

MINUTES
S.C. Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
June 1, 2007
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
Columbia, South Carolina

On Friday, June 1, 2007, Dr. William D. Cranford, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Other members present included: *Dr. C. Timothy Assey; Dr. Michelle D. Bedell; Dr. Thomas A. Dixon; Ms. Genie M. Duncan; Dr. David W. Jones; Dr. Charles E. Millwood; Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H., Secretary; and Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, Vice President.

Staff members present included: Ken Buxton, Administrator; Annie Heyward, Administrative Specialist; and Kay Parrish, Administrative Assistant. Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel; Sheridon Spoon, Deputy General Counsel, and Elliott Willis, Investigator, OIE; were also present.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Dr. Hugh Coleman, Dr. Martha Hanks, Dr. David Holloway, and Frank Sheheen.

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.

Dr. Cranford noted a change in the agenda. He stated Discussion Topics #10 and #11 would be moved to Topic #1 and Topic #2. He added Dr. Millwood's discussion on Expert Reviewers as Topic #13. The agenda was accepted with the changes and addition.

Dr. Cranford asked Mr. Buxton to update the Board on the changes in staff. He said he understands Mr. Buxton is now the Board Administrator and congratulated him on receiving this position. Mr. Buxton stated Mrs. Terri Zeman has retired from the agency; however, she is now a contract employee assisting Mr. Alvey with the Office of Investigations and Enforcement. He noted Mrs. Zeman has also been assisting Ms. Kay Parrish, who accepted Mrs. Zeman's position with the Board. He went on to say Mrs. Sheilah Jones, a Board staff member for 13 years, has accepted a position with the Board of Social Workers. He said Mr. Rion Alvey has now accepted the position of Administrator for the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 12-13, 2007 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The Board members then reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2007 conference call minutes. Mrs. Riffe noted that Dr. Bedell's name in the first paragraph on page one is misspelled. Dr. Jones asked that his name be added to the first paragraph of page one. The minutes were approved with the noted corrections.

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion 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 Mrs. Riffe. The motion carried.

General Dentistry

Dr. John T. Hess

Dr. Roger T. Brown

Dr. Fred Danizger

Dr. Alexander Royzenblat

Dr. Melissa R. Backman

Dr. Kimberly D. Howard

Dr. Troy M. Lawhorn

Dr. John G. Ramsbottom, III

Dr. Joseph D. Bonaville

Dr. Benjamin G. Adams

Dr. Brian R. cherry

Dr. Katie H. Bridges

Dr. Mitchell E. Weiner
Dr. Todd Asarch
Dr. Michael S. Brandon, Jr.
Dr. Russell B. McCracken
Dr. Anna J. Kunze
Dr. John H. Ambrose
Dr. Mehul Gadhia
Dr. Marquez T. Sams
Dr. David F. Watson, III
Dr. David M. Vieth
Dr. Julie I. Waldrep
Dr. Mary N. Stroud

Dr. Robert J. Renner, Jr.
Dr. Alberto L. Saenz
Dr. Joseph M. Andreas
Dr. Rick K. Biethman
Dr. Skipper C. Cheesman
Dr. Timothy R. Liptak
Dr. Ashmita J. Shah
Dr. Dennis C. Gesser
Dr. Lee A. Holstein
Dr. George F. Priest, Jr.
Dr. Robee Bailey, Jr.
Dr. Gerald J. Maher

Dr. Ashley G. Covington
Dr. Jason J. Davis
Dr. Jennifer H. Doobrow
Dr. Rainey L. Fair
Dr. Bennett T. Hammett
Dr. Charles T. Hazelrigg, III
Dr. James D. Hill
Dr. Carrie B. Jordan
Dr. Mayes A. McEntire
Dr. Michael R. Munn
Dr. Raquel Pacheco

American Board Diplomate Approved

William C. Morgan, Jr., DDS

Joseph M. Andreas, DMD

Motion: Ms. Riffe made a motion 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. Bedell. The motion carried.

Dental Hygienists

Diane Y. Ciardi
Kara N. Oleksyn
Kristie G. Boatz
Edith Otero
Kwojaleyn L. Washington
Lisa M. Chepurus
Laura A. Lundy
Kimberly A. Reed
Lisa A. Gioffre
Debra G. Sunderwirth

Kathryn L. Fish
Stephanie S. Cordoba
Alan F. Hight
Marian R. Sumrell
Julia E. Barnhardt
Bobbie D. Demaio
Nancy O. McPherson
Kim A. Ammons
Chantal V. Leonard-Rubin
Cynthia L. Tunney

Mary C. Hammill
Wendy M. Blew
Judith G. Lubin
Theresa L. Tighe-Tuttle
Dawn M. Chamblee
Abby C. Kearns
Angela B. Ownbey
Sandra G. Gaines
Deborah J. McGarry
Diane L. Vowell

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a dental technician license to the individual who had met all requirements for licensure. The motion received a second from Mrs. Duncan. The motion carried.

Dental Technician

Andy G. Peele

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion the Board ratify its previous decision to grant an orthodontic technician license to the individual who had met all requirements for licensure. The motion received a second from Mrs. Duncan. The motion carried.

Orthodontic Technician

Adrienne G. Phlegar

*Dr. Assey arrived at this time.

Dr. Snowden stated he had received a telephone call from Dr. Stukes regarding a candidate who has sent in all of his documentation with the exception of the grade transcript. He went on to say the dentist is asking if the Board could tentatively approve the individual pending receipt of the transcript.

Motion: Dr. Snowden moved the Board approve the application pending receipt of the transcript. Dr. Assey seconded the motion.

Discussion on this matter ensued, which included a possible policy on tentative approval of all applicants pending receipt of transcripts. Mrs. Dantzler stated in order for the Board to make a binding decision on an issue in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), it must meet as a body such as it is currently doing. She noted the Board could not make a binding decision in an electronic meeting; however, the Board could make a decision during a conference call meeting. She further stated that any items placed on an agenda less than 24 hours prior to the meeting cannot be legally voted upon. She recommended the Board hold a conference call meeting the first week in July to vote on those candidates who are waiting on the transcripts.

Mrs. Dantzler recommended the Board adjust its policy to give staff authorization to approve those candidates who have submitted all documentation, but are waiting on the transcripts. She suggested the Board place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting to allow staff to research the matter.

Dr. Snowden withdrew his motion at this time.

Motion: Mrs. Riffe made a motion the Board ratify its previous decision to grant a license and reinstatement by credential to the individuals who had met all requirements for licensure and reinstatement. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

General Dentists

Dr. John H. Atcheson
Dr. Shailla D. Mohip

Dr. Samuel G. Holtzclaw, Jr.
Dr. Alina Muntean

Dr. Me'Chell L. James
Dr. Thaddeus H. Vincent, Jr.

Dental Hygienists

Jason C. Alderman
Casey M. Lusk
Elizabeth A. Paden

Terri A. Dickinson
Lydia N. Mays

Kathryn A. Lee
Melissa F. Murphy

Reinstatement

Edward J. Givens, Jr., DDS

The Board heard a presentation from Frank Sheheen in regard to the Recovering Professional Program: Initial Outcome Report.

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion the Board enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing a licensure matter. The motion received a second from Mrs. Riffe. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice in the licensure matter. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

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

Dr. Cranford announced the meeting back in public session and noted that there were no motions offered or made during executive session.

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion the SC Board of Dentistry deny the application for reinstatement for Dr. David Wayne Holloway. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

The Board briefly recessed at 10:45 a.m. and returned to public session at 10:55 a.m.

Dr. Cranford stated the Board has held elections and that Dr. Charles Wade, of Lancaster, and Ms. Sherry Williams, a dental hygienist from Greer, have been elected to the Board

Ms. Parrish stated the Governor's Office would be making an announcement on Dr. Bedell's seat in approximately two to three weeks. She went on to say the Governor's Office would then work on Mrs. Duncan's seat.

Dr. Assey briefed the Board in regard to the IRC Report.

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion the Board accept the IRCs recommendation in regard to the cases for dismissal. The motion received a second from Dr. Assey. The motion carried.

Dismissals

2006-6	2006-15	2006-50	2006-61
2006-63	2006-64	2006-69	2006-71
2006-73	2006-74	2006-76	2006-101
2006-102	2006-105	2006-108	2006-109
2006-111	2006-124	2007-10	2007-17
2007-28			

Motion: Dr. Snowden made a motion the Board accept the IRCs recommendation in regard to the cases for formal complaint. The motion received a second from Mrs. Riffe. The motion carried.

Formal Complaints

2006-3	2006-7	2006-19	2006-84
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Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion the Board accept the IRCs recommendation in regard to the cases for letters of caution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Riffe. The motion carried.

Letters of Caution

2006-65	2006-67	2006-91	2006-113
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Dr. Millwood recommended the Board use Dr. Harold Peacock, Dr. Scott Wietecha, Dr. Charles Baumgardner, Dr. Frank Hines, Dr. Bob Logreen, Dr. Richard Borg, and Dr. Frank Hines as expert reviewers for the IRC process/disciplinary cases.

The Board heard a presentation regarding CSW from Dr. Bedell. Dr. Bedell stated the candidates now take the exam on the computer. She went through the tutorial portion of the exam with the Board members. She said the exam does not repeat national I or II questions. She noted the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) and REV are currently using this testing system.

Dr. Cranford stated he attended the AADE mid year meeting, which was held in Chicago. He further stated it was an interesting meeting. He noted the website is aadexam.org. He presented the members with a summary of the meeting. He said discussions included workforce models coming down: oral preventive assessment (OPA), dental health aid therapists

(DHAT), community dental health coordinator (CDHC), and advanced dental hygiene practitioner (ADHP). He went on to say these work forces were compared to work forces in the medical field. He stated the dental association would likely oppose a lot of the models. He encouraged the Board to send a representative to next year's meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Cranford stated the AADE will hold an upcoming meeting September 26-27, 2007 in San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Riffe stated the Board is charged with an important responsibility and should take that responsibility seriously. She went on to say being dentists and hygienists doesn't automatically make the members experienced examiners. She continued by saying the Board has not had full representation at the AADE or the ADEA meetings since she became a member. She believes receiving the information second or third hand or not having time to read through the volumes of information brought from the meetings cannot make the written word say anything. She thinks it is critical the information and networking received at these meetings teaches the members to know what a good exam is or is not. She said she and Dr. Bedell would still be able to examine after they have rotated off the Board because they would be associate members.

Dr. Cranford gave a brief background on the ADEX and the CRDTS examinations. He stated giving two exams with the PIE each year is constraining for the schools. He noted the schools would like to give only one exam each year as it costs the schools a good bit of money. He said there is also a bit of confusion on the graduates as to which exam to take.

Dr. Snowden stated the faculty and staff of MUSC are begging the Board to narrow the examinations. He went on to say it is not the school's responsibility to determine which exam to administer. He feels the Board needs to have an open discussion during this meeting on the exams.

Dr. Cranford stated he had hoped a national exam would now be available; however, that is not the case. He went on to say he has a regional report regarding the exams.

Dr. Jones stated he has no experience with the examinations.

Dr. Dixon stated he administered the periodontal portion of the ADEX exam in 2006. He further stated he administered a PIE I exam this year on behalf of SRTA. He believes the PIE II examination would be administered prior to the next Board meeting. He believes the SRTA and ADEX exams are both good exams, but he does not like the fact the endodontic portion of the ADEX exam is given on a plastic tooth and not a real tooth. He said the examination is probably fair since the graduates are given the same tooth. He thinks the notion of moving toward not working on patients must be more important and he could understand the value of that.

Dr. Bedell stated she has spoken with Dr. Rusty Newton and a periodontist who both feel this is a better way to test students these days.

Dr. Millwood stated he is on the Board of ADEX and has attended one meeting but has not administered an ADEX examination. He further stated SRTA has a good reputation in South Carolina. He continued by saying ADEX has not delivered what it has said it would. He went on to say he has administered three exams for SRTA, in Charleston, at Midlands Technical College, and at Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Assey stated he has administered SRTA exams in Charleston and at Midlands Technical College. He believes both exams are good and that there are a lot of politics behind the scene. He went on to say if he had to vote today he would move toward SRTA.

Dr. Snowden stated he has not administered any SRTA exams this year, although he has administered CRDTS and ADEX exams at MUSC earlier in the year. He went on to say an examiner could choose which portion of the exam to administer. He continued by saying the ADEX exam has been accepted into 46 states. He noted Georgia has accepted the ADEX exam, but does not accept the SRTA exam and that North Carolina does not recognize SRTA or ADEX.

Dr. Cranford stated as of April 30, 2007 Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and North Carolina do not recognize the SRTA exam.

Mrs. Riffe stated she has administered SRTA exams at MUSC, the University of Kentucky at Lexington, and Midlands Technical College. She further stated the exams have gone smoother than ever. She went on to say SRTA has upgraded the calibrations and has a new executive director. She noted South Carolina graduates double the amount of hygienists than dentists. She read into record a letter from SRTA. She has done some research on ADEX and CRDTS.

Dr. Cranford stated he has been disappointed with SRTA over the years. He went on to say he examined a lot with SRTA the first three years he has been on the Board, he did one exam in 2005, he did not conduct any SRTA exams last year and has not done any SRTA exams in 2007. He noted there were complaints from the Board in regard to the administration and he's glad there have now been changes. He has administered an ADEX exam on two occasions and was impressed with the calibration. He noted the age and constraints of the MUSC building puts the Board at a disadvantage. He is more uncomfortable with SRTA than with ADEX and he does not plan to examine with SRTA again. He will probably submit his resignation to SRTA.

Dr. Bedell stated she has done ADEX and SRTA exams over the years. She has conducted the SRTA exam for seven years. Some of the concerns she has received are that the graduates have a difficult time locating patients for the procedures, down time in the clinic, and mobility. She said there is less cost to administer the SRTA exam. She noted 46 candidates took the SRTA exam this year and that 95% of the graduates stay in South Carolina. She went on to say she likes some of the aspects of the ADEX exam. She said they calibrate for five procedures in three hours. She likes the grading and grading one item, however, she does not like having to spend six hours calibrating for composites and one other item. She went to say that California and NRVE have fallen out with ADEX leadership. She stated the pass rates between the exams are equal.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved the Board advise MUSC to administer the SRTA exam for the 2007/2008 school year. Dr. Millwood seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion ensued. Dr. Bedell reworded the motion to state the Board recommends MUSC administer the SRTA exam for the 2007/2008 school year, but continue to recognize both the SRTA and ADEX exams for licensure. During the discussion it was noted that ADEX does not have a technical manual and cannot produce a manual. Dr. Martha Hanks stated she hopes the Board is not saying it would accept SRTA or CRDTS at this time for dental hygiene as she does not think CRDTS administered clinical exam has been refined enough for the patient.

The vote on the original motion carried with a majority vote of members voting in favor of the motion, three members voting against the motion, and two members abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Cranford stated a letter should be drafted from the Board to MUSC advising them to administer the SRTA exam for the 2007/2008 school year although it does not restrict them from administering the ADEX exam during that same time period.

Dr. Cranford asked the Board member to peruse the information regarding AADE meeting since the matter had already been discussed.

Dr. Cranford stated he had received information from Dr. Carol Player of ACD regarding available on-line ethics courses. He went on to say when he served on the IRC and the recommendation was made for an individual to take an ethics course, the Board did not know where the individual was taking the course.

The Board then discussed legislative issues. Mr. Buxton briefed the Board on H.3940, which is a Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) related bill. He further stated the bill amends the law in regard to the search and duplication of medical records, the monetary fees involved in the search of duplication of the medical records. He noted the bill was introduced after the deadline for crossover and was basically to get a response to the bill. He went on to say Mr. Rick Wilson's advice is that the agency adopts a neutral stance on the bill at this moment. He said he has spoken with Hal Zorn of the SC Dental Association who said they were going to table further discussions until later in the year.

Mr. Buxton stated Bill S.95 was introduced and promulgated by the SC Dental Association. He further stated the bill amends Section 40-15-172 related to mobile dental facilities. He said the registrant must keep records at a central office location and provides that in the instance of fees for service patients, a description of the treatment and fees must be provided to the patient. He noted he attended all of the subcommittee and committee meetings in the Senate and the House.

Mr. Buxton stated S.95 sets aside the implementation of fees for mobile dental facilities and the issuance of renewal fees, registration and inspections. He further stated the bill moved through the Senate with no problem; however late opposition was voiced through the SC Dental Association while the bill was in the House. He went on to say approximately two days prior to the bill being heard by the full committee in the House he received word that there may be problems regarding exemptions of the FQHC's. He noted the information had been circulating for one year. He went on to say the federal government already has their hand involved in some of the mobile dental facilities and that they are responsible for several of the federal guidelines already set forth. He said the FQHC's feels it is unreasonable for additional requirements set forth by the State of South Carolina. He continued by saying he was advised by Mr. Randy Bryant and the legislative committee to withdraw the bill and to resubmit the bill during the 2008 legislative session.

The Board then discussed the draft policy and procedure for the licensure/registration/reinstatement. Ms. Parrish stated Mrs. Zeman drafted a policy on the protocol on faxed applications. Dr. Cranford stated an individual passed the SRTA exam, practiced for many years and then and then went to endodontics school. He went on to say that although the individual had the years, because he had been in school and it had been five years since he had taken the SRTA exam, he would be required to re-take the exam. He noted the individual has been working in residency and teaching. He said the individual would be allowed to appear before the Board during its next meeting if this policy is approved.

The draft policy states:

Applicants for a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene; restricted instructor or volunteer dental or dental hygiene license; registration as a dental or orthodontic technician; or reinstatement of license/registration must complete an application, submit the appropriate fee, and successfully complete an examination (oral, written, practical, or by any combination or such methods as the Board may in its discretion require). All applicants for

license/registration/reinstatement must successfully complete the Dental Practice Act (jurisprudence) Examination with a score of 75 or better.

Motion: Dr. Bedell made a motion the Board approve the draft policy regarding the application review process. Dr. Snowden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Riffe stated she asked that the reinstatement requirements for dental hygienists be placed on the agenda. She went on to say she had been advised the policy had been changed; however, she is unable to locate the change. She said there had been a situation where a hygienist wants to reinstate her license and she hasn't practiced for a certain number years, she would have to take the SRTA exam. She wanted to revisit this issue because she has found a hands-on class available at Trident Technical College, Midlands Technical College and Tennessee. She stated the class is entitled "Re-entry to the Work Force" program, which is a 37-hour program. She feels this would be an excellent program rather than taking a clinical exam.

Motion: Ms. Riffe moved the Board amend the policy that dentists and hygienists seeking reinstatement are allowed to take a Board approved re-entry program instead of taking a Board approved licensing exam. Dr. Snowden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the licensure by credential / rural exemption. Dr. Snowden stated the Board's concern was that the Board was licensing several individuals who were moving to Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head and Charleston. Mr. Buxton stated he has spoken with Ms. Heyward who informed him there are only three license-by-credential waiver forms used for rural counties. Mrs. Heyward stated the Board has licensed 50 individuals by credentials.

The Board reviewed the upcoming specialty board exams. Dr. Snowden stated the specialty board exams would be given in July. Mrs. Heyward stated staff is working on getting the examiners scheduled. She noted the cut off date is June 6, 2007.

The Board determined that the next hearings/Board Meeting will be on Friday, July 20th with Specialty Exams on Saturday July 21st. Future board meetings and specialty exams will be determined at the July 20th, 2007 Board Meeting.

Dr. Snowden recommended Dr. Millwood serve on the IRC.

The Board presented a plaque to Dr. Cranford for his time and service to the Board.

Adjournment

The June 1, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Dentistry adjourned at 1:10 p.m.