

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Dentistry
Teleconference Board Meeting

9:00 a.m., June 5, 2020

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carolyn Brown, DMD – President
Walter Machowski, Jr., DMD – Vice President
Charles Bumgardner, DMD - Secretary
Murtuza Ansari, DMD
Paul Coombs, DMD
Elizabeth Marchi, RDH
Donald Marler, DMD
William Stewart, DMD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Horner, Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Board Administrator

PRESENT:

James Mercer, DDS	Kimber Cobbs, CRDTS
Julia Mikell, DDS - SCDA	Edward Jenagin
Sarandeep Huja, DDS – MUSC	Lee Muthig, Midlands Tech
Harrison Saunders, esq.	William Garris, DMD
Raymond Kessler, DMD	Guy Champagne, DDS, ADEX
Jessica Bui, SRTA	Caroline Bunce, Florence Darlington Tech
Shanya Overfelt, CDCA	Mark Muncy, DDS, SRTA
Phil Latham, SCDA	Megan Insley, DMD
Buddy Wester, DDS, CITA	Clayton Willinger, DMD
Cindy Washburn, CRDTS	Melissa Garbo, DMD
Conrad McVea, DDS, CITA	Jennifer Thompson, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Steward/Ansari/approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Each Board member provided a brief introduction of themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

No absences for approval

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Brown reminded meeting attendees to keep phones on mute unless speaking and to please identify yourself for the benefits of the meeting attendees and court reporter.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Dental Manikin-Based Clinical Examination

Dr. Brown introduced the various representatives of the dental examination agencies. Reports were provided by each agency regarding the dental and dental hygiene manikin-based exam. Ms. Kimber Cobbs reported on behalf of the Central Regional Dental Testing (CRDTS), Dr. Buddy Wester reported on behalf of the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), Mr. Mark Muncy reported on behalf of the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) and Shayna Overfelt reported on behalf of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA). Dr. Bumgardner and Dr. Machowski asked questions of the representatives on hand skill assessment and the use of face shrouds to replicate live patient working restrictions. The Board engaged in additional discussion regarding the usage water spray versus air spray and the presence of an assistants during the examination. Dr. Raymond Kessler was present to answer questions regarding the manikin-based clinical retake exam schedule at MUSC for Saturday, June 27, 2020. Representatives reported on the various safety measures put in place by the agencies and schools to minimize COVID transmission, including the requirement for all personnel and students to procure a COVID test within seventy two hours of the examination. Within the coming month, various states and testing agencies around the country will begin offering the manikin-based clinical examination with a few slated to offer live patient clinical examinations as well.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Dental Hygiene Manikin-based Clinical Examination

Dental hygiene manikin-based clinical examination information was included with the previous manikin clinical exam reports.

Motion: For the Board to enter into executive session to seek legal advice.
Bumgardner/Ansari/approved.

Motion: For the Board to return to public session.

Marchi/Marler/approved.

Board President, Dr. Brown, noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

Motion: To accept manikin or live-patient examinations, given by the South Carolina Board of Dentistry approved testing agencies, for granting dental hygiene licensure through December 31, 2020.

Bumgardner/Ansari
Machowski opposed
Approved.

b. SRTA Membership Continuance

Motion: To continue membership with SRTA and continue to accept SRTA live-patient testing exam in the State of South Carolina. In line with the Board's previous motion, the Board will accept manikin-based exams for dental hygiene for the year 2020.

Stewart/Ansari/approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dental graduate, Dr. Clayton Willinger, expressed concern over not being able to find patients for the licensing exams and question the Board as to any development on acceptance of the manikin based exam. Dr. Brown stated the Board has not changed its previous motion to accept manikin-based exams for reexaminations only.

Dr. Julia Mikell, SCDA, asked the Board to explain why they were still not accepting the dental manikin-based clinical examination. Mr. Horner stated that at the July 10, 2020 board meeting, the Board will revisit the issue of the manikin-based clinical exam following the Board's observance of the manikin exam being offered at MUSC on June 27, 2020.

William Garris, DMD, submitted a letter to the Board prior to the meeting regarding his concerns for the recent dental graduates not being able to attain licensure in South Carolina. The Board was provided the letter in the meeting material. Dr. Garris urged the Board to consider examination acceptance consistent with surrounding states and that the current ruling appeared to be bias towards MUSC graduates. Dr. Brown and Mr. Horner reiterated that the Board will be evaluating the dental manikin based clinical exam on June 27, 2020. The Board intends to evaluate the process after the exam is given and cannot state today as to whether or not the exam will be accepted.

Dental graduate, Dr. Melissa Garbo, voiced concern over the Board's inconsistency to accept the dental hygiene manikin-based clinical but not the dental manikin based examination. Mr. Horner stated the dental hygiene examination was approved due to the nature and scope of the dental hygiene examination verses the nature and score of the dental examination. The

dental hygiene examination does not involve the same restorative procedures and thus it is the Board's option that the exam for a hygienist, who is going to work under direct or indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, is in a different situation than a dentist. The Board has not rejected the dental manikin examination acceptance, but it must first conduct a thorough evaluation of the examination prior to approval.

Dr. Kessler with MUSC shared that for the June 27, 2020 manikin-based examinations, there is a total of twenty candidates with only eleven of the twenty being from the 2020 MUSC class.

Dr. Clayton Willinger again addressed the Board to point out perceived inconsistency of accepting the dental hygiene manikin-based exam but not the dental. Dr. Willinger cited the examination for endodontics are already conducted utilizing manikin-based technology and fails to understand the Board's reluctant to accepting the manikin-based clinical.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Machowski/Stewart/approved.

The June 5, 2020, meeting of the S.C. Board of Dentistry adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Dentistry is scheduled for July 10, 2020.