

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Dentistry**  
**Board Meeting**  
9:00 a.m., October 31, 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  
Harold N. Eddy, DMD  
Julia K. Mikell, DDS  
Amy E. Natoli, DH, 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  
Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Amy Holleman, Board Executive  
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator  
Shelley Nevins, Administrative Assistant  
Robin Barr, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
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  
Billy Chambers, IT Services Specialist

**PRESENT:**

Lindsey A. Harper, Attorney At Law, Hall, Booth, Smith, PC. Attorneys At Law  
Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey, IV, Esquire, Caskey Law Firm, P.A.  
John Taber, Attorney  
Dr. Richard W. Van Gulp  
Dr. Shawana N. Patterson-Gaines  
Dr. Kyle M. Garlitz  
Tiffany S. Coaxum  
Denadrian L. Harris-Simmons.  
Rosshaunn L. Hollon  
Dr. Bradley D. Hughes  
John Edward Knarr  
Theresa Kahn  
Lindsey Jackson, President, Dental Hygiene Association

Dr. Charles Bumgardner  
Phil Latham, Executive Director, SCDA  
James Mercer, SCDA  
Dr. Martin  
Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. McDonald, President called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Motion:** To approve agenda  
Mikell/Rodelsperger/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**

All Board members were present.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for June 6, 2026, with the correction to the adjournment time and the spelling of Dr. Julia Mikell’s name.  
Copeland/Brown/Approved

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Mercer asked that the Board make licensees aware that a change in the tax identification number for a sedation facility triggers/generates a new inspection for the facility. The Board discussed the issue and decided to take it under advisement.

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

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

### **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Bailey reported that between January 1, 2025 through October 9, 2025 the agency received two-hundred & seventy (272) complaints and closed two-hundred & forty-seven (247). There are currently thirty-three (33) 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 move Key #53 from a Letter of Caution to a Formal Complaint  
Brown/Mikell/Approved

**Motion:** To move Key #39 from a Dismissal to a Letter of Caution  
Brown/Mikell/Discussion  
Approval of Motion: Brown/Barbare/Covington  
Opposed Motion: Reagin/Natoli/Eddy/Copeland/Mikell/Rodelsperger  
Brown/Mikell/Denied

**Motion:** To move Key #50 from a Letter of Caution to a Dismissal  
Mikell/Reagin/Approved

**Motion:** To approved amended IRC Report  
Brown/Rodelsperger/Approved

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

Ms. Shealey reported there are currently fifty (50) open cases. Of the open cases, twenty-five (25) are pending hearings and agreements. There were eighty-one (81) cases closed since January 1, 2025. Ms. Shealey provided a report for the 2021-2023 continuing education audit update to the Board.

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

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

Board Executive Report – Amy Holleman

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that Dr. Brown, Dr. Mikell, and she attended the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) annual meeting in addition to Ms. Holleman attending the American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) meeting. Dr. Brown and Ms. Holleman attended the American Board of Dental Examiners’ (ABDE) annual meeting.

Ms. Holleman provided the current active licenses update:

General Dentist	3892	Dental Hygienist	5358
Dental Specialty	843	DH with Infiltration Anesthesia	2432
Dental Instructors	37	Volunteer Hygienist	3
Dental Technicians	123	Volunteer Dentist	19
Orthodontic Technicians	2		

Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) & States Resources for Testing and Assessments (SRTA) Dental Exams Update – Merger

The Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) & States Resources for Testing and Assessments (SRTA) Dental Exams\_merger was completed in December of 2024. Per the press release, “In 2026 and moving forward, the CRDTS+SRTA organization will administer the CRDTS dental and dental hygiene examinations. CRDTS+SRTA will combine examiners and incorporate the knowledge and skillset of the SRTA leadership into that of the CRDTS leadership.”

The American Board of Dental Examiners (CDC-WREB-CITA and ADEX)

The report will be provided at a later date.

Dental Hygiene Examination Review Committee report to State Boards  
Ms. Barbare provided a written report to the Board.

The American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) and American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) Annual Meeting Reports  
The reports will be provided at a later date.

Travel Request – 69<sup>th</sup> Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners (SCDDE), Chapel Hill, NC – January 23-25, 2026

**Motion:** Approve travel for all Board members, the Board Executive and legal counsel  
Mikell/Copeland/Approved

#### 2026 Board Meeting Dates

**Motion:** To approve the 2026 Board meeting dates: January 30, 2026, April 17, 2026, June 5, 2026, and October 30, 2026  
Rodelsperger/Covington/Approved

#### Hearing Officers/Hearing Panel Members

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Murtuza A. Ansari, Dr. Charles C. Bumgardner and Dr. William D. Stewart as Dentistry Hearing Officers/Panel Members, updating the current list, adding the approved, removing retired dentists and those that are no longer eligible to serve as Hearing Panel Officers/Members.  
Rodelsperger/Reagin/Approved

**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. Richard Wayne Van Gulp - General Dentist

Dr. Kip S. Covington recused himself. Dr. Richard Wayne Van Gulp, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board for an application hearing without legal counsel representation. Dr. Gulp addressed, and answered questions from the Board.

Dr. McDonald called for a disposition in this matter or a motion to go into Executive Session to seek legal advice.

**Motion:** To accept Dr. Van Gulp's licensure by credential application  
Eddy/Rodelsperger/Approved

Dr. Covington returned to the session.

Dr. Shawana Neopi Patterson-Gaines – General Dentist

Mr. Micajah P. Caskey, IV, Esquire, representing, Dr. Shawana Neopi Patterson-Gaines, presented before the Board. The court reporter swore in Dr. Patterson-Gaines, who 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.

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  
Rodelsperger/Brown/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.: 2025-87**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on his own behalf without legal counsel representation. Prentiss Shealey, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board’s decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

**Case No.: 2025-93**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on her own behalf without legal counsel representation. Prentiss Shealey, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board’s decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

**Case No.: 2025-121**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on her own behalf without legal counsel representation. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board’s decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

**Case No.: 2025-124**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on her own behalf without legal counsel representation. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

**Case No.: 2025-128**

Jonathan Taber, Esquire, respondent's attorney, and respondent appeared before the Board. The Respondent was sworn in by the court reporter. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement. The Respondent's attorney and the respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

**Case No.: 2025-145**

Amy Natoli recused herself. The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on his own behalf without legal counsel representation. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

Ms. Natoli returned to the session.

**Stipulation of Facts (SOF)**

**Case No.: 2023-103**

Lindsay A. Harper, Esquire, respondent's attorney, and respondent appeared before the Board. The Respondent was sworn in by the court reporter. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Stipulation of Facts. The Respondent's attorney and the respondent addressed, and responded to 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 respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or

Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter

## **Executive Session for Legal Advice, if needed**

### **Executive Session**

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

### **Return to Open Session**

**Motion:** To come out of Executive Session  
Brown/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. Shawana Neopi Patterson-Gaines – General Dentist – Licensure by Examination**

**Motion:** To deny the application by examination based on South Carolina Statute 40-1.110(B).  
Rodelsperger/Reagin/Approved

### **Case No.: 2025-87**

**Motion:** To accept the Memorandum of Agreement, issue a private reprimand, and two-thousand-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) fine to be paid within thirty (30) days of the signed Final Order.  
Mikell/Reagin/Approved

### **Case No.: 2025-93**

**Motion:** To accept the Memorandum of Agreement, issue a private reprimand, and one-thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500) fine to be paid within sixty (60) days of the signed Final Order.  
Natoli/Rodelsperger/Approved

### **Case No.: 2025-121**

**Motion:** To accept the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a private reprimand.  
Copeland/Natoli/Approved

### **Case No.: 2025-124**

**Motion:** To accept the Memorandum of Agreement, issue a private reprimand, and one-thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500) fine to be paid within sixty (60) days of the signed Final Order.  
Natoli/Reagin/Approved

### **Case No.: 2025-128**

**Motion:** To accept the original Memorandum of Agreement, issue a private reprimand, and five-hundred (\$500) dollar fine.  
Reagin/Rodelsperger/Approved

### **Case No.: 2025-145**

**Motion:** To accept the Stipulation of Facts finding the respondent in violation of Code Sections 40-15-190(A)(1); 40-15-190(A)(9) and 40-1-100(1)(k). To impose a fifteen-hundredth (\$1,500) dollar fine to be paid within sixty (60) days of the signed Final Order.  
McDonald/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Status of Continuing Education compliance Review – Bob Horner, Esq.**

Mr. Horner asked that the Board consider a revision of the current CE audit deadline extending the date to December 15, 2025.

Motion: To extend the 2025 Continuing Education compliance deadline to December 15, 2025, for the signed Non-Compliance Continuing Education Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreements with the five-hundredth (\$500.00) dollar fine. After the date of December 15, 2026, beginning on December 16, 2025 the non-compliant licensees will receive a public reprimand with the following increased fines:

- Dental Hygienists \$1,500.00
- Dental Technicians \$1,500.00
- Dentists \$5,000.00

If the licensee does not comply within thirty (30) days, the license shall be subject to an administrative suspension or cancelled. The Board shall delegate the Board President to sign the Non-Compliance Continuing Education Consent Agreements.

Rodelsperger/Reagin/Approved

**Election of Officers**

Dr. McDonald called for nominations for the Board’s Officers.

President – Dr. Britt Reagin nominated by Dr. Mikell; second by Dr. Brown. There were no other nominations for the Board President. The Board unanimously approved Dr. Britt Reagin as the President.

Vice-President – Sherie Barbare, nominated by Ms. Natoli, seconded by Dr. Copeland. Dr. Reagin nominated Dr. Mikell, who declined. There were no other nominations. The Board unanimously approved Sherie Barbare as the Vice-President.

Secretary – Amy Natoli, nominated by Sherie Barbare, seconded by Dr. Brown. There were no other nominations. The Board unanimously approved Amy Natoli as the Secretary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. McDonald, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the October 31, 2025 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry at 3:46 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry is **January 30, 2025.**