  
Donna M. Tisdale  
Kendra C. Marzitelli

Heidi Jo Gagnon  
Trebria T. Hope  
Laura M. Kalchthaler  
Rebecca B. Powell  
Joy E. Smith  
Tennille Williams

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a specialty license to an individual based on American Board diplomate status. Motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Dental Specialist (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)

Dr. Durwood E. Bach

**Motion:** Ms. Riffe moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to reinstate the dental hygiene license of individuals who had met all requirements for reinstatement. Motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Dental Hygiene License Reinstated

Sylvia Y. Hazel

Andrea L. Cobb

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved that the Board approve a list of individuals for licensure based on their having met all requirements for licensure. Motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

General Dentists

Dr. Kevin B. Fader  
Dr. William C. Morgan, Jr.  
Dr. Jason S. Annan  
Dr. LaFaith C. Miller

Dr. Frank H. Ricker, Jr.  
Dr. Suzanne E. Allmand  
Dr. Aimee M. Brown  
Dr. Kareem Sprattling

Dental Hygienists

Dana L. Atkinson  
Mary K. Brown  
Lindsey N. Gregory  
Amy E. Reardon

Shannon H. Bordeaux  
Betina L. Causey  
Jessica B. Johnson

Board members reviewed the minutes of the April 28-29, 2006 meeting. **Motion:** Dr. Assey moved the minutes be approved as presented. Dr. Cranford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the Conference Call of June 26, 2006. **Motion:** Ms. Riffe noted one correction to be made to the minutes, and moved that the minutes be approved with the correction made. After further discussion, it was determined that the correction did not need to be made, and the motion was amended to approve the minutes as presented. Motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Mr. Alvey remarked that Ken Buxton has been a welcomed addition to the staff and has been doing a great job since coming on board in May. Board members responded that they, too, are happy to have Ken on board and look forward to working with him in the future.

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing applicants for licensure and investigative/disciplinary matters. Motion was seconded by Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Following interviews and investigative report, Dr. Bedell announced the meeting back in public session and voted in the following matters.

In the matter of Dr. Herbert R. Edelstein, the Board voted to issue him a dental license by credentials based on his having met all requirements for licensure by credentials.

In the matter of Dr. Roger N. Kourey, the Board voted to issue him a dental license by credentials based on his having met all requirements for licensure by credentials.

In the matter of Debra M. Swing, R.D.H., the Board voted to reinstate her dental hygiene license upon certain pre-conditions, including: 28 hours of successful completion of C.E., not less than 16 hours of which must be a hands-on participation course in periodontal scaling and root planing; not more than 10 hours may be online or Internet-based, and must include 2-4 hours of infection control; documentation of current CPR; written contract with and be an active participant of RPP. Mr. Wilson will prepare an Agreement in this matter.

In the matter of Elizabeth R. Childs, the Board voted to issue her a license to practice dental hygiene based on her having met all requirements for licensure.

In the matter of Dr. Gregory I.E. Hierholzer, the Board voted to deny his petition to modify the Agreement dated May 6, 2004. Mr. Wilson will prepare an Order Denying Petition to Modify Agreement in this matter.

In the matter of Dr. R. Charles Hurst, Jr., the Board voted to grant Dr. Hurst' petition for the reinstatement of his dental license upon compliance with certain pre-conditions for reinstatement, including: must take and pass the ADEX or SRTA dental licensure examination; indefinite probation; practice limited to the treatment of patients not less than 21 years of age; submit to biannual and event driven polygraph exams; patients are to be provided with patient satisfaction forms; shall not use conscious sedation or oral sedation or IV sedation or anxiolysis sedation in the treatment of patients; not personally use a computer in the office. Mr. Wilson will prepare an Order of Reinstatement in this matter.

In the matter of Linda L. Murphy, RDH, the Board voted to reinstate her dental hygiene license upon payment of the \$300.00 reinstatement fee.

The Board voted to dismiss the following cases based on recommendations from the IRC Committee:

2005-103	2005-60	2005-73	2005-79	2005-82	2005-89
2005-90	2005-91	2005-95	2006-8	2005-100	2005-24

2005-71      2005-92      2005-93      2006-2

The Board voted to dismiss the following cases along with service of a Cease and Desist Order based on recommendations of the IRC Committee: 2006-46      2006-20

The Board voted to issue Formal Complaints in the following cases based on recommendations of the IRC Committee:

2005-44      2005-86      2006-45      2006-79

The Board voted to issue Letters of Caution in the following cases based on recommendations of the IRC Committee:

2005-76      2005-77      2004-31      2005-105      2005-80

Mr. Buxton distributed information to the Board Members on how to access the new Board member Web site. He told the Members that if they have any questions or problems with the site, to give him a call.

At 12:45, the Board recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to conduct final order hearings. Motion received a second from Dr. Assey. Motion carried.

Following the final order hearings, the Board came out of Executive Session and voted to accept the Certified Reports of the Disciplinary Panels in each of the three final order hearings.

### **Discussion Topics:**

Dental/Dental Hygiene Examinations Administered at MUSC – It was noted that the Board had signed a Membership and Examination Acceptance Agreement with ADEX and CRDTS. CRDTS will administer the clinical exams developed by ADEX (dental and dental hygiene) at MUSC on behalf of the Board. The ADLEX was administered at MUSC on April 21, 2006. The Board also continues to accept the results of SRTA dental and dental hygiene examinations. SRTA exams were administered at MUSC on March 24, 2006.

Dental Residents writing Prescriptions while off service in non-dental rotations – Rick Wilson reported that MUSC had requested amendments to the Dental Practice Act in regard to this matter. He recommended that MUSC introduce the legislation and with the support of the Board. Mr. Wilson stated he would draft a letter of response to MUSC.

SRTA Annual Meeting – Dr. Bedell stated that she will take care of getting the applications/proxy votes prior to the meeting.

### **Legislative Update:**

Dental License by Credentials: It was noted that effective June 23, 2006, the application fee for dental licensure by credentials is \$2,000.00. The Board may waive \$1500.00 of the fee upon agreement with an applicant to practice exclusively in a rural county for not less than two

consecutive years. Board members reviewed a draft of a “Waiver of Fees Request Form” to be part of the application packet for a dental license by credentials. According to the S.C. Budget and Control Board, Division of Research and Statistics, a “rural” county is one in which the population of the largest town is less than 25,000. The following counties are designated as “rural:” Abbeville, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Edgefield, Fairfield, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Saluda, Union and Williamsburg.

Portable Dental Facilities – It was noted that effective June 14, 2006, Section 40-15-172 was added to the S.C. Code of Laws, providing that mobile dental facilities or portable dental operations must be registered with the State Board of Dentistry. Board members reviewed a draft of a “survey” (memo) designed to identify and locate the owners/operators of the portable facilities in order to have them register with the Board. The survey will be mailed to all dentists and dental hygienists licensed in the State. Board members also reviewed a draft of an Application Form for the Registration of Mobile Dental Facilities. Dr. Bedell recommended the Legislative Committee review this material and work with the staff in implementing the registration process for mobile dental facilities. A regulation will have to be drafted to establish a “registration fee” for the facilities. Committee Members were appointed as follows: Dr. Millwood, Chairman; Dr. Cranford; Dr. Dixon, and Ms. Riffe.

**Motion:** Dr. Dixon moved that the Board authorize the staff to move forward with the drafting of a Regulation to establish a registration fee for mobile dental facilities. The motion received a second from Dr. Assey. The motion passed.

2007 License Renewal – It was reported that the renewal forms/certificates will be ordered within the next few weeks.

Newsletter – Board members reviewed the final draft of the summer 2006 Newsletter. After discussion, it was noted that a couple of corrections will be made to the final draft. Dr. Snowden, Editor, stated that it should be finalized and posted on the Board’s web page within the next week or two.

#### Review Letters to the Board

South Carolina Dental Hygiene Educators Association (SCDHEA) – Board members reviewed a letter from Dr. Martha H. Hanks, Director, Allied Dental Education Programs. The letter stated that the South Carolina Dental Hygiene Educators Association had met on February 16, 2006, at which time its members agreed to request the Board “to immediately take action to initiate a formal policy change related to 40-15-140 (SC Code of Laws) whereby it accepts “the applicant’s graduation from a Commission accredited dental hygiene program as practical demonstration of the applicant’s skill.” Barbara Ankersen, RDH, of Trident Technical College, and Becky Marchi, R.D.H., of Midlands Technical College, representatives from SCDHEA, met with the Board and explained their position in requesting elimination of the clinical boards. The SCDHEA recommends that the South Carolina technical college’s Commission accredited dental hygiene faculty be the entity that attests to the applicant’s “practical demonstration of applicant skills.” Ms. Ankersen and Ms. Marchi stated that a clinical board is not a good indication of a clinician’s ability, and that the requirement for hygiene graduates to undergo additional clinical testing is an excessive and unnecessary financial burden. Dr. Bedell thanked them for meeting

with the Board and stated that the Board would take the matter under advisement. Dr. Bedell will respond to Dr. Hanks' letter.

#### National Dental Association

Board members reviewed a letter from the National Dental Association requesting the Board to "extend the provisional licenses that you have already granted to these displaced doctors through December 31, 2007. This will permit them the additional time to reopen existing practices, establish new ones or locate permanent employment in another state, as well as consolidate their belongings and families." The Board noted that its new legislation allowing dentists to become licensed by credentials in South Carolina should afford these dentists the opportunity to continue to practice their profession. The Board accepted the Association's letter as information.

Dr. Bedell stated that she had talked with Dean Sanders from MUSC-College of Dental Medicine, about the future of exams at MUSC. Both the SRTA (Southern Regional Dental Testing Agency, Inc.) exam and the ADEX (American Dental Examination) were administered at MUSC this year. Dr. Bedell noted that Dr. Sanders would like to see the testing agencies come together with one exam. Dr. Snowden commented that he feels that ADEX is the exam of the future and that more states are going to accept ADEX because it allows for greater mobility. Ms. Riffe stated that she may contact the school and suggest that they communicate with the SCDHEA regarding future testing dates.

At 4:50 p.m., the meeting was continued until Saturday, July 22, 2006.

On Saturday, July 22, 2006, at 8:45 a.m., Dr. Bedell called the meeting to order. She noted that the following members were excused from the meeting: Dr. Bragdon; Dr. Assey; Ms. Riffe and Ms. Duncan. Staff members present were Mr. Alvey and Mr. Buxton.

**Motion:** Dr. Cranford moved that the Board go into Executive Session to conduct the specialty examinations. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. Motion carried.

Board members and deputized Specialty Examiners administered the State Board Specialty Examinations. Following the exams, the Board came out of Executive Session and voted as follows.

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved that the Board grant a license to practice specialty to the following individuals based on their successful completion of the State Board Specialty Exam and meeting all requirements for licensure. The motion received a second from Dr. Cranford. Motion carried.

#### Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

Dr. James D. Leitner, III  
Dr. Kenneth B. Reagin  
Dr. Keith S. Wickizer  
Dr. James L. Woods, Jr.

#### Periodontics

Dr. Walker T. Pendarvis  
Dr. Anny V. Zalesne

Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Kimberly K. Coxe  
Dr. Terri H. Hubbard  
Dr. Robert M. Myers  
Dr. Allen S. Porter

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Roy R. Bryant, Jr.  
Dr. John M. Morgan, IV

Endodontics

Dr. Aaron P. Burleson  
Dr. William T. Gillespie  
Dr. George G. Kitchens  
Dr. Anish N. Patel  
Dr. Rodney G. Southern

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey  
Administrator