

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
9:00 a.m., April 4, 2025

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:

Thomas A. McDonald, DMD, MD, President
K. Britt Reagin, DMD, Vice-President
Sherie W. Barbare, RDH, Secretary
Carolyn L. Brown, DMD
J. Brent Copeland, DMD
Julia K. Mikell, DDS
Amy E. Natoli, DH, BSDH

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Prentiss Shealy, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Casey Smith, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Maggie Murdock, Program Director
Jennifer Stillwell, Program Director, Office of Investigations, Enforcement and Inspections
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
Valerie Eady, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Ryan Belton, IT Services Specialist

PRESENT:

Dr. Edward Parker Henerey Cudd, Sr.
Dr. Patrick Ryan Marcello
Dr. Concepcion Barboza-Arguello
Dr. Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos
Dr. Sarandeep Huja, Dean, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine
Dr. Douglas Alterman, Director of Dental Faculty Practice
Dr. Thomas R. Edmonds, SCDA
Phil Latham, Executive Director, SCDA
Mark Brown, CAE, Associate Executive Director, SCDA
Catherine F. Wrenn, Esquire, Baker Donelson
Dr. Charles Bumgardner
Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. McDonald, President, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. McDonald called for a motion to approve the agenda with amendment.

Motion: To approve amended agenda
Mikell/Copeland/Approved

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Dr. McDonald welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the Board introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Dr. Covington, Dr. Rodelsperger and Dr. Eddy were not in attendance.

Motion: To approve the absences of Dr. Covington, Dr. Rodelsperger and Dr. Eddy
Reagin/Natoli/Approved

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes for January 31, 2025, with correction
Reagin/Natoli/Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Thomas R. Edmonds, representative of the South Carolina Dental Association addressed the Board.

Dr. McDonald called for a motion to move into a closed session.

Motion: To move into closed session
Brown/Reagin/Approved

STAFF REPORTS

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report - Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator

Ms. Bailey reported for the period of January 1, 2025 through March 19, 2025 that the agency received fifty-two (52) complaints; has forty (40) active investigations, and closed twenty-five (25) cases.

Investigative Review Committee Report – Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator

Ms. Bailey reported that the IRC Committee recommended twenty-nine (29) cases for dismissal and two (2) letters of caution.

Motion: To Dismiss Key #11 with a LOC with recommended Letter of Caution language
Mikell/Reagin/Approved

Motion: To remove Key #18 for further review
McDonald/Reagin/Approved

Motion: To accept the twenty-seven (27) cases for dismissals and issue one (1) Letter of Caution
Reagin/Copeland/Approved

Motion: To dismiss Key #31
Reagin/Brown/Approved

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Prentiss Shealey, Esquire

Ms. Shealey reported there are currently thirty-one (31) open cases. Of the open cases, two (2) are pending hearings and agreements; and one (1) closed since January 1, 2025.

Authorization for the President to sign CE Audit Non-Compliance Consent Agreements – Prentiss Shealey, Esq

Motion: To delegate the President of the Board the authority to sign Consent Agreements in regards to CE requirements
Brown/Natoli/Approved

Dr. McDonald called for a motion to return to open session.

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

Board Executive Report – Amy Holleman

Ms. Holleman provided a staffing update. As of April 3, 2025, lapsed status for dentistry licenses are as follows: 353 General Dentist with 54 of those holding a specialty license; 355 Dental Hygienist with 126 of those holding an Infiltration Anesthesia Certificate; and four (4) Dental Technicians.

Currently, active licensees are 3330 General Dentist, of which 792 hold Specialty licenses; 32 Restricted Dental Instructors; six (6) Volunteer Dentist; 4367 Dental Hygienist of which 2396 hold an Infiltration Anesthesia Certification; and three (3) volunteer hygienist.

NEW BUSINESS

CE Audits

Dr. McDonald appointed a Continuing Education Task Force, with Dr. Carolyn Brown serving as the Chair and members, Dr. McDonald, Dr. Reagin, Dr. Mikell and Ms. Barbare.

The Board recessed for ten (10) minutes.

APPLICATION HEARINGS

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

Dentist

Dr. Edward Parker Henerey Cudd, Sr. – Licensure by Credentials

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

Dr. Patrick Ryan Marcello – Sedation Permit

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

Dr. Concepcion Barboza-Arguello – Restricted Dental Instructor

Dr. Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos – Restricted Dental Instructor

All parties agreed to simultaneously hear the applications for Dr. Barboza-Arguello's and Dr. Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos.

Ms. Catherine Wrenn, Esquire, representing both, Dr. Concepcion Barboza-Arguello, and Dr. Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos, in his absence, presented before the Board. The court reporter swore in Dr. Barboza-Arguellos. who addressed and answered questions from the Board. Dr. Huja and Dr. Altman, witnesses for the applicants, addressed and responded to questions from the Board.

Executive Session for Legal Advice, if needed

Executive Session

Motion: To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice for these matters.
Brown/Copeland/Approved

Return to Closed Session

Motion: To come out of Executive Session
Natoli/Reagin/Approved

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

Dr. Edward Parker Henerey Cudd, Sr. – Licensure by Credentials

Motion: To approve application
Copeland/Natoli//Approved

Dr. Patrick Ryan Marcello – Sedation Permit

Motion: To approve moderate sedation permit contingent on providing proof of fulfilling all continuing education requirements for South Carolina licensure, including the sedation continuing education requirement.
Mikell/Reagin/Approved

Dr. Concepcion Barboza-Arguello – Restricted Dental Instructor

Dr. Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos – Restricted Dental Instructor

Motion: To approve Restricted Dental Instructor applications for Dr. Concepcion Barboza-Arguello and Dr. Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos based on the applicants' experience, faculty practice, fellowships at CODA approved facilities and clinical instructions at CODA approved institutions.
Reagin/Copeland/Approved

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. McDonald, after returning to open session and ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the April 4, 2025 meeting for the South Carolina Board of Dentistry at 1:10 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn
Brown/Reagin/Approved

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry is June 6, 2025.