

MINUTES
S.C. Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
January 12-13, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
Columbia, South Carolina

On Friday, January 12, 2007, Dr. William D. Cranford, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Other members present included: Dr. C. Timothy Assey; Dr. Michelle D. Bedell; Dr. Thomas M. Dixon, Ms. Genie M. Duncan; Dr. David W. Jones; Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H., Secretary; and Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, Vice President.

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

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Mr. Tom Hughes, Mr. David Jordan, and Dr. James Mercer.

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, organization or news media in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. Dr. Cranford stated he would like to add discussion of upcoming exams. Dr. Bedell asked that SRTA update be added to the agenda. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the October 27-28, 2006 meeting. **Motion:** Dr. Assey moved the minutes be approved as presented. Dr. Millwood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

General Dentistry

Dr. Jason H. Lee

Dr. Michael G. Cardozo

Dr. Christopher M. Harris

Dr. Tu-Wanda M. Martin

Dr. JuliAnn M. Padula

Dr. Nhung T. Phan

Dr. Rush-Baker G. Caldwell

Dr. William B. Kenna, III

Dr. Vanessa N. Vargas

Dr. Garland L. Slagle

Motion: Dr. Assey moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a specialty license to individuals who had met all requirements for licensure. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Dental Specialist

Dr. William A. Trotter, IV – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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

Dental Hygienists

Nikki C. Ouzts
Iris H. Kornhauser
Lesa K. Patton
Janet Capozzi
Kendra L. Custer
Jennifer S. G. Franklin
Anne D. Johnson
Bryn Kopacz
Kath A. Wawrzyniak

Diane L. Lafond
Pamela D. Morfin
Tonia Y. Ashley
Cathy S. Baus
Judy A. Kilgore
Ekta Patel
Heather D. Watt
Tiffany D. Dominy

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a dental technician registration to the individual who had met all requirements for registration. The motion received a second from Dr. Millwood. The motion carried.

Dental Technician

Eric P. Redd

Election of Board Officers: 7/1/07 – 6/30/08

Dr. Cranford opened the floor for nominations for secretary. **Motion:** Dr. Snowden nominated Dr. Millwood for secretary. The motion received a second from Ms. Duncan. There being no further nominations, the nomination carried.

Dr. Cranford opened the floor for nominations for vice president. **Motion:** Dr. Millwood nominated Dr. Assey for vice president. The nomination received a second from Dr. Snowden. There being no further nominations, the nomination carried.

Dr. Cranford opened the floor for nominations for president. **Motion:** Dr. Assey nominated Dr. Snowden for president. Dr. Bedell seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nomination carried.

Dr. Cranford questioned staff if the \$2,000 fee for dental licensure by credentials had had any impact on the number of applications received by the Board. Mr. Buxton replied negatively.

Mrs. Riffe arrived at the meeting at this time.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing licensure and disciplinary matters. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bedell and passed.

Following Board appearances, Dr. Cranford announced the meeting back in public session and the Board voted in the following matters.

In the matter of Dr. Robert G. Jamison the Board voted to accept the panel's recommendation in this matter. [It was noted for the record that Dr. Cranford recused himself from hearing/voting in this matter.]

Motion: Dr. Jones moved the Board offer a restricted instructor license subject to an agreement modification between the Board and Dr. Levitan. The agreement would state that Dr. Levitan will not treat patients in a faculty practice or a private practice setting. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. Motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board accept the January 5, 2007 IRC Report as presented. Dr. Millwood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The IRC Report included the following cases:

Dismissals

2005-86 2006-9 2006-14 2006-66 2006-96

Formal Complaints

2005-72 2006-89

Letters of Caution

2005-101 2006-57 2006-58

Dr. Assey recognized Elliott Willis, staff investigator. He stated that, at his request, Mr. Willis addressed the Charleston Dental Society in regard to complaints and the complaint process.

Discussion Topics:

Update: 2007 Re-registration

Mr. Buxton stated the majority of the renewals were completed online. He further stated the system is efficient. He noted Annie Heyward and Sheilah Jones have done an outstanding job with the renewals this registration period.

Dr. Bedell asked staff how the number (210) of individuals who have not renewed at this time compares to last year. Mrs. Heyward replied that the number of individuals not renewing this time last year was higher. Mrs. Jones stated that last year certified reminders were mailed to 400 individuals. Reminders will be mailed this year on January 30, 2007.

Legislative Update:

Dr. Millwood stated he is aware of three bills that concern the Board. The Board reviewed Senate Bill 95, which would require that mobile dental facility and portable dental operation registrants keep records at a central location or at the portable dental operation.

The Board discussed 39-18(H) which states that a mobile dental facility that accepts a patients and provides dental treatment ,but does not follow-up with treatment when treatment is clearly indicated, is considered to be abandoning the patient.

The Board briefly discussed the "Charitable Health Care Services Act." Mr. Buxton briefed the Board on this bill. He noted the agency's legislative liaison is asking for each Board's position on this bill so she would know whether or not the bill should be tracked.

Dr. Cranford suggested the Board members take the "Charitable Health Care Services Act" with them to review and that staff send the members an email requesting their opinion.

Mr. Millwood briefed the Board on the proposed dental technology bill. He further stated Tom Hughes of the Dental Laboratory Association had briefed him on the bill. He noted Mrs. Zeman suggested that Section 2 of an earlier draft of the bill should be deleted as South Carolina does

not have licensure/registration reciprocity with any other state. He further stated the bill states that dentists could not send work to out-of-state or international laboratories unless the laboratory has a dental technician registered in South Carolina.

Mr. Tom Hughes of the SC Dental Laboratory Association discussed the bill, including the enforcement of the bill, with the Board and asked if the Board would sponsor the bill.

Motion: Dr. Millwood moved the Board take the position that it is not opposed to the bill as presented by the SC Dental Association and the SC Dental Laboratory Association. The motion received a second by Dr. Jones. After some discussion on this matter, Dr. Millwood withdrew his motion.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board have no position on this bill. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

The Board recommended Mr. Hughes allow the Board to review the revised bill prior to submittal to the legislature.

i-CAT – CBCT machine

Dr. James Mercer discussed with the Board the i-CAT – CBCT machine. The Board had received a letter from Dr. Larry Ferguson, President of the SC Dental Association asking the Board to revisit its decision in concert with DHEC in regard to the operation of a cone beam CT (CBCT) machine in dental offices. The Board also received a copy of a letter from Aaron Gantt, Chief, Bureau of Radiological Health (DHEC) addressed to Phil Latham, Deputy Executive Director of the SC Dental Association. This letter states that DHEC would allow dental assistants and dental hygienists to operate CT x-ray machines provided certain conditions were met. These conditions include:

1. Each dental assistant and dental hygienist that operates a dental x-ray machine must possess a current valid certificate issued by the SC Board of Dentistry or a diploma from an accredited school.
2. For a dental assistant and dental hygienist to operate a dental CT x-ray machine, they must have documentation of machine specific training on these units. All training provided by the Application Specialist of dental CT x-ray machines must be documented on site. Dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants not present during the initial training, must receive their machine specific training from the CT applications trained dentist only. This training must also be documented.
3. All dental facilities that wish to possess a dental CT x-ray machine will be required to have a shielding plan submitted and approved by the Department prior to the installation of the CT scanner or any CT type component. The shielding application fee must be submitted with the shielding plan and application.
4. All dental CT x-ray machines will be required to have initial and annual testing by a Class IX vendor. Records of this testing must be kept for at least five years.
5. Each patient undergoing dental radiography to include dental CT scans shall be protected with a lead apron.
6. The exposure switch on these dental CT units must be mounted behind the protective barrier in such a way that the operator must remain behind the protective barrier while still being able to view the patient during the exposure. Wireless or remote exposure switches will not be permitted.

Dr. Snowden stated he believes the Board would need to change the wording on item number one since dental assistants do not have to receive formal training, except in x-ray training.

Dr. Mercer stated he believes their intent is the on-the-job trained dental assistants that pass the test given by the association and then applies to the Board for licensure. He further stated DHEC wants an individual from an accredited school or certification for x-ray training. He went on to say DHEC wants machine-specific training for the dentist's office. Dr. Mercer noted he was representing the SC Dental Association during this meeting.

Dr. Bedell asked that the wording "x-ray" be added to item number one so that it reads, "Each dental assistant and dental hygienist that operates a dental x-ray machine must possess a current valid **x-ray** certificate issued by the SC Board of Dentistry or a diploma from an accredited school." Dr. Mercer noted that was DHEC's intent. The Board concurred with the letter as no Board member objected to the content of the letter from Dr. Gantt.

Mrs. Riffe stated she and Dr. Bragdon attended the SRTA educators' meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. She further stated it was her first opportunity to view how the dental hygiene exam is administered and likes the fact that it is complete anonymity. She also likes the oral evaluation form. She went on to say she is concerned with the computer portion of the exam. She noted the answers are very vague. She said the fees may go up every year and are set by ADEX. She went on to say she does not have a problem with the exam or the results; however, she does not feel this is the national exam.

Review Specialty Board Exam (1/13/07)

Dr. Cranford stated a specialty exam will be administered tomorrow for a prosthodontist. He went on to say Dr. Snowden and Dr. Millwood would be administering the exam.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board move to a computer generated signed license. The motion received a second from Mrs. Riffe. The motion carried.

Review Letters

- (1) The Board reviewed a letter to Dr. Kinlaw from ADEX.
- (2) The Board reviewed a letter from John Cosby concerning ADEX.
- (3) The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Sanders.
- (4) The Board reviewed a bill from the dental school asking the Board which exam to take.
- (5) The Board reviewed the SRTA schedule. Dr. Snowden stated he has set the exam schedule. He went on to say Dr. Dixon is now the exam chairman. Dr. Bedell noted changes to the exam schedule would be noted in the back.
- (6) The Board reviewed information regarding the Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners coming up the end of January 2007. Dr. Millwood, Dr. Dixon and Dr. Bedell are attending the conference.
- (7) The Board reviewed information regarding the American Association of Dental Examiners meeting in Chicago, Illinois on March 25-26, 2007.

SRTA/ADEX Update

Dr. Cranford stated the Board has received a letter from Dr. Narramore of SRTA dated January 11, 2007.

Dr. Bedell asked Dr. Jones if he knows anything about the AGD guidelines. Dr. Jones stated the guidelines are not outrageous; however, it locks some dentists in. He went on to say periodontists feel they are being held to a higher standard.

Dr. Bedell stated as of January 11, 2007 there are 46 candidates to take the exam. She further stated she is going to the SRTA Board meeting in Richmond on January 22, 2007.

Dr. Cranford stated educators want a national exam.

Dr. Snowden stated he received a call from Mrs. Zeman in regard to the licensing by credentials applications. He went on to say he, Dr. Bedell, and Dr. Bragdon have been receiving information on applications for licensing by credentials and approving the "clean" applications. However, since Dr. Bragdon is no longer serving on the Board and Dr. Bedell would be leaving soon, he would need two other Board members to assist in screening the applications. He noted that any application with a red flag and the committee feels the Board should review the application they would advise her of such. Dr. Cranford stated he and Dr. Jones would assist Dr. Snowden in screening the applications.

Dr. Snowden stated he received an e-mail from John Cosby stating he had contacted Barry Ogden, from Louisiana, to discuss the possible membership to ADEX. The email further states Mr. Ogden was under the impression there was a possible conflict since he participates in CITA. The e-mail states that unless Mr. Kinlaw objects Mr. Ogden feels Louisiana should participate in ADEX.

Schedule Upcoming Meetings

The Board tentatively scheduled a meeting for June 1, 2007. If the Board does not need to meet on June 1, 2007, the next meeting will be held on July 20-21, 2007.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second from Mrs. Riffe. The motion carried.

The January 12, 2007 meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

***Note:** The State Board Specialty Examination was administered on Saturday, January 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey
Administrator