

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Dentistry**  
**Board Meeting**

9:00 a.m., October 8, 2021  
110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Building, Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charles Bumgardner, DMD - President  
Donald Marler, DMD - Vice President  
Elizabeth Marchi, RDH - Secretary  
Murtuza Ansari, DMD  
Carolyn Brown, DMD  
Thomas McDonald, MD, DMD  
K. Britt Reagin, DMD  
Harold N. Eddy, DDS  
William Stewart, DDS

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Meredith Buttler, Board Administrator  
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator  
Prentiss Shealey, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Rowland Alston, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Dean Griggs, Deputy Director  
Lorie Graham, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Christa Bell, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Amanda Branham, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Bryon Ray, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Bianca Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Jennifer Harris, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

**PRESENT:**

Creel Court Reporting	Haydeh Salehjoui
Daniel Nickles, DMD	Curtis Rollins, DMD, MD
John Bradley, Esq.	Julius McKay, Esq.

Eva Lynn Sneed, DMD  
Jessica Lafeyette, Esq.  
Paul Cloninger, DDS  
Angela Black, DMD

Randall Weisel, DDS  
John Lucchese, DDS  
Scot Armstrong, Promethean Dental  
Systems

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bumgardner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.  
Stewart/McDonald/approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Each Board member provided a brief introduction of themselves.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

No members absent.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for the July 9, 2021 meeting.  
Ansari/Brown/approved.

**APPLICATION HEARINGS**

d. Eva Lynn Sneed

Dr. Sneed appeared before the Board for an application hearing. She was represented by Jessica Lafeyette, Esq. and was sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To deny Dr. Sneed's application for licensure by credential.  
Ansari/Marler/approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Dr. Bumgardner stated it has been an honor serving as the Board President for the past year. He thanked the Board members and staff for their diligence in protecting the public. Amongst the three tools by which the Board protects the public, initial licensure, continuing education and disciplinary, Dr. Bumgardner expressed appreciation at the improvements that have been made of the past few years to develop a swifter legal process. Due to the national pandemic, there has been dramatic changes to the education and testing systems. Dr. Bumgardner stated the Board will be reviewing elements of all three tools and emphasized the importance of through review to maintain the public trust in the Board and profession.

## STAFF REPORTS

### a. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report

Ms. Christa Bell introduced Amanda Branham, the new chief investigator for the Board. On behalf of Ms. Brahman, Ms. Bell reported that in the third quarter of 2021 the Board has received thirty three (33) complaints for a total of one hundred seventeen (117) complaints year-to-date and closed eighteen (18) cases for a total of fifty-one (51) year-to-date. Ms. Bell stated of the forty-nine (49) cases that are active, six (6) are pending expert review, nine (9) are pending IRC review. The average case is 105 days old, including weekends and holidays.

Ms. Bell introduced the new investigative staff and announced Ms. Lorie Graham will be leaving the agency. Dr. Bumgardner thanked Ms. Graham for her service to the Board as a thorough and complete investigator. He requested clarification on training of the new investigators. Ms. Bell reviewed the standard training investigators engage in and they will also participate in sedation training with Dr. Mercer.

### b. Investigative Review Committee Report

Ms. Bell reported the IRC Committee met on September 16, 2021, recommending eighteen (18) cases for dismissal, one (1) letter of caution and four (4) formal complaints.

**Motion:** To accept the eighteen (18) cases for dismissal.  
Reagin/Ansari/approved.

**Motion:** To accept the four (4) cases for formal complaint.  
Brown/Marler/approved.

**Motion:** To accept the one (1) case for letter of caution.  
Stewart/Brown/approved.

### c. Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Ms. Shealey reported there are currently twenty-seven (27) cases open. Of the open cases, eleven (11) are pending hearings and agreements and two (2) are closure. Since the last meeting, five (5) cases have been closed. A total of fourteen (14) have been closed since January 1, 2021.

## DISCIPLINARY HEARING

### a. 2020-112 MOA

Mr. Rowlands reported case 2020-112 was now being resolved via licensure relinquishment.

**Motion:** To enter into closed session for 2015-145.  
Brown/Marler/approved.

### b. 2015-146

The respondent was present before the Board for a closed hearing. Respondent was represented by John Bradley, Esq and all parties were sworn in by the court reporter.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice.  
Ansari/Marler/approved.

**Motion:** To return to closed session.  
Ansari/Marler/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To issue a Letter of Caution.  
McDonald/Ansari/approved.

**Motion:** To return to open session.  
McDonald/Marler/approved.

#### **APPLICATION HEARING**

a. Scottie Daley, RDH

Ms. Buttler reported the motion for hearing had been withdrawn and no application hearing is needed.

b. Haydeh Salehjou

Ms. Salehjou appeared before the Board for an application hearing. She was not represented by counsel and was sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain.  
Brown/Marler/approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Marler/Brown/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To issue approve the application for dental technician.  
Reagin/Marler/approved.

**Motion:** To enter into closed session for Curtis Rollins hearing.  
Ansari/Marler/approved.

c. Curtis Rollins, DMD

Dr. Rollins appeared before the Board in a closed session for an application hearing. He was represented by Julius McKay, Esq. and was sworn in by the court reporter.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain.  
Ansari/Brown/approved.

**Motion:** To return to closed session.  
Ansari/McDonald/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To deny Dr. Rollins renewal application based on a failure to meet statutory requirements.  
Marler/Ansari/approved.

**Motion:** To return to open session.  
Brown/Marchi/approved.

e. Paul Cloninger, DDS

Dr. Cloninger appeared before the Board for an application hearing. He was not represented by counsel and was sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain.  
Reagin/Brown/approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Ansari/Marler/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To deny Dr. Cloninger's application based upon not passing a Board approved clinical examination.  
Brown/Marler/approved.

f. Angela Black, DMD

Dr. Black appeared before the Board for an application hearing. She was not represented by counsel and was sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain.  
Marler/Ansari/approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Brown/Marler/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Black's reinstatement application.  
Marler/Reagin/approved.

g. Randall Weisel, DMD

Dr. Weisel appeared before the Board for an application hearing. He was represented by counsel and was sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain.  
Brown/Marler/approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Ansari/Marchi/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Weisel's application for licensure by credential.  
Ansari/McDonald/approved.

h. John Lucchese, DDS

Dr. Lucchese appeared before the Board for an application hearing. He was not represented by counsel and was sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Lucchese's application for licensure by credential.  
Reagin/Ansari/approved.

## REPORTS

a. SRAT Annual Meeting Report

Dr. Bumgardner reported the 2021 SRAT Annual Meeting was held on August 5-7, 2021 in Nashville, TN. Dr. Brown, Dr. Ansari and he were in attendance in addition to several past board members. Dr. Bumgardner reported that both SRAT and CDRTS have elected to refrain from merging with CDCA, as WREB is doing, in order to remain more flexible and provide an alternate option for examination applicants. Dr. Bumgardner recommended the Board begin to review and consider requiring completion of the Perio section of the clinical examination for dental licensure as it will South Carolina in better alignment with other state requirements.

b. ADEX Annual Meeting Report

Dr. Machowski submitted a written report for the ADEX meeting held August 5-7, 2021 in Chicago, IL. The written report along with ADEX's board meeting report were presented to the Board for information.

c. Administrator Report

Ms. Buttler reported there are currently 3,623 general dental licenses; 735 specialty licenses; 4,290 dental hygiene licenses; 5,269 dental assisting with nitrous oxide monitoring certificates; 176 dental technician licensees; and 7 orthodontic technicians. The Board's current cash balance as of August 31, 2021 is \$4,178,298.86.

Ms. Buttler introduced Ms. Jacquelyn White as the new Program Coordinator. Ms. White began with the Board office mid-September and will be assisting with board meetings, board member communications, and elections. Ms. White previously served as a Program Coordinator for the SC Department of Social Services in the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

For the Board's information, Ms. Buttler presented the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCDNE) notice regarding the elimination of the short-form NBDHE. The short-form exam was made available due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. JCDNE will begin transition back to the standard-length version of the NBHDE on October 8, 2021.

Following the conclusion of the 2021 Annual Meeting on August 7, 2021, an update regarding Board representation was sent to the Board office. Per the letter, Dr. Machowski was appointed to the ADEX Board of Directors for District 6, the ADEX House of Representatives and ADEX Dental Exam Committee Member. If any Board member wishes to become the ADEX representative, please submit your request to me. An official approval from the Board will be needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Promethean Dental Systems

Mr. Armstrong attended the meeting to present Promethean Dental System (PDS). The company focuses on dental education through simulations and remediation services for licensed professionals. Utilizing a virtual simulator, PDS provides education via simulation to address hand skill building and repetition. Mr. Armstrong reviewed their clinical examination capabilities utilizing the Simodon with the Manikin. Mr. Armstrong stated it provides an accurate and completely objective grading process.

Mr. Armstrong addressed the other portion of PDS which focuses on remediation and recertification for licensed professionals. They are currently partnering with AADB to provide ethics remediation. PDS currently has sixty didactic courses that can be customized to fit disciplinary orders.

b. Acceptable Dental Hygiene Examination Review

Dr. Bumgardner brought the issue before the Board to consider acceptance of state clinical examinations for dental hygiene initial licensure. Due to legal requirement of dental hygienists working under the supervision of a licensed dentist, Dr. Bumgardner did not see

why the Board would deny licensure to a dental hygiene who had passed a clinical examination and currently practicing.

**Motion:** To enter into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain. Brown/McDonald/approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session. Ansari/McDonald/approved.

Dr. Bumgardner stated no votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** To allow acceptance of all regional and state clinical examinations for dental hygiene licensure by examination applications. Marchi/Brown/approved.

c. Dental Hygiene Committee

Ms. Marchi stated that as there is only two dental hygiene members' seats on the Board, she would like to request a standing committee comprised of dental hygienist from various parts of the state and practice backgrounds. The committee would be utilized to conduct research on dental hygiene specific topics. This would provide the Board with the most accurate and balance research for consideration.

**Motion:** To approve Ms Marchi to return next meeting with recommendations of committee members for Board approval. Stewart/Ansari/

The Board discussed noticing of committee meetings and structuring of how the committee would be utilized by the Board.

**Motion:** To approve Ms Marchi to return next meeting with recommendations of work group members for Board approval. Stewart/Reagin/

Mr. Horner reviewed the differences between a committee and Board approved work group. Ms. Marchi stated she would like to have the Board review the proposed members of the group at the next meeting.

**Motion:** To approve Ms Marchi to return next meeting with recommendations of the members and an outline of duties for the group for Board approval. Stewart/Ansari/approved.

d. Panel Hearing Policy

Mr. Horner presented the Board with a revised Disciplinary Panel Hearing Policy for consideration. The previous policy was last revised in 2008 dedicating three panel members

required for hearings. Per the Engine Act, disciplinary hearing panels can be conducted via a designated hearing officer or a panel. The proposed revisions allow for a single hearing officer, or a panel of less than two, to preside over the panel in the event a panel cannot be attained.

**Motion:** To approve the revised policy as presented.  
Reagin/Ansari/approved.

e. CDRTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee Board Appointment of Elizabeth Marchi

**Motion:** To Ms. Marchi as the Board appointee for the CDRTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee.  
Marler/Reagin/approved.

f. Review of Regulation 39-5

Dr. Bumgardner requested a work group to be formed to review continuing education requirements for dentists, dental hygienist and dental technician licensure renewals. Dr. Bumgardner expressed concern over previous issues surrounding the attaining multiple hours on a single day.

**Motion:** To approve a work group to review Regulations 39-5.  
Ansari/Stewart/approved.

g. Review of Regulation 39-3

Dr. Bumgardner that the matter was resolved in prior agenda items and discussion would not be necessary.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Buttler opened the floor for nominations for Board President.

**Motion:** To nominate Dr. Marler for Board President.  
Stewart/Ansari

Ms. Buttler requested any additional nominations. No further nominations were submitted and Dr. Marler confirmed his acceptance of the nomination. Following a vote by the Board members, Dr. Marler was approved as Board President for 2022.

Dr. Bumgardner opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-President.

**Motion:** To nominate Dr. Ansari for Board Vice President.  
Brown/Marler

Dr. Bumgardner requested any additional nominations. No further nominations were submitted and Dr. Ansari confirmed his acceptance of the nomination. Following a vote by the Board members, Dr. Ansari was approved as Board Vice President for 2022.

Dr. Bumgardner opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary.

**Motion:** To nominate Dr. Stewart for Board Secretary.  
Ansari/Reagin

Dr. Bumgardner requested any additional nominations. No further nominations were submitted and Dr. Stewart confirmed his acceptance of the nomination. Following a vote by the Board members, Dr. Stewart was approved as Board Secretary for 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Stewart congratulated Dr. Bumgardner on a great job done as Board President in 2021.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next Board Meeting is on January 14, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn.  
Stewart/Brown/approved.

The October 8, 2021, meeting of the S.C. Board of Dentistry adjourned at 2:53 p.m.