

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Dentistry**  
**Board Meeting**  
9:00 a.m., June 7, 2024

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 MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William D. Stewart, DMD, President  
Thomas A. McDonald, DMD, MD, Vice President  
Sherie W. Barbare, RDH, Secretary  
Carolyn L. Brown, D.M.D  
J. Brent Copeland, D.M.D,  
Harold N. Eddy, D.D.S.  
Julia K., Mikell, D.D.S.  
K. Britt Reagin, D.M.D.

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Prentis Shealy, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Casey Smith, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Amelia Leeks, Program Manager, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Maggie Murdock, Program Director  
Amy Holleman, Board Executive  
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator  
Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Lolei Bristow, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Jennifer A. Hollis, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Pete Siepert, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Billie Chambers, IT Services Specialist

**PRESENT:**

Amy Natoli, RDH, South Carolina Dental Hygiene Association  
Dr. Phil Latham, Executive Director, South Carolina Dental Association  
Dr. Greg Orsimarsi  
Dr. Sun Hwang  
Dr. Brad W. Neville, Trident Medical Center  
Dr. Ricardo Padilla, Trident Medical Center  
Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Stewart, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda with amendments  
Reagin/McDonald/Approved

## **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Dr. Stewart gave remarks and spoke about the Board’s mission and responsibility is to promote the health, safety, and economic well-being of the public.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Members of the Board introduced themselves.

## **APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Dr. Murtuza Ansari and Ms. Elizabeth Marchi were absent.

**Motion:** To approve absences  
McDonald/Brown/Approved

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for the April 5, 2024, Board meeting  
Copeland/McDonald/Approved

## **PUBIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Gregory R. Orsimarsi, II addressed the Board and shared his concerns surrounding workforce shortages

Dr. Thomas R. Edmonds, representing the South Carolina Dental Association, addressed the Board regarding dental compacts.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report - Ashley Bailey  
Ms. Bailey reported for the period of January 1, 2024 to May 23, 2024 that the agency received 52 complaints; issued two (2) letters of caution; one (1) no jurisdiction; one (1) cease and desist; one (1) no issue found; four (4) administrative dismissal; and forty-three (43) dismissed.

### **Dr. Stewart called for a motion to move into a closed session.**

**Motion:** To move into closed session  
Brown/McDonald/Approved

- b. Investigative Review Committee Report - Prentiss Shealy. Esquire  
Ms. Shealy reported that the IRC Committee recommended sixteen (16) cases for dismissal and six (6) letters of caution.

**Motion:** To accept the 16 cases for dismissals.  
Brown/Reagin/Approved

**Motion:** Dismiss one (1) case  
Reagin/Mikell/Approved

**Motion:** To issue five (5) Letters of Caution  
Copeland/Reagin/Approved

**Dr. Stewart called for a motion to return to open session.**

**Motion:** To return to open session  
Brown/Mikell/Approved

The Board recessed for five minutes.

- c. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Prentiss Shealy, Esquire  
Ms. Shealy reported there are currently thirty (30) open cases. Of the open cases, eleven (11) pending hearings and agreements; one (1) closed since March 20, 2024; and three (3) closed since January 1, 2024.
- d. Board Executive Report – Amy Holleman  
Ms. Holleman provided an update of the continuing education audits for renewal period ending March 1, 2023.

Ms. Holleman provided an update regarding active South Carolina licenses; 3903 dentists of which 796 hold specialty and 4002 dental hygienists, of which 2478 hold an infiltration anesthesia certificate. Since May 1, 2024, the Dentistry Board received one-hundred and fifty-seven (157) applications. Of those there were seventy-eight (78) dentist and seventy-nine (79) dentist hygienist applications received.

Ms. Holleman provided an update regarding Board membership for seats that expire on December 31, 2024, which are Congressional Districts 4 and 6, and the Statewide Hygienist.

**OLD BUSINESS**

CDCA-WREB-CITA (CWA) Steering Committee

The Chair asked that licensed dentist Board members consider serving as a member of the CDCA-WREB-CITA (CWA) Steering Committee. Dr. Brown stated that she will consider.

Teaching for Continuing Education Credit Study Group Report

Mr. Horner presented the study group’s recommendations/ proposed regulations for teaching continuing education credits for instructors and/or individuals. The Board questioned Mr. Horner regarding this matter. Mr. Stewart called for a motion in regards to the recommendations.

**Motion:** To approve recommendations to update regulations with the proposed changes/amendments for teaching credits for continuing education hours  
Copeland/Barbara/Approved

Summary of Procedures – Dental Hygienists, Expanded Duty Dental Assistants, and Dental Assistants

Mr. Horner presented the revised Summary of Procedures. Mr. Stewart called for motion in this matter.

**Motion:** To approve the revised Summary of Procedures  
Barbara/Brown/Approved

**NEW BUSINESS**

Expert Reviewers

Karen P. Robinson, DMD, OMFS  
Ashley C. Tankersley, DMD

**Motion:** To approve expert reviewers, Dr. Karen P. Robinson and Dr. Ashley C. Tankersley.  
Brown/Reagin/Approved

AADB Mid-Year Meeting Report – Dr. Carolyn Brown  
Dr. Brown provided a report to the Board.

Approval of Trident Health Care Hospital-Based Residency

Dr. Brad E. Neville, DDS, Oral Maxillofacial Pathologist presented before the Board. Dr. Neville asked that the Board recognize the General Surgery Residency Program at Trident Medical Center under SC Code § 40-15-175. The Board discusses the matter. The Chair called for a motion that the Board recognizes the General Surgery Residency Program at Trident Medical Center under SC Code § 40-15-175.

**Motion:** To recognize the General Surgery Residency Program at Trident Medical Center under SC Code § 40-15-175.  
Copeland/Eddy/Discussion

**Motion:** To retract recognition of the General Surgery Residency Program at Trident Medical Center under SC Code § 40-15-175.  
Copeland/Mikell/Approved

**Motion:** To approve Trident Medical Center’s General Surgery Residency as an approved teaching facility for head and neck surgery, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial prosthodontics.  
McDonald/Brown/Approved

Travel Approval – CDCA-WREB-CITA Dental Testing and Regulatory Summit, September 26-27, 2024, Gault House Hotel, Louisville, KY

**Motion:** To approve travel for the Board Executive or member of staff, legal counsel, Dr. Brown and Dr. Stewart  
Reagin/Mikell/Approved

Travel Approval – AADB Annual Meeting, September 28-29, 2024, Gault House Hotel, Louisville, KY

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Brown, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Mikell, Legal Counsel, and the Board Executive or a staff member.  
Reagin/Copeland/Approved

**Motion:** To amend approval to four Board members, Legal Counsel and the Board Executive or a staff member  
Reagin/Copeland/Approved

Travel Approval – AADA Annual Meeting, Dates TBA

**Motion:** To approve a member of the Dental Board staff to attend the annual AADA meeting  
McDonald/Reagin/Approved

2025 Board Meeting Dates

All meetings scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at 110 Centerview Drive in the Low Country Meeting Room.  
Friday January 31, 2025  
Friday, April 11, 2025  
Friday, June 6, 2025  
Friday, October 31, 2025

**Motion:** To approve 2025 Meeting Schedule  
McDonald/Mikell/Approved

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

There were no legislative updates.

## APPLICATION HEARINGS

These proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

a. **Dentist**

1. **Sun Hee Hwang, DDS**

Dr. Hwang, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board for an application hearing without legal counsel representation. Dr. Hwang addressed, and answered questions from the Board.

### **Executive Session:**

**Motion:** To receive legal advice for this matter during the Executive Session  
Brown/Copeland/Approved

### **Return to Public Session**

**Motion:** To come out of Executive Session  
Reagin/Copeland/Approved

Dr. Stewart, President, noted for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a disposition in this matter.

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Sun Hee Hwang's licensure application based on the documentations submitted  
McDonald/Reagin/Approved

Dr. Stewart informed the Board that he created a Task Force consisting of members, Ms. Sherie Barbare, Dr. Britt Reagin, Ms. Elizabeth Marchi, and Dr. Julie Mikell to study the Dental Hygienist workplace shortage.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** To adjourn  
Reagin/Brown/Approved

Dr. Stewart, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the June 7, 2024 meeting for the South Carolina Board of Dentistry at 11:48 p.m.

## NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina Board of Dentistry is October 25, 2024.