

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
9:00 a.m., June 6, 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
Kip S. Covington, DMD
Amy E. Natoli, RDH, BSDH
Robert, P. Rodelsperger, DMD

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Prentiss Shealy, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Casey Smith, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Jennifer Stillwell, Program Director, Office of Investigations, Enforcement and Inspections
Amy Holleman, Board Executive
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator
Shelley Nevins, Administrative Assistant
Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Yarikza Alexander, 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:

Richael “Sheli” Cobler, Executive Director, CRDTS
Tasha Raine, Special Programs Coordinator, CRDTS
Jessica Rae Holmes
Dr. Murtuza A. Ansari
Mrs. Anita Ansari
Dr. Richard Ramon Rolle, Jr.
Ronald Serrao
Dr. Ignacio Troiano
Dr. John Ference, MUSC, Director of Digital Dentistry Program
Vivian Fairbairn, JD, Assistant General Counsel, MUSC
Dr. Thomas R. Edmonds, SCDA
Phil Latham, Executive Director, SCDA
Mark Brown, CAE, Associate Executive Director, SCDA
Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. McDonald, President, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: To approve agenda
Copeland/Natoli/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. Julia Mikell and Dr. Nelson Eddy were not in attendance.

Motion: To approve the absences of Dr. Mikell and Dr. Eddy
Brown/ Rodelsperger/Approved

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes for April 4, 2025.
Copeland/Barbare/Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PLAQUE

Dr. McDonald presented the service award plaque to Dr. Murtuza A. Ansari.

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

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

STAFF REPORTS

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

Ms. Bailey reported that between March 20, 2025 through May 16, 2025 the agency received thirty-two (32) complaints and closed thirty-five (35) cases. There are currently sixty-five (65) active investigations.

Investigative Review Committee Report – Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator

Ms. Bailey reported that the IRC Committee recommended twenty-three (23) cases for dismissal and two (2) formal complaints.

Motion: To dismiss Case No. 2024-207 with a Letter of Caution
Copeland/Covington/Approved

Motion: To accept twenty-two (22) cases for dismissals
Covington/ Rodelsperger/Approved

Motion: To issue formal complaints for two (2) cases
Rodelsperger/Natoli/Approved

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

Ms. Shealey reported there are currently seventy-one (71) open cases. Of the open cases, twelve (12) are pending hearings and agreements; and three (3) closed since January 1, 2025. Ms. Shealey provided a report for the 2021-2023 continuing audit update to the Board.

Ms. Shealey explained the role of a triage dentist reviewer and presented the need to add an additional triage dentist reviewer, asking the Board to consider, Dr. Donald Marler, a former Board member. The Board made a motion regarding this matter.

Motion: To authorize Dr. Marler as a triage dentist reviewer
Brown/Copeland/Approved

2025 Dental Additional Review Report

Ms. Shealey presented the report to the Board. The Board made the following motions:

Motion: To dismiss Case No.: 2022-179 with a Letter of Caution
Brown/Copeland/Approved

Motion: To dismiss Case Nos.: 2018-39; 2019-57; and 2021-8. Issue Letters of Cautions for cases 2019-39; 2019-94; 2021-128; 2021-148; 2021-172; 2022-130; 2022-137; and 2023-106.
Brown/ Rodelsperger/Approved

2025 CE Audit Discussion

Motion read by Advice Counsel, and made by Dr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Covington as follows:

June 20, 2025 On or around June 20th generate a non-compliance eblast to all licensees identified as failed to complete their CEs as required for the March 2, 2023 – March 1, 2025 renewal period, explaining the compliance issues.

The eblast will inform active-duty members of the military that they are exempt and that they must send the Board a copy of their active-duty military orders.

The non-compliance licensees will be:

- Offer Private Consent Agreement (*Generic CA*)
- Fined \$500.00
- Directed to submit proof of completion deficient CEs within 30 days. (*CE Broker*) *

July 20, 2025 On or around this date, licensees that failed to respond to the CA will be,

- Administratively Suspended;
- Receive a private reprimand;
- Fined \$1,000
- Must complete deficient continuing education requirements

The licensee will be allowed to reinstate license with:

- Submission of proof of completion of deficient CEs (*CE Broker**)
- Payment of \$1,000 fine,
(Must be completed by August 20, 2025)

(*This action **is not** reportable to the NPDB on the licensee*)

August 21, 2025

On or around this date, licensees that remain in non-compliance for the completion of the required CEs for the March 2, 2023 – March 1, 2025 renewal period will

- Remain in Administratively Suspended status;
- Receive a Public Consent Agreement
- Be fined \$2,500
- Must complete deficient continuing education requirements
(*This action **is** reportable to the NPDB*)

The licensee will be allowed to reinstate their license with

- Submitted proof of completion of the deficient CEs*
- Payment of the \$2,500 fine
(Must be completed by September 20, 2025)

September 21, 2025

Licensees that remain in non-compliance will receive:

- Public Reprimand
- Consent Agreement
- \$5,000 fine
- Must complete deficient continuing education requirements

The licensee will be allowed to reinstate license with

- Submission of proof of completion of deficient CEs*
- Payment of \$5,000 fine
- Complying with the Consent Agreement Order

October 21, 2025

Licensees that remain in non-compliance:

- License will remain in suspension
- The Board will determine if a Board appearance is required or reinstatement can occur without a Board appearance
- The Board will determine if any additional actions will be required from the non-compliant/suspended licensee in order to be reinstated.

All completed continuing education courses must be reported to CE Broker

The Board recommended that the CE Audit Workgroup meet with a representative from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, prior to the October 2025 scheduled Board meeting for further guidance regarding the January 1, 2021 through March 1, 2023 continuing education audit for licensees that remain non-compliance, as of October 21, 2025, if such guidance was needed.

The Board recessed for five (5) minutes.

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

Motion: To return to open session
Reagin/Natoli/Approved

Board Executive Report – Amy Holleman

Ms. Holleman provided a staffing update and introduced Shelley Nevins, the new member of the team.

Currently, the active licenses count is:

General Dentist	3818	Dental Hygienist	4465	Portable Units	34
Dental Specialty	803	DH with Infiltration Anesthesia	2411	Mobile Units	7
Dental Instructors	33	Volunteer Hygienist	3		
Dental Technicians	122				
Orthodontic Technicians	2				

OLD BUSINESS

AADB Mid-Year Meeting Report

Dr. Brown presented the AADB Mid-Year report for the meeting held on April 11-12, 2025 in Rosemont, IL. Dr. Brown stated that the conference covered updates regarding the changes in licensure and license portability, board reports from participating boards, discussions regarding potential developments in education and certifications, discussion on lasers usage in dentistry and states' regulations, and discussions regarding legislative compact actions within various states.

NEW BUSINESS

CRDTS – CARE Program – Presenters, Richael, “Sheli” Cobler, CRDTS Executive Director and Tasha Raine, CRDTS Special Programs Coordinator

Ms. Paine presented the CRDTS CARE (Calibrate, Administrate, Remediate, Educate) program. The program currently serves self-referred, board mandated, and dentist/dental practices for re-education, remediation and continuing education.

Discussion: Continuing Education After Residency

The Board discussed the matter and determined that an amended regulation regarding residency continuing education should be presented to the State in order to provide clarification regarding continuing education for a person in residency.

Motion: To present an amended regulations to state that an individual in residency and through the first renewal period after completion of the residency is exempt from the continuing education license renewal requirements or such statement as formalized by the Board's Advice Counsel.
Reagin/Covington/Approved

Discussion: Accepting CE Courses Accredited by the American Academy of Dental Hygiene per Regulation 39-5(F)(4)(d)

The Board discussed regulation 39-5(F)(4)(d), and accepting continuing education courses accredited by the American Academy of Dental Hygiene.

Motion: To approve continuing education courses accredited by the American Academy of Dental Hygiene
Natoli/Barbare/Approved

Discussion: Volunteer Work for Continue Education Hours

The Board discussed the applying continuing education hours for volunteer work. Mr. Latham, contributed to the discussion. The Board issued a statement of clarification, that the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry encourages licensees to participate in volunteer work; however, volunteer work is not eligible for continuing education required hours.

Motion: To approve the policy that volunteer work does not qualify to be counted toward the continuing education required hours.
Rodelsperger/Reagin/Approved

Discussion of Regulation 39-16 – Structured Courses in Radiation Safety

Mr. Horner recommended that the Board approve a committee to study the regulations and that the Board go into executive session regarding legally defining structured course of training in radiation safety.

Motion: To seek legal advice in executive session.
Reagin/Covington/Approved

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board will move into executive session near the end of the meeting.

Travel Request – CRDTS Annual Meeting, August 22-23, 2025 – Omaha, NE

Motion: Approve the attendance of the Board Executive and members, also, to cover any eligible expense not covered by CRDTS for the attending the meeting.
Copeland/Natoli/Approved

Travel Request – American Association of Dental Board Administrators Annual Meeting – October 15-16, 2025 – Grapevine, TX

Motion: To approve attendance for the Board Executive and to cover any eligible expenses.
Reagin/Natoli/Approved

Travel Request – CDCA-WREB-CITA Annual Meeting, October 16-17, 2025 – Grapevine, TX

Motion: To approve attendance for Board Executive, legal counsel, and all board members and to cover any eligible expenses.
Reagin/Natoli/Approved

Travel Request – American Association of Dental Boards Annual Meeting – October 18-19, 2025, Grapevine, TX

Motion: To approve attendance for Board Executive, legal counsel, and all board member, and to cover any eligible expenses.
Reagin/Natoli/Approved

APPLICATION HEARINGS

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

Dentist

Dr. Richard Ramon Rolle, Jr., - General Dentist

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

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board will take this up in executive session, which the Board will go into at the end of the meeting. The applicant may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the applicant with the Board's decision.

Dr. Ignacio Troiano – Restricted Dental Instructor

Dr. Troiano, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board for an application hearing without legal counsel representation. Dr. Troiano and Vivian Fairbairn, Esquire, representing MUSC., presented before the Board and answered questions from the Board.

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board will take this up in executive session, which the Board will go into at the end of the meeting. The applicant may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the applicant with the Board's decision.

The Board recessed for five (5) minutes

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

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

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

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

Memorandum of Agreement

Case No.: 2025-125

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board without legal counsel representation. Ms. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed the Board 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.
Reagin/Brown/Approved

Return to Closed Session

Motion: To come out of Executive Session
Copeland/Rodelsperger/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. Richard Ramon Rolle, Jr., - General Dentist – Licensure by Examination

Motion: To deny the application by examination until applicant's North Carolina probation status/period ends. At such time, the applicant must reapply.
Reagin/Rodelsperger/Approved

Dr. Ignacio Troiano – Restricted Dental Instructor

Motion: To approve Restricted Dental Instructor applications for Dr. Troiano to the Medical University of South Carolina.
McDonald/Rodelsperger/Approved

Case No.: 2025-125

Motion: To accept the Memorandum of Agreement; the Board finds a violation of South Carolina Code of Regulations 39-11 and 39-5, therefore, the respondent is fine a \$750.00 civil penalty with a private reprimand.
Barbara/Natoli/Approved

Regulation 39-16 – Structured Courses in Radiation Safety

Motion: That the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry recognizes that a self-paced home study course can be a structured course and that completion of that home study course could be verified by passing the required examination; and be acceptable for exposing radiographs by dental assistants under the supervision of the dentist as outlined by law.
McDonald/Covington/Approved

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board appointed a subcommittee, consisting of Dr. McDonald, Dr. Rodelsperger and Ms. Barbare, to examine the regulations for radiation exposure, instruction and the requirements for updating the regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. McDonald, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the June 6, 2025 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry at 2:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry is **October 31, 2025**.