

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Dentistry
Teleconference Committee Meeting – Nitrous Oxide Course Review

1:30 p.m., February 19, 2021

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Stewart, DDS
Thomas McDonald, MD, DMD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

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

PRESENT:

Melissa Blackwell, Court Reporter
Deidre Harmon
Dorothy Baker, DDS

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
McDonald/approved.

Review: Nitrous Oxide Certification Course provided by Summerville Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Baker provided the board members with an overview of the nitrous oxide course proposal. Of the Board approved courses, the only one offering courses in 2021 to the public, independent from dental hygiene and assistant program’s education curriculum, is Greenville Technical College. Dr. Baker stated per the Board’s recommendation, they are in the process of getting certification for the course through the Academy of General Dentistry’s Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE). Dr. McDonald inquired as to the demand for the course offering. Dr. Baker stated the lack of course offerings is causing private practices to struggle with adequate staffing needed to see patients. Dr. McDonald and Dr. Stewart both commended Dr. Baker for a thorough course development. Mr. Horner confirmed the materials present were in accordance with the current Board policy requirements.

Motion: To enter into executive counsel for legal advice.
Stewart/McDonald/approved.

Motion: To return to public.
McDonald/Stewart/approved.

Motion: To recommend for approval the nitrous oxide certification course developed and administered by Summerville Pediatric Dentistry.
Stewart/McDonald/approved.

Dr. McDonald encouraged Dr. Baker to continue with PACE certification for the course. Members provided feedback regarding slides containing information on patient vitals, OSHA tank restraints and post-operation oxygen information.

REVIEW: CERTIFICATION FOR MONITORING OF NITROUS OXIDE SEDATION BOARD POLICY

Members recommended revision to the current Board policy of approving nitrous oxide courses. Courses seeking inclusion on the Board approved listing would be required to first attain PACE certification. Once approved by PACE, the course would then be added to the Board approved listing.

LEGAL COMMENTS

Mr. Horner did not have any additional comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

NEXT MEETING

Committee members determined another meeting was not required.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.
McDonald/Stewart/approved.

The February 19, 2021, Nitrous Oxide Course Review committee meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.