

**MINUTES
S.C. BOARD OF DENTISTRY
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2008
SYNERGY BUSINESS PARK, KINGSTREE BUILDING
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Dr. C. Timothy Assey, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and announced that public notice was 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 and news media in accordance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Other Board members in attendance:

Dr. Charles E. Millwood, Jr., Vice President, Dr. Thomas M. Dixon, Secretary, Dr. Felicia L. Goins, Dr. David W. Jones, Dr. J. Douglas Snowden, Dr. Charles F. Wade, Ms. Sherie G. Williams (RDH) and Ms. Genie M. Duncan (Layperson).

Staff in attendance:

H. Rion Alvey, LLR-Assistant Deputy, Office of Health Professions (OHP), Veronica Reynolds, Board Administrator, Shirley Robinson, Hearing Officer, Sheridon Spoon, Associate General Counsel, Paula Magargle, Asst. General Counsel, Kathy Meadows and Elliott Willis, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, Terri Zeman, Carolyn Coats, and Mack Williams, Administrative Assistants.

Public in attendance: Tammi O. Byrd, RDH

Adoption of Agenda

Friday, October 31, 2008

Motion: Dr. Millwood made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goins. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Friday, July 11, 2008

Motion: Dr. Millwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2008, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goins. The motion carried.

Ratification of Dentists/Hygienists/Technicians Licensed/Registered

Motion: Dr. Dixon made a motion the Board ratify its previous decision to license the following applicants who have met all SRTA/CRDTS/ADEX/ADLEX/CREDENTIALS/DIPLOMATE requirements for licensure/reinstatement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millwood. The motion carried.

Dentists

William B. Arnold, DMD
Alexis P. Collins, DMD
Mark R. Klopenstine, DDS
Erin R. Strong, DMD
Eric A. Walker, DMD

James A. Bruce, DMD
Jonathan M. Mitchell, DMD
Peter T. Sciarrino, DDS
Shaunna J. Szabo, DMD
Jennifer D. Britt, DMD

Sylvester Adu Boahene, DDS
Julie D. Putman, DMD
Thomas H. Simons, DDS
Robert L. Leff, DMD
Joel W. Darrah, DDS

Jyotika K. Dhawan, DMD
Tamara S. Webster, DDS
David P. Pazandak, DDS
Adam J. DiVincenzo, DMD
Richard F. Porcelli, DDS
Jon J. Blackledge, DMD
Alvaro M. Virgen, DMD
Dana Durlach, DMD
Megan A. O'Malley, DMD
Michael S. Smith, DDS

Mark Espinal, DMD
Michael W. Grzelak, DMD
Michael J. Savoia, DDS
Trenton K. LeBaron, DMD
Elizabeth Viruet, DMD
Jeremy S. Bondurant, DDS
Elise M. Boncher, DDS
Barry B. Sello, DMD
Kyle J. Roth, DDS
Robert S. Anderson, DDS

Farhad Ganjavi, DMD
John F. Hamsher, DDS
Gerald M. Benson, DDS
Christopher T. Reynolds, DMD
Richard-James M. Hansen, DDS
Megan M. Kibbey, DMD
Nahal Badiian-Farahani, DMD
Angela C. Black, DMD
Vernon L. Williams, Jr., DDS
Nancy G. O'Donoghue, DDS

Reinstated Dentist

Thomas J. Began, DDS

Dental Hygienists

Toni S. Baylor
Emily M. Davis
Sara C. Harris
Latonia Lawyer
Kara A. Shores
Brittany A. Doan
Briel A. Heyward
Jennifer L. Nisbett
Jennifer G. Witt
Tammy D. Jenkins
Sarah C. Bull
Charmaine Moore
Melissa A. Womick
Cynthis M. Fleming
Alison R. Ekpunobi
Adrienne E. Harris
Shana D. Snipes
Shelia F. Bootle
Amber S. Henige
Laura D. Taylor
Elizabeth A. Epstein
Crystal Clear B. Masincupp

Crystal R. Brown
Theresa A. Edwards
Alexia Kailipaka
Kelly M. Matthews
Ashley W. Branch
Jennifer L. Hart
Tiffany Q. Jenkins
Mary Thao
Leigh Ann M. Griffin
Tara D. Lindley
Heather E. Byrdic
Ashley E. Powell
Melanie S. Brown
Aprill N. Rodgers
Terri M. Johnson
Carly O. Clark
Rebecca A. Hayes
Megan L. Ellman
Shannon E. Maguire
Patricia J. Lowry
Shannon L. Green

Amy N. Collins
Alexis N. Goins
Lauren B. Kane
Emily F. Montoya
Savitrice U. Broadus
Whitney E. Hendrix
Jeri L. Kiggins
Ashley J. Thornton
Andrea F. James
Vallie L. Tucker
Deborah N. Flippen
Leigh Anne Roper
Katrina R. Cloud
Judith L. Cembalski
Lynette M. Sellers
Julie M. Griffin
Portia M. Henderson
Heather M. Hadley
Lindsay C. Noles
Lee-Anne Scalley
Becky J. McDermott

Lauren H. Buczkowski
Katherine L. Harrington
Jennifer L. Kocher
Julie K. Sandidge
Jacqueline D. Byars
Melissa R. Herring
Deborah L. Lammon
Linda B. Wenger
Lizzette Caro-Figueroa
Connie L. Welden
Nicole S. Franks
Brittnee C. Waldrop
Candis D. Jorgensen
Michelle R. Peleponuk
Julia M. Broadwell
Petrina L. Hutto
Melissa A. Timbs
Samantha C. Bogardus
Kathryn L. Starn
Ashley N. Thomas

Dental Technicians

Jeffery L. Jones

Wayne R. Burrell

Motion: Dr. Millwood made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss disciplinary matters. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried.

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

At Dr. Assey's request, Rick Wilson, attorney with Recovering Professional Program (RPP), gave the Board an overview of the functions of RPP and how it evolved.

Motion: Dr. Jones made a motion that Dr. J. Ron Smith's request to amend his Order be denied. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Motion: Ms. Duncan made a motion the Board return to executive session to discuss disciplinary matters. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins. The motion carried.

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

Motion: Dr. Jones made a motion that Dr. J. Gregory Smith's request to lift his Temporary Suspension Order be denied. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Dr. Edward Perry Trimmier did not appear before the Board as originally scheduled. He will appear before the Board at the January meeting to request reinstatement of his dental license.

The Board reviewed the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) report. **Motion:** Dr. Jones made a motion the Board accept the IRC report with thirty-four (34) Dismissals, five (5) Formal Complaints and one (1) Formal Complaint Unauthorized. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

Dr. Louis E. Costa, II, M.D., D.M.D., gave a verbal and visual presentation to the Board regarding Perioral Procedures and the Dental Practice Act (DPA). He noted that the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) allows registered nurses to perform these procedures (i.e., Botox injections, derma fillers). Dr. Costa also encouraged the Board to consider changing its policy regarding this issue and allowing all dentists to perform such procedures, noting that in many instances, dentists are more qualified to work on this area of the face than nurses or medical doctors.

Dr. John C. Cosby addressed the Board with his concerns about changing the Board's policy to allow dentists to perform perioral procedures. He cautioned the Board that public protection is of utmost importance and before any changes in policy consideration should be made as to the adequate training, certification and continuing education of the licensee performing these procedures. Dr. Cosby also suggested that safeguards should be put in place for "borderline" dentists making sure they follow the correct protocol when performing any cosmetic procedure. He passed out copies of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners policy on elective surgery and related procedures encouraging the Board to obtain information from other Boards before making any decisions.

Dr. Cosby gave a brief report on WREB and AADE stating that CITA, CRDTS and WREB may come together at some point in time. Also he reported that WREB is reformatting its exam. He feels that ADEX is the best exam he has given because of the way it is constructed. Dr. Cosby informed the Board that he is President Elect of CRDTS and noted he is enjoying working with a great group of people.

Motion: Dr. Dixon made a motion the Board return to executive session to discuss disciplinary matters. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. The motion carried.

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

Motion: Dr. Dixon made a motion to send Dr. Gordon A. Ferguson's attorney a letter requesting written confirmation of the testimony on his pending malpractice lawsuit. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Dixon made a motion to return to executive session to receive legal advice. The motion received a second from Dr. Wade. The motion carried.

Motion: Ms. Duncan made a motion to return to public session. The motion received a second from Dr. Goins.

Dr. Assey requested that Sheridon Spoon contact Respondent's attorney asking if he would like to withdraw his license application as he does not meet the five (5) year continuous practice requirement for licensure in South Carolina.

Dr. Assey commented that there would be specialty exams on January 10, 2009. Dr. Assey commented that the next Board meeting would be held on January 9th. Dr. Assey asked if there were other Board meetings with prescheduled dates. Ms. Reynolds informed the Board that a meeting is preset for July 10th and 11th. Ms. Reynolds advised the Board that there are legal issues pending and it is necessary to have dates for Office of General Counsel to schedule hearings and that staff can reserve rooms.

Dr. Jones, Dr. Wade and Ms. Williams were appointed at the July Board meeting to review policies regarding IV line establishment guidelines for dental hygienists, expanded duty dental assistants and dental assistants, placement of subgingival therapeutic agents by dental assistants and dental hygiene procedures in nursing homes and long term care facilities.

It was the recommendation of this committee that in a private office setting only a licensed dentist would be allowed to draw sedative drugs into a syringe and deliver drugs into an IV line.

The committee recommended that expanded duty dental assistants and dental assistants cannot go subgingival with a periodontal probe; therefore placing subgingival therapeutic agents may only be done by a dental hygienist.

This committee recommended that the Board rescind the right of dental assistants and expanded duty dental assistants to apply topical fluoride and varnish to patients in nursing homes and long term care facilities as they are not allowed to make these applications in other settings such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes and private dental offices.

Dr. Jones thanked the committee. Ms. Williams said they all worked together on these issues.

Dr. Assey made a motion these changes be made before making it Dental policy. The motion received a second by Dr. Goins. The motion carried.

There was no discussion concerning the letters from CITA and the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners at this time.

The Board reviewed a draft of the revised Restricted Volunteer License application and requirements. Ms. Zeman explained that the proposed Restricted Volunteer License application for dentists and dental hygienists would eliminate the practical part of the examination leaving the Jurisprudence Exam as the only exam the applicants are required to complete and require more specific information from those who have not actively practiced within five years of applying for licensure in South Carolina. She specifically referred the Board members to number nine on the Requirements and Instructions page for Restricted Volunteer License.

Dr. James Morton, Dr. David Jordan and Dr. Tom Hughes, representing the South Carolina Dental Association, appeared before the Board to request help in dissemination of information concerning amendments to Section 40-15-125 and Section 40-15-280 with regard to Dental Technician Registration and Prescriptions for Dental Technological Work which will become effective on December 4, 2008.

Dr. Wade made a motion recommending a letter be sent to all licensed dentists and dental technicians advising them of this law. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Drafts of the documents relating to the Mobile Dental Facilities and Portable Dental Operations were presented as a matter of information. This regulation will become effective March 3, 2009. Dr. Assey complemented Ms. Zeman on her work on this project.

Dr. Jones was appointed by the Board to replace Dr. Newton as a representative from the Board as an examiner with SRTA.

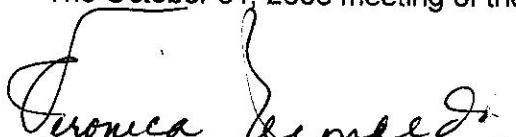
A motion was made by Ms. Williams to have a Board meeting on April 10th. The motion received a second by Dr. Wade. The motion carried. The next Board meeting will be held July 10th with Specialty Exams on July 11th. Dr. Assey made a motion to have a Board meeting on October 9th. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

Dr. Goins, Dr. Wade and Ms. Duncan were appointed as a committee to gather information on Botox and dermal fillers to present to the Board at a later date.

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Dr. Millwood made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9-10, 2009.

The October 31, 2008 meeting of the SC Board of Dentistry adjourned at 3:20 p.m.


Veronica Reynolds, Administrator


Date