

**S.C. BOARD OF DENTISTRY
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
9:00 A.M., APRIL 15, 2011
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Dentistry office, lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Board Members Present

Dr. Thomas M. Dixon, President, Dr. Charles F. Wade, Secretary, Dr. Douglas J. Alterman, Dr. Felicia L. Goins, Dr. Z. Vance Morgan, IV, Dr. John M. Whittington, Sherie Williams, RDH and Eric Schweitzer, Esq. Public Member.

Absences

Dr. David W. Jones, approved absence

Staff Present

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator, Sheridan Spoon, Associate General Counsel, James Saxon, Advice Counsel, Patrick D. Hanks, Lil Ann Gray, Office of General Counsel, Mark Sanders, Mark Kelly, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, , Carolyn Coats, Board Assistant.

Call to Order

Dr. Dixon, President, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., Room 108, 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Adoption of Agenda:

The April 15, 2011 agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Dr. Whittington made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 14, 2011 Board meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Dr. Alterman made a motion the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Genie Duncan was recognized with a plaque for her ten years of service as a public member to the Board.

Dr. Dixon introduced Mr. Eric Schweitzer, Esq. appointed public member to the Board.

Ms. Reynolds introduced Charlie Ido, the Director of Board Services. Mr. Ido spoke briefly presenting an overview of the changes within the agency.

Ratification of Dentists/Hygienists/Technicians Licensed/Registered

Motion: Ms. Williams made a motion to ratify approval for the following applicants that met SRTA/CRDTS/ADEX/ADLEX/CREDENTIALS/DIPLOMATE requirements for licensure/reinstatement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dentists

Rafael Rivera, Jr., DDS	Christine R. Biondi, DMD	Paul N. Boscia, DMD
Tori-Thuy T. Conrad, DDS	Monica E. Colon, DMD	David M. Hassid, DMD
Nisha L. John, DDS	Andrew G. Lewis, DDS	Edward B. Sevetz, Jr., DMD
Catherine B. Laws, DDS	Green B. Starnes, IV, DDS	Chad J. Vanourny, DDS
Jon M. Julian, DDS	Michael C. Williams, DMD	Benjamin M. Benzio, DMD
Thomas J. Friedt, DDS	Anna A. Goldston, DMD	Darren A. Thompson, DDS
Neil T. Wrenn, DMD	Gregory R. Campbell, DMD	Henry J. Ernst, DMD
Roque A. Penaloza, DDS	Michael K. Meese, DDS	Philip A. Shore, DMD

AMERICAN BOARD DIPLOMATES

Edward B. Sevetz, Jr., (OS) (PD)	Brian D. Olson, DMD (ENDO)	Christine R. Biondi, DMD
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Motion: Ms. Williams made a motion to ratify the approval of the following applicants that met all SRTA/CRDTS requirements for licensure. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dental Hygienists

Elizabeth D. Beebe	Jessica R. Messmer	Adrienne S. Jones
Rose M. Brown	Debra B. Kruse	Nicole R. Benzio
Ta'Ashia S. Hamilton	Vy T. Nguyen	Emily A. Williams
Stacey M. Fisher	Alexia L. Gugino	Sherry A. Wham
Jennifer R. Belling	Jennie S. Curry	Joanne Laprade
Melissa L. Cornell		

Motion: Ms. Williams made a motion to ratify the approval of the following applicants that met all requirements for licensure. The motion was seconded and approved.

DENTAL/ORTHODONTIC TECHNICIANS

Christopher M. Hord (DT)	David S. Thompson (DT)	Barbara W. Wojdan, CDT
Jonathan H. Brooks, CDT	David W. Burrell, CDT	Jesse L. Gilley, CDT
Michael S. Jimerson, CDT	Samdra C. Marin, CDT	John B. Treasure, CDT
David L. Hodson, CDT		

HEARING

Consent Agreement (Private)

Motion: Dr. Goins made a motion to go into Executive Session The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Dr. Goins made a motion to return to Public Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Dr. Whittington made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement (Private). The motion was seconded and approved. Ms. Williams was the dissenting vote.

HEARING

Consent Agreement (Private)

Motion: Dr. Whittington made a motion to forego the Executive Session and accept the Consent Agreement since the previous case and this case were companion cases. The motion was seconded and approved.

HEARING

Memorandum of Agreement

Motion: Dr. Wade made a motion to go into Executive Session The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Dr. Alterman made a motion to return to Public Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Dr. Wade made a motion the Board not accept the Memorandum of Agreement, but the Respondent be issued a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved

HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTITUTE

Mr. Ralph Shenefelt, representative from Health and Safety Institute, presented an overview of his company and the company's CPR/CE courses. The Board advised Mr. Shenefelt it will review the materials before its next meeting and will make a decision at that time on the approval of the request to become a CPR course provider.

DISCUSSION OF LATE PENALTIES FOR RENEWALS

Ms. Brandy Cheek made a personal appearance before the Board to request a waiver be granted of her late fees for renewal.

MOTION: Ms. Williams made a motion to deny Ms. Cheek's, request to have her penalties waived. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. Dixon directed Mr. Spoon to send a letter to Ms. Cheek of behalf of the Board informing her of its decision.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Ms. Reynolds presented the Board members with a copy of the financial report.

A statistical report was given to the Board members indicating the number of active licensees.

Ms. Reynolds reminded the Board members of the AADB meeting to be held in Las Vegas, in October 2011. She informed the Board if any member plans to attend please let staff know soon as possible.

Ms. Reynolds reminded Board members the Statement of Economic Interest filed each year with the State Ethics Commission deadline is April 15, 2011.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sanders, Office of Investigations and Enforcements, (OIE) presented four cases from the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) with recommendations to dismiss.

The statistical report presented by OIE indicated there were twenty complaints received during the period from January 1 through March 31, 2011. In the first quarter of 2011, five cases were dismissed and one letter of caution issued.

The Board stated there was a backlog of pending cases and it may become necessary that more investigators are needed to clear them up.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Patrick D. Hanks, Esq., Office of General Counsel (OGC) reported legal has ten open cases, five cases are pending action, three cases were Consent Agreements/Memorandum of Agreements and one case pending a Final Order hearing. He stated that one case was an appeal and eleven had been closed on or after January 1, 2010. The Board stated its concerns surrounding trend setting cases to be heard in a more urgent manner. The Board indicated it would prefer keeping the panel hearings in place. However, the Board strongly encourages legal to bring cases before the full board to help alleviate the backlog.

Motion: Mr. Eric Schweitzer made a motion to accept the IRC and OIE reports. The motion was seconded and approved.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CE HOURS WHEN VOLUNTEERING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Motion: Dr. Alterman made a motion the dental hygienists participating in the DAD projects be granted three (3) hours of continuing education credits. The motion was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIALTY-LIMITATION OF PRACTICE TO ANNOUNCED SPECIALTY

The Board discussed a request for an opinion using Implantology as a specialty after the dentist's name in South Carolina. Implantology is not listed or recognized as a specialty in this state and may not be placed behind the dentist's name.

AADB MEETING REPORT

Dr. Wade and Ms. Reynolds attended the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Midyear conference held in Chicago on April 9 – 10. Dr. Wade reported on the number of dental schools that had been opened and the number of dental schools that are closed. The concerns across the country are students that are placed on a waiting list to get into dental programs and the increasing cost to attend school. During the AADB meeting the topic of dental therapy was discussed and only two states, Minnesota and Alaska recognize the credential at the present.

Ms. Reynolds reported at the Administrator's exchange session, North Carolina discussed information related to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) lawsuit filed against the Board on teeth whitening. The law suit was filed after North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners made the decision to prohibit teeth whitening to be performed by non-dentists. The FTC contended that the dental board did not have sovereign status as an instrument of the State and therefore was subject to FTC regulation. The North Carolina Board countersued the FTC because they disagreed. The case is pending a court decision.

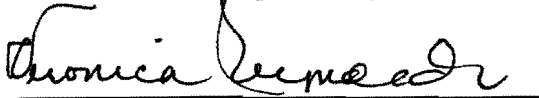
RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

The Resolution Guidelines will be updated and reviewed at the July 14th board meeting.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3 BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Dr. Dixon reported the ballots for the Third (3rd) Congressional District position on the board has been mailed by staff. The candidates on the ballots are: Dr. Arthur L. Bruce, Anderson, Dr. Thomas B. Stoddard, Greenwood and Dr. Charles Edward Wyont from Aiken.

Motion: Dr. Whittington made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded. The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.


Veronica Reynolds/Board Administrator

7/25/2011
Date