

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
April 22, 2022 at 9:00 am  
110 Centerview Dr. Kingstree Building, Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Dentistry office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and on the board website 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.

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Donald Marler, DMD President  
Murtuza Ansari, DMD Vice President  
Carolyn Brown, DMD  
Thomas McDonald, MD, DDS  
William Stewart, DMD  
Harold Eddy, DMD  
Britt Reagin, DMD  
Charles Bumgardner, DMD

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Meredith Buttler, Administrator  
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator  
Prentiss Shealey, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Amanda Branham, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

**PRESENT:**

Megan Hicks, Court Reporter  
Harrison Saunders, Esq.  
Erin Griese, RPP  
Dr. Richard Callan, SRTA  
Dr. Mark Muncy  
Dr. Raymond Kessler, MUSC  
Dr. Mark Edwards, CRDTS  
Dr. Gina Ormond  
Phil Latham, SCDA  
Dr. Vahideh Yousefi  
Scottie Daley, RDH  
Dr. Karen McPherson  
Rebecca Payne, RPP  
Tia Cooper, RPP  
Robyn Madden, RPP  
Travis Dayhuff, Esq.  
Sherie Barbare, RDH  
Dr. Conrad McVea  
Kimber Cobb, CDCA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Donald Marler, President called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.  
Stewart/Bumgardner/Approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Each board member introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**Motion:** To excuse Ms. Elizabeth Marchi.  
Stewart/Bumgardner/Approved.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve January 14, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.  
Reagin/Stewart/Approved.

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Dr. Marler addressed the Board, letting them know the meeting maybe a little lengthy but they will get through it as fast as possible.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report

Ms. Branham, Chief Investigator reported from January 7, 2022 to April 12, 2022, there have been thirty (30) cases received. During the first quarter of 2022, there have been nineteen (19) cases closed of which fifteen (15) cases by dismissals and four (4) cases by Letters of Caution. This was presented for information only.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

Ms. Branham reported the IRC met on March 14, 2022 and recommends four (4) cases for dismissals, two (2) cases for Letters of Caution and four (4) cases for formal complaints.

**Motion:** Executive session for legal advice.  
Bumgardner/Brown/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Ansari/Bumgardner/Approved.

Dr. Marler noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** To enter closed session.  
Brown/Ansari/Approved.

**Motion:** For Case 2021-15 to go back to IRC for further investigation.  
Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept case 2021-52 for dismissal.  
Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept case 2021-129 for dismissal.  
Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept case 2021-145 for dismissal.  
Reagin/Brown/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept case 2021-6 for letter of caution with conditions know to the Board and respondent.  
Brown/Bumgardner/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept case 2021-10 for letter of caution with conditions know to the Board and respondent.  
Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept the four (4) cases for formal complaints.  
Ansari/Brown/Approved.

#### Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Ms. Shealey reported as of April 14, 2022, there are 26 open cases of which 8 are pending, 0 pending closure, 0 appeals and 2 closed since January 1, 2022.

#### **APPLICATION HEARING**

a. Scottie Daley, RDH

Ms. Daley appeared before the Board for a closed hearing. She was represented by counsel, Mr. Saunders and Ms. Griese served as a witness. All parties were sworn in by the court reporter. Hearings are recorded by a certified reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To be release from Board order for licensure reinstatement parameters.  
Stewart/Eddy/Approved.

**Motion:** To enter open session.  
Ansari/Bumgardner/Approved.

b. Vahiden Yousefi, DMD

Dr. Yousefi appeared before the Board for an application hearing. She was represented by counsel, Mr. Dayhuff and was sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter executive session.  
Ansari/Stewart/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Ansari/Stewart/Approved.

Dr. Marler noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** To deny application due to not meeting the qualifications in the statues and regulations.  
Reagin/McDonald/Approved.

#### **REPORTS**

a. AADB Mid-Year Meeting

Dr. Reagin reported the meeting was held virtually and he and Dr. McDonald attended. Dr. Reagin stated he was unable to attend the full meeting following being removed from a session and unsuccessful subsequent attempts to log back on. He noted there were a few topics he would like to make the Board aware of and receive legal advice on.

**Motion:** To enter executive session.  
Reagin/Ansari/Approved.

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

Dr. Marler noted no votes were taken during executive session.

b. **Administrative Report**

Ms. Buttler reported to date, the Board has 3,697 licensed general dentists, 758 dental specialists, 4386 dental hygienists, 5,305 dental assistance with nitrous oxide monitoring certification, 178 dental technician, and 7 orthodontic technician. As of January 14, 2022, there have been 43 general dentist licenses issued, 1 general dentist license reinstated, 19 dental specialist licenses issued, 0 dental specialist licenses reinstated, 44 dental hygienist licenses issued and 1 dental hygienist licenses reinstated.

The Board's current cash balance as of February 28, 2022 is \$3,783,317.81.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Approval Request: Dental Hygiene Committee Membership**

On behalf of Ms. Marchi, Ms. Buttler provided the Board with the committee nominees. Ms. Buttler shared that Ms. Marchi had reviewed and approved all nominees. Dr. Bumgardner had questions concerning their experience and training and requested they be invited to the next meeting in July.

b. **Dental Specialty Licensure Requirement: National Orthodontic Examination**

Dr. Reagin stated the state orthodontic association had concerns regarding the requirement for dental specialty applicant to have taken and passed the national orthodontic exam part 1. Currently it is not a requirement for CODA approved orthodontic programs. Ms. Buttler will research how other states handle the issue and report at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Review of Manikin-Based Clinical Examination**

Representatives from the various examination agencies appeared before the Board to provide an update on the dental and dental hygiene manikin examinations. Representing SRTA, Dr. Muncy, Dr. Ormond, Mr. Callan and Ms. Barbare presented examination statistics and provided the Simodont demonstrations. Dr. Kessler and Dr. McPherson provided examination numbers from MUSC and advocated for continued manikin acceptance. Also in attendance and providing agency reports were Ms. Cobb with CDCA, Dr. McVea with CITA, and Dr. Edwards with CRDTS.

**Motion:** To continue acceptance of both the live and manikin clinical exams for dentistry and dental hygiene from Board approved clinical examination agencies.  
Reagin/Ansari/Approved.

**Motion:** To enter executive session.  
Brown/Reagin/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Reagin/Bumgardner/Approved.

Dr. Marler noted no votes were taken during executive session.

b. Clarification: Dental Hygiene Use of Lasers

Dr. Marler presented to the Board an inquiry submitted to the Board office regarding a dental hygienist ability to treat herpetic lesions, TMJ soreness and root sensitivity under the new laser regulations. The Board recognized Dr. Ormond who provided additional information on the procedure from the dental hygiene perspective. Following discussion the Board clarified the referred “licensee” in Regulations 39-9(D) refers only to a licensed dentist. Dental hygienist are limited to laser use as specified in Regulations 39-9(C).

**Motion:** To accept the clarify position that dental hygienists are limited to laser use as specified in Regulations 39-9(C).  
Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

c. Disbanding CE Workgroup

**Motion:** To disband the workgroup.  
Bumgardner/McDonald/Approved.

d. Travel Request – AADB Annual Meeting – October 7-9, 2022 in Ashville, NC.

**Motion:** To approve travel for the full board and administrator to attend.  
Ansari/Reagin/Approved.

e. Travel Request – CRDTS Annual Meeting – August 26-27, 2022 in Kansas City, MO.

**Motion:** To allow two (2) board members and Board administrator to attend.  
Ansari/Bumgardner/Approved.

f. Travel Request – 2022 FARB Innovation in Regulation Conference – July 21-22, 2022 in Washington, DC.

**Motion:** To approve travel for Ms. Buttler to attend the FARB conference.  
Ansari/Brown/Approved.

Dr. McDonald requested a report on sedation inspections to be presented at the next meeting.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

No legal business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**NEXT MEETING**

July 15, 2022 at 9:00 am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn.  
Stewart/Reagin/Approved.

The meeting was adjourn at 2:51 pm.