

**S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
Board of Dentistry  
Dental Applications Review Committee Minutes  
Friday, March 15, 2019  
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 202-03  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

Board Members Present:  
Donald Larry Marler, DMD, Chair  
Paul S. Coombs, DMD, Board President  
Charles Bumgardner, DMD  
Murtuza A. Ansari, DMD  
Jessica M. Keisler, RDH

Board Legal Advisor:  
Adam Russell, Jr., Esquire

Staff Present:  
Rita A. Melton, DMD, Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A Dental Applications Review Committee Meeting was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, Room 202-03 on March 15, 2019. Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Dentistry, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, SC and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Dr. Bumgardner made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Ansari seconded it. The motion carried.

Mr. Russell began discussing the dental hygiene application process.

After a lengthy discussion on this matter, Dr. Bumgardner made a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice. Dr. Coombs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Bumgardner made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Keisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Committee continued with a lengthy discussion with Mr. Russell on the dental hygiene application process. Dr. Bumgardner made a motion that we strike from page one, (of the dental hygiene initial application) "active license of practice and licensed within two years" and the phrase "within the past five years from the basis of licensure".

Another discussion ensued and the motion was not seconded.

Dr. Bumgardner then made a motion to table this item and come back at a subsequent meeting after they have reviewed applications from other states and determine verbiage that would be more in line with a national standard or with the national standard of the type of licensure. After a brief discussion, Ms. Keisler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee began a discussion on what exam certain states are using. Mr. Russell stated there is someone in his office who can research and report that information for the committee. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Dr. Bumgardner would take a look at the WREB exam and report back to the committee. Dr. Marler asked Dr. Ansari if he would take a look at CRDTS. Dr. Ansari agreed to do this report. Dr. Marler asked Ms. Keisler to take a look at Florida, California, or New York. Particularly, they would like to check to see the difference in requirements between dentists and dental hygienists. Dr. Marler asked her to review their websites and give a report at the next meeting. She agreed.

Dr. Bumgardner moved that the meeting adjourn. Dr. Marler stated without objection so moved. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa W. Hawsey

Admin. Asst.