

**South Carolina Board of Dentistry
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2022 at 9:00 am**

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald Marler, DMD - President
Thomas McDonald, MD, DDS
Carolyn Brown, DMD
Charles Bumgardner, DMD
William Stewart, DMD
Elizabeth Marchi, RDH
Murtuza Ansari, DMD
Britt Reagin, DMD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator
Nadine Garrett, Court Reporter
Prentiss Shealey, Esq.
Bob Horner, Advice Counsel
Phil Latham, SCDA
Bianca Smith
Lolei Brist
Ashley Bailey
Jennifer Hollis
Adrian Rivera
Amanda Branham
Raymond
Anastasia Graham
Doris Cochran
Christa Bell
Byron Ray
Ratisha Brisbon

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Marler called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To Approve the agenda
Bumgardner/McDonald/approved

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS:

The Board Members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Dr. Harold Eddy was absent. The approval of his absence will be approved at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve October 8, 2021, January 15, 2021 (Revised), October 9, 2020 (Revised), July 10, 2020 (Revised), May 15, 2020 (Revised), July 12, 2019 (Revised).

Bumgardner/Reagin/approved

Meredith Buttler explained the revised minutes. There were some revision to the closed hearings that were listed in those minutes. There weren't any other changes in the minutes. Bob Horner provided the legal aspects of the revision. They were revised according to Federal Laws and LLR's laws.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Donald Marler, DMD:

It is a joy and pleasure to serve on this board for the last four (4) years. I appreciate you all giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. I look forward for the year.

STAFF REPORTS:

OIE Report

On behalf of Amanda Branham, Christa Bell reported for the period of October 1, 2021 to January 6, 2022. The report was provided in writing for information purposes only. There weren't any questions or concerns.

IRC Report

On behalf of Amanda Branham, Christa Bell reported the IRC Committee report. There were twenty (20) cases received. Recommendations are fifteen (15) be dismissed, two (2) Letter of Caution, two (2) walk back Letter of Caution (Reconsideration), one (1) formal complaint.

Motion: To fifteen cases for dismissal
Bumgardner/Brown/approved

Motion: To issue two Letters of Caution
McDonald/Ansari/approved

Motion: To issue two Letters of Caution (Reconsideration)
McDonald/Brown/approved

Motion: To issue one Formal Complaint
Brown/Bumgardner/approved

Christa Bell reported there is fully staff of investigators. Two investigators will be designated to the dentistry board. Mrs. Graham left and Amanda Branham is the Chief Investigator. Dr. Paul Coombs is hired as an in-house consultant to provide expertise on certain subject matters.

ODC Report

There were twenty-six (26) cases received. Nineteen (19) are pending, four (4) closed and zero (0) appeal.

APPLICATION HEARING

Dr. Vahideh Yousefi, DDS will appear before the board in April.

REPORTS

Continuing Education Review Work Group

Dr. Charles Bumgardner reported the Continuing Education Review Work Group is a useful format to address issues and concerns before the board. It appears that if a Freedom of Act request is made, the information can be given to the requestor. The work group will address any abuse of modalities. License by credential must complete continuing education. Dr.

Bumgardner asked that the work group continue to work under his direction. Ms. Meredith Buttler asked the dental hygienist and dental technicians be included in the work group.

Motion: To expand the work group to include Dental Hygienist and Dental Technicians
Marchi/Ansari/Approved

Administrator Report

Ms. Meredith Buttler reported there are currently 3653 active general dentists and 31 active in renewal licensees, 738 active dental specialist and 20 active in renewal licensees, 4338 active dental hygienists and 36 active in renewal licensees, 3334 active dental assistants with NO and 0 in renewal licensees, 177 active dental technicians and 2 in renewal licensees and 7 active orthodontic technicians and 0 in renewal licensees. The Board's current cash balance as of November 30, 2020 is \$3,987,890.63.

CODA has reached out to the Board for two upcoming site accreditation visits. Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Education Accreditation site visit will be held at Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC on March 8, 2022 through March 10, 2022. AEGD Education Accreditation Site Visit will be held at Spartanburg Medical Center, Spartanburg, SC on August 16, 2022.

Communications from the State Ethics Commission were sent earlier this month regarding reporting of income for 2021. Ms. White will be sending out financial statements to each of the members. The deadline for filing is noon on March 30, 2022. Please note, filing the report is electronically and mandatory. Failure to file by noon on March 30, 2022 will result in a minimum late filing penalty of \$100.

OLD BUSINESS

Dental Hygiene Committee Structure and Membership

Elizabeth Marchi, RDH reported By-Laws and names of hygienists. Dr. Bumgardner reviewed the By-Laws. He suggested removing nursing board that is mentioned.

Motion: To not establish Standing Committee but rather establish Work Group as needed.
Bumgardner/there was not a second

Motion: To accept By-Laws as presented
Reagin/Brown/Approved
Bumgardner had cost concern
Bumgardner/McDonald oppose

NEW BUSINESS

CE BROKER

Meredith Buttler reported on implementing CE Broker with the Dentistry Board. It will remove dental specialty. It will connect with medical. FOIA for CEs.

Motion: To implement the plan
McDonald/Ansari/Approved
Bumgardner/Oppose

Handling NPDB Report

Christa Bell and Bob Horner presented procedures for handling NPDB reports. It was recommended for the Board President to review and determine if a complaint is to be open.

Motion: To put task to immediate Past President
Bumgardner/Ansari/approved

Manikin-Based Clinical Examination

Meredith Buttler reported in the July 2021 meeting, it was approved to use the Manikin-Based Clinical Examination through December 31, 2022. To begin process of review by Raymond Kessler, MUSC. It may be used on a permanent basis. During the examination ADEX teeth are used. MUSC great benefit to continue.

Work Group Request: Jurisprudence Examination

Meredith Buttler requested to establish a work group to review the Jurisprudence Examination. Dr. Reagin, Dr. Marler and Ms. Marchi will serve as the work group.

Dental Specialty Examination Delegation Proposal

Meredith Buttler and Bob Horner reported to have applicants become licensed based on their credentials instead of taking the exam.

Motion: To grant licensure based on credentials
Ansari/Reagin/Approved

AADA Travel April 8-10, 2022

Whole Board approved to travel

Motion: To approve for the whole board to travel
Ansari/Bumgardner/Approved

Executive Session

Motion: To enter into executive session with Meredith Buttler included
Bumgardner/McDonald/Approved

End Executive Session

Motion: To end executive session
Ansari/Brown/Approved

LEGAL

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

April 15, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn

Brown/McDonald/Approved

Meeting adjourn at 11:26 am