

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 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
Murtuz Ansari, DMD, Vice President
Carolyn Brown, DMD
Thomas McDonald, MD, DDS
Harold Eddy, DMD
Britt Reagin, DMD
Elizabeth Marchi, RDH
Charles Bumgardner, DMD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator
Donnell Jennings, Esq., Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Amanda Braham, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Prentiss Shealey, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Ratisha Brisbon, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Ashley Bailey, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Byron Ray, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Jennifer Harris, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Pete Siepert, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Katherine Boone, Court Reporter
Lindsay Sherrill, SCDHA
Sherie Barbare, RDH
Theresa Edwards, RDH, SCDHA
Amy Natoli, RDH, SCDHA
Mark Edwards, CRDTS
Thomas Nordquest, CRDTS
Chad Tingen, RDH
Phil Latham, SCDHA

Dr. Shrenna Clifton-Clark, DDS
Dr. Ahmed Abdelhadi, DDS

CALLED TO ORDER: Dr. Marler, President called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Ansari/Marchi/Approved.

BOARD MISSION AND MEMBER STATISTICS

Dr. Marler read the Board's mission and provided the statistics of the members.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Each board member introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion: To excuse Dr. Stewart's absence.
Ansari/Marchi/Approved.

PART-TIME INSPECTOR POSITION

Mr. Jennings, Esq. requested approval to hire a part-time retired dentist to assist with sedation inspections and to provide training to the investigators.

Motion: To approve to hire part-time retired dentist.
Ansari/McDonald/Approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve with amendments listing Gina Ormond as a licensed dentist.
Bumgardner/Marchi/Approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report

Ms. Branham reported from January 1, 2022 to July 12, 2022, there have been seventy (70) cases received. During the first and second quarter of 2022, there have been twenty-nine (29) cases closed of which one (1) case by administrative dismissal, eighteen (18) cases by dismissal six (6) cases by Letters of Caution, and four (4) cases by relinquishment of license.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

Ms. Branham reported the IRC met on June 14, 2022 and recommends twenty-one (21) cases for dismissals, five (5) cases for Letters of Caution, one (1) case for reconsideration Letter of Caution, one (1) case for additional information for board Letter of Caution, and four (4) formal complaints.

Motion: To enter closed session.
Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

Dismissals

Motion: To accept the twenty-one (21) cases for dismissal.
McDonald/Brown/Approved.

Letters of Cautions

Motion: To accept two (2) cases for letter of caution and case 2022-19 to be pulled for additional investigation.
McDonald/Ansari/Approved.

Motion: To move cases 2021-111 and 2021-112 to Formal Complaints.
Ansari/McDonald/Approved.

Reconsideration Letter of Caution

Motion: To accept one (1) case for letter of caution.
McDonald/Ansari/Approved.

Additional Information Letter of Caution

Motion: To accept one (1) case for letter of caution.
Bumgardner/Brown/Approved.

Motion: To enter executive session for legal advice. Ms. Branham and Ms. Shealey requested To remain.
Bumgardner/Marchi/Approved.

Motion: To return to closed session.
Bumgardner/Marci/Approved.

Formal Complaints

Motion: To accept the six (6) cases for formal complaints.
McDonald/Ansari/Approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Ms. Shealey reported as of July 7, 2022, there are 29 open cases of which 9 are pending, 0 pending closure, and 2 closed since January 1, 2022.

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

Administrator Report

Ms. Buttler reported to date, the Board has 3,810 licensed general dentists, 766 dental specialists, 4,547 dental hygienist, 5,324 dental assistance with nitrous oxide monitoring

certification, 178 dental technician, and 7 orthodontic technician. Since the last board meeting, there have been 112 general dentist licenses issued, 2 general dentist license reinstated, 8 dental specialist licenses issued, 0 dental specialist licenses reinstated, 97 dental hygienist licenses issued, 9 dental assistance with nitrous oxide monitoring certifications issued and 1 dental technician issued.

The Board's current cash balance as of May 31, 2022 is \$3,597,977.03.

Renewals for Dental Mobile and Portable Units closed on June 30, 2022. Renewals for Dental Mobile and Portable Units closed on June 30, 2022. Any units that did not renew will need to submit a new application to the Board. Per statutes and regulations, all mobile units and any portable units which underwent significant repair or parts replacement are required to be inspected prior to registration renewal. At the next board meeting, a revised inspection check list will be presented to the Board for review and approval.

Renewals will open in October. Following the close of renewals, the Board office will be following up with individuals who have not activated their CE Broker account and staff will work with them to get their accounts activated.

Ms. Buttler reminded the Board that the five year regulatory review is coming up. The last review was conducted in 2017. Ms. Buttler will send out the regulations to all Board members following the meeting. Members are being asked to review the regulations and identify any they feel need to be discussed. At the next Board meeting, the Board will be asked to approve a notice of drafting.

APPLICATION HEARINGS

- a. Shrenna Clifton-Clark, DDS

Dr. Clifton-Clark, DDS appeared before the Board for a hearing. She was not represented by counsel and sworn in by the court reporter. Application hearings are recorded by a certified reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion: To deny application due to not meeting the qualifications in the statutes and regulations.

Brown/Ansari/Approved.

- b. Ahmed Abdelhadi, DDS

Dr. Abdelhadi, DDS appeared before the Board for a hearing. He was not represented by counsel and 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 for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to remain.

Bumgardner/Ansari/Approved.

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

Motion: To approve Dr. Abdelhadi's application.
McDonald/Eddy/Approved.

REPORTS

- a. 2022 CRDTS Steering Committee Report
Dr. Marler attended the 2022 CRDTS Steering meeting via Zoom. He presented a brief synopsis of the meeting. CRDTS is celebrating 50 years at this year's annual meeting August 26 – 27, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approval Request: Dental Hygiene Committee Membership
Ms. Marchi reported per the Board's request the nominees for the Dental Hygiene Committee were present. The nominees present in person were Lindsay Sherrill, Theresa Edwards, and Amy Natoli. Barbara Ard and Chad Tingen were present via WebEx. The Board asked questions of all nominees to understand their work experience and views on industry trends related to dental hygiene.

Motion: To enter executive session for legal advice.
Marchi/Ansari/Approved.

Motion: To return to public session.
Marchi/Ansari/Approved.

Motion: To appoint Barbara Ard, Amy Natoli, Chad Tingen and Lindsay Sherrill to the Dental Hygiene Committee.
Ansari/Eddy/Approved.

Dr. Eddy volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. Marchi requested the Committee be permitted to review the Summary Procedures for Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, and EDDA document and the examinations for Infiltration Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Certification. The Board did not object to the request. The committee will begin meeting and present recommendations for Board approval at a future meeting.

- b. Dental Specialty Licensure Requirement: National Orthodontic Examination
Dr. Reagin stated the Orthodontic Association was concerned about specialists attaining licensure without having taken written ABO exam. Dr. Reagin presented research on how other states addressed the issue as well as CODA specialty program requirements which do not specifically require passage of the ABO written exam.

Motion: To enter executive session for legal advice. Ms. Buttler requested to stay.
Reagin/McDonald/Approved.

Motion: To return to public session.
Ansari/Reagin/Approved.

The discussion will be tabled till the next meeting in order for additional information to be obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **SIMtoCARE Dente' presentation**

Dr. Edwards, CRDTS Director of Dental Examinations, presented CRDTS Remediation program to the Board. The program utilizes manikin models as well as virtual haptic teeth for both licensee pre-assessment and practice. Disciplines addressed by the program include operative dentistry, fixed and removeable prosthodontics, endodontics, implant dentistry, periodontics, and dental hygiene. Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the program is customizable to fit the Boards and licesees needs. The SIM to CARE machine was available on site for members to assess.

b. **Sedation Training and Case Clarification**

Dr. McDonald reported the Board office was seeking clarification on whether or not high-fidelity cases satisfied the training requirements for sedation permits as found in SC Code of Laws 40-15-400 (C) & (D). Additional clarification was being sought regard whether an applicant needed to provide proof of additional training in enteral administration if training in para enteral had already been provided. Dr. McDonald recommended high-fidelity cases not be accepted as that was not the intent when the statutes were written.

Motion: Training in paraenteral sedation will meet the training requirements for both paraenteral and enteral. Training in enteral will meet the training requirements for enteral only.
McDonald/Bumgardner/Approved.

Motion: To accept cases on live patients undergoing dental procedures. High fidelity Simulation cases are not accepted.
McDonald/Ansari/Approved.

c. **Sedation Reinspection Procedures**

Per the Boards request, Ms. Buttler presented the procedures for sedation site re-inspection as required in SC Regulations 39-17(F). In conjunction with license renewals all sedation sites will be required to pass re-inspection prior to December 31, 2022. Sites that have been inspected within six (6) months of license renewal expiration date will not be required to be reinspected.

Beginning October, the inspections team will contact facilities to set up re-inspection appointments. Facilities that pass inspection may continue to display the sedation site certificate(s). Following the close of renewals an updated site certificate will be sent. Facilities that fail inspection will have the site certificate removed and may not offer sedation until the facility inspection is passed.

Motion: To approve the proposed procedures for sedation site reinspections.
Eddy/Ansari/Approved.

d. CITA Member Resignation

Dr. Marler attended a CITA meeting where they announced their merging with CDCA. The Board must resign as a CITA member. Dr. Marler presented the signed resignation for Board ratification.

Motion: To ratify the CITA resignation of membership effective July 31, 2022.
McDonald/Brown/Approved.

e. Board Approval: Dental Study Club

Ms. Buttler stated per SC Regulations 39-5(F)(4) the Board has the authority to approve CE Providers. In working with the State Association, it was identified that dental study clubs would need to attain Board approval in order to create an account in CE Broker and register their courses in the tracking system. Ms. Buttler presented the CE provider procedures and application for approval.

Motion: To approve the procedures and application as presented. Delegation to Approve application granted to board administrator.
Marchi/Ansari/Approved.

f. Travel Request and Proxy Vote: 2022 SRTA Annual Meeting – August 5-6, 2022 in Leesburg, VA.

Motion: To approve Dr. Ansari and Dr. Bumgardner to attend.
McDonald/Marchi/Approved.

g. Travel Approval: 2022 AADA Annual Meeting October 6-7, 2022 in Ashville, NC.

Motion: To approve travel for Ms. Buttler to attend.
Ansari/Marchi/Approved.

h. Travel Request: 2022 SC Dental Hygiene Association Symposium, September 30 – October 1, 2022 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Motion: To approve travel for Ms. Buttler to attend.
Marchi/Brown/Approved.

LEGAL BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion: To return to public session.
Ansari/Marchi/Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Amy Natoli stated she is excited to serve as a member of the Dental Hygiene Committee. Presently, she serves as the Dental Hygiene Association President.

NEXT MEETING

November 4, 2022 at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.

Ansari/Marchi/Approved.

The meeting adjourn at 2:17 pm.