

MINUTES
S.C. Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
January 11, 2008
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
Columbia, South Carolina

On Friday, January 11, 2008, Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, President, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Other members present included: Dr. C. Timothy Assey, Vice President, Dr. Charles Millwood, Jr., Secretary, Ms. Genie M. Duncan, Dr. Felicia Goins, Dr. David Jones, Dr. Charles Wade, and Sherie Williams, R.D.H.

Dr. Thomas M. Dixon was granted an excused absence.

Staff members present included: Rion Alvey, Administrator; Kay Parrish, Administrative Assistant; and Sherry Bailey, Administrative Specialist. Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Sheridan Spoon, Deputy General Counsel; Shirley Robinson, Hearing Attorney; and Elliott Willis, Investigator, OIE; were also present.

Dr. Snowden announced that 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.

Dr. Snowden formally welcomed Dr. Charles Wade to the Board as a new member.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion received a second from Ms. Duncan. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 26, 2007 meeting. **Motion:** Dr. Assey made a motion the minutes from the October 26, 2007 meeting be approved as written. The motion received a second from Dr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board ratify its previous decision to license the following applicants who have met all SRTA/CRDTS/ (ADEX/ADLEX)/Credentials and American Board Diplomate (Specialist) requirements for licensure. The motion received a second from Dr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Dentists

Charles Delaine, DMD
Matthew P. Bednar, DDS
Lisa M. Cherry, DDS
Mark J. Janosky, DMD
Allyson L. Sheffield, DDS
Randy M. Feldman, DDS

Vinh Tue Vuong, DMD
Chermaine L. Ruth, DMD
Kyle M. Garlitz, DDS
Lillian Martin-Ventura, DDS
Patrick J. McElwee, DMD
Michael J. Pfister, DDS

American Board Specialty Diplomate

Randy M. Feldman, DDS

Lisa M. Cherry, DDS

Restricted Instructor

Fredrick T. Moore

Reinstatement – Dentist

Dorothy Baker-Higuchi, DMD

Kjersti Damsker

Reinstatement – Dental Hygiene

Amy L. Stevens

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board ratify its decision to approve the following applicants who have met all SRTA/CRDTS requirements for licensure. The motion received a second from Dr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Dental Hygienists

Amanda R. Brasher-Langston

Shaniqua D. Alston

Julie Ann Feddersen

Crystal L. French

Andrea Q. Benson

Holly C. Webb

Lauren N. Walker

Shanan M. Carlson

Billie K. Parsons

Angela W. Carpenter

Alisa K. Brown

Sherry Gibson

Frank Sutterlin

Cheryl A. Werner

Cheryl E. Woolwine

Michelle A. Rodriques

Erin Tew

Dianne Harder

Jennifer M. Cerroni

Stephanie R. Waugh

Nadia N. Andrews

Elizabeth R. Romberger

Victoria L. Habitzruther

Lauren N. Weddington

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board enter into executive session to consider disciplinary/investigative matters. The motion received a second from Dr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion: Dr. Millwood made a motion the Board accept the consent agreement in reference to Patrick A. Scioscia, DMD. The motion received a second from Dr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board accept the relinquishment agreement in reference to Dr. Mark Richards. The motion received a second from Ms. Duncan. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Millwood made a motion the Board accept the relinquishment agreement in reference to Dr. Edmund L. Karesh. The motion received a second from Dr. Assey. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board enter into executive session to consider a disciplinary matter. The motion received a second from Dr. Wade. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board return to public session. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board accept Dr. Cohen's dental license application. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

Recess

The Board recessed at 10:10 a.m. and returned to public session at 10:25 a.m.

Return to Public Session

The Board reviewed the IRC Report. **Motion:** Dr. Jones made a motion the Board accept the IRCs recommendation in regard to the cases for dismissal. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion:** Dr. Jones made a motion the Board accept the IRCs recommendation regarding the cases for formal complaints. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

Dismissals			
2006-3	2007-14	2007-21	2007-22
2007-27	2007-57	2007-86	
Formal Complaints			
2007-6	2007-70	2007-79	

The Board then held election of officers as follows.

Motion: Ms. Duncan made a motion the Board elect Dr. Assey as President. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved Dr. Millwood be elected Vice President. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved Dr. Dixon be elected Secretary. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

Elections for the sixth congressional district will be held in March 2008. Dr. Snowden will be rotating off the Board on December 31, 2008.

Mr. Alvey stated Mr. Buxton resigned unexpectedly. He noted he is unsure if the legislation to be filed in 2007 was approved by the Board and submitted.

Mr. Sheridan Spoon stated the regulations were withdrawn last year because time would have run out with the legislature. He discussed other legislation involving nurse anesthetists and exemptions involving federally qualified clinics. He further stated Senate bill 571 would create a dental hygiene board and Senate bill 882 deals with restricted licenses for MUSC instructors. He went on to say a bill dealing with the intern scope was referred to the Medical Affairs Committee in May 2007.

Mr. Alvey briefed the Board on the 2008 re-registration process.

Dr. Assey briefed the Board on the specialty exams scheduled for January 12, 2008. He noted Dr. Snowden and Dr. Millwood would be monitoring the exams as well.

The Board reviewed the policy/procedure in regard to the disciplinary panel members. Mr. Alvey stated there are currently five members on the panel. He is asking the Board to consider changing the number of members from five to three. He went on to say there are currently only two dental hygienists on the panel; however, he would like for more hygienists to serve.

Dr. Snowden asked Ms. Williams to contact dental hygienists and submit names of those who would be willing to serve to Ms. Parrish.

Mr. Alvey suggested that two of the three panel members be dentists in cases involving a dentist and two of three members be dental hygienists if the case involves a hygienist.

Motion: Dr. Assey moved the Board accept the changes to the policy/procedure regarding the disciplinary panel members. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion, in part, would read:

Individual hearing panels shall consist of not less than three members, one of whom shall be designated to serve as Chairman and be the presiding officer. In cases where the Respondent is a dentist the panel shall consist of a minimum of two dentists. In cases where the Respondent is a dental hygienist, the panel shall consist of a minimum of two dental hygienists.

The Board reviewed a letter from Barry D. Hammond, DMD, Assistant Professor, MCG of Dentistry in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Hammond is currently licensed as a dentist; however, he is not practicing as a dentist. He is teaching full time in another state. He is requesting the Board consider introducing legislation to allow persons who hold licensure but do not practice dentistry to keep their license in a non-active status and pay a minimal annual fee.

Motion: Dr. Assey made a motion the Board keep the license categories as they are. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Snowden asked staff to send Mr. Hammond a letter informing him of the Board's decision.

The 2008 AADE mid-year meeting will be held March 9-10, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Snowden cannot attend the meeting; however, Dr. Assey will attempt to attend. Mr. Alvey anticipates attending the administrator portion of the meeting.

Mr. Snowden briefed the Board on the ADA sedation guidelines. He noted this update was for the Board's information only and that no action was needed.

Ms. Susan Duncan, Legislative Liaison for LLR, briefed the Board on the dental van regulations. She stated if the Board approved the proposed regulations during this meeting the Notice of Drafting would appear in the February 2008 State Register.

The Board discussed the comments in regard to the Dental Van Regulations. The main changes dealt with the federally qualified health clinics. The discussion included abandonment and dental emergencies. **Motion:** Dr. Assey moved the Board accept the dental van regulations. The motion received a second from Dr. Millwood. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Dentistry is scheduled for April 4, 2008

Adjournment

Dr. Snowden declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Rion Alvey
Administrator