

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
June 20-21-22, 2003
Downtown/Riverview Courtyard by Marriott
Medical University of South Carolina
College of Dental Medicine - Basic Science Building
Charleston, SC

On Friday, June 20, 2003, at 8:30 a.m., Dr. Dale F. Finkbine, President, called the meeting to order. Other members participating during the meeting included: Dr. Dennis W. Newton, Jr., Dr. Michelle D. Bedell, Ms. Genie M. Duncan, Dr. William H. Bragdon, Dr. William D. Cranford, Jr.; Dr. John D. Snowden, and Tanya S. Riffe, R.D.H. It was noted for the record that Dr. Amon A. Martin, Jr., would not be in attendance due to illness.

Staff members participating included: Rion Alvey, Administrator, Jay Evans, Investigator, Melissa Slagle, Investigator, Velma Stork, Administrative Assistant, and Terri Zeman, Administrative Assistant. Patrick Hanks and Louis Rosen, LLR Attorneys, were also present.

Public notice of the meeting was properly posted at the Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine, Charleston, South Carolina, and the Board of Dentistry office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 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. A quorum was present at all times.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Dr. Bragdon.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the agenda be approved as presented with a proviso that the President may reorder agenda items as necessary to facilitate the meeting. The motion received a second by Dr. Newton. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed minutes of the following meetings: February 7-8, 2003; March 6, 2003; March 19, 2003; May 10, 2003 and May 27, 2003. Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the Board minutes be approved as presented. The motion received a second by Dr. Newton. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the Board ratify its previous decision to grant licenses/certificates to the following individuals:

General Dentists:

Dr. Alisa J. Raglin Dr. Donald M. Phillips, Jr.
Dr. Ladan A. Tavakoli Dr. James E. Kelley, III
Dr. Stephen S. Pesicek Dr. Linda C. Basquill

Dr. Georgina G. Coffey Dr. Mark A. Medlin
Dr. Allen S. Porter Dr. William P. Westmoreland
Dr. Ronald J. Barth Dr. Bryan D. Byrnside
Dr. Shawn C. Edwards Dr. Gregory T. Harvey
Dr. James S. Hurteau, Jr. Dr. John R. Monroe
Dr. Bryan B. Patterson Dr. Brian R. Derrick
Dr. RauShonda A. Gadson Dr. Katherine G. Hefner
Dr. Christopher P. McHugh Dr. Walker T. Pendarvis
Dr. Allyson C. Varn Dr. Letitia L. Balance
Dr. Paul A. Galloway Dr. Mai Huynh-Le
Dr. Henry A. Iannuzzi Dr. Christopher B. Phillips
Dr. Frank C. Sparacino

Dental Hygienists

Valerie H. Morris Aurela B. Culpepper
Kari L. Masee Julie A. McLane
Lisa R. Burnsed Allison L. Crosby
Tabitha P. Stroupe Lindsey A. Warner
Crystal S. Borghi Heather S. Coker
Connie D. Guide Ashley E. Stansell
Monica L. Shannon Mary M. Cantey
Emily M. Logsdon Lori A. McEntyre
Margie A. Moore Carin A. Bonner
Rosalie M. Davis Rachel M. Farmer
Lisa G. Reeves Kimberly L. Urquhart
Linda F. Azevedo Saree N. Bishop
Tara W. Cary Diedra H. Craft
Dorothy M. Crews Syna J. Crews
Kathy L. Dickson Sara B. DuBose
Crystal G. Geddings Rebecca J. Gerow
Stefini L. Green Pemra L. Hudson
Monica L. Nunn Paula J. Pierson
Meredith A. Rix Angie K. Strickland
Heather L. Williams April D. Anderson
Michelle L. Birch Courtney L. Brookshire
Michele C. Brunswick Latoya S. Campbell
Latasha R. Cooley Donna S. DeBruhl
Tonya J. DeRosa Andrea W. Gay
Allison L. Harris Allison L. Huggins
Holly M. Hughes Clara M. Huskey
Jennifer M. Jarvis Catherine J. Marr
Toan D. Ngo Towanna M. Pressley
Cheri W. Richardson Caroline W. Thomas
Hillary C. Walsh Angella B. Warren
Liliana M. Bedoya Amanda G. Bledsoe
Kelly V. Catoe Leila N. Eadie
Sarah B. Elvis Jerin R. Hawthorne

Crystal A. Mixson Frances W. Odom
Paula R. Pringle Stacey J. Robertson
Victoria R. Stein Chrissie D. Thornton
Jennifer J. Towell Brenda K. Whitehurst

Dental Technician
Edward V.C. Wilson Frank R. Groover
Linda H. Groover

The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the following individuals be granted a license to practice dental hygiene in South Carolina based on results of their SRTA examination, the Dental Practice Act Examination, and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

Carrie L. Coker Emily J. Combs
Jacqueline R. Nunez

The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the Board go into Executive Session for investigative / disciplinary matters. The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Following the investigative report, Dr. Finkbine declared the meeting back in public session.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the Board accept the Stipulation and Petition in the matter of 01-45. The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the Board accept the Consent Order in the matter of 03-35. The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The vote was 4-3; motion carried.

It was noted for the record that in the matter of 02-56, the Consent Order was withdrawn.

It was noted for the record that in the matter of 02-73, at the request of Respondent, the Consent Order was withdrawn and a hearing in the matter will be scheduled.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the Board accept the Consent Order in the matter of 02-61. The motion received a second by Dr. Newton. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that the Board accept the Consent Order in the matter of 02-47. The motion received a second by Dr. Newton. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that in the matter of 02-42, the Respondent be fined \$2,500.00 and that his license to practice dentistry in SC be indefinitely suspended. The motion received a second by Dr. Newton. The motion carried. It was noted for the record that the Respondent in this matter did not appear for the hearing as scheduled.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the following cases be dismissed due to insufficient evidence to warrant a formal accusation and hearing:

96-61 01-19 01-22 02-28 02-53 *02-60 02-63
02-77* 02-87 02-92 02-96 02-102 03-01* 03-03
03-04* 03-08* 03-09 03-10* 03-13 03-14 03-18*
03-19*

The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the Board authorize a Formal Accusation in the following cases:

02-32 02-62 02-88 02-97 02-101 03-05 03-07
03-22

The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

At 12:30 p.m., Dr. Finkbine declared the meeting adjourned for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Bragdon moved that the Board go into Executive Session to conduct oral licensing examinations. The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Following the oral examinations, Dr. Finkbine declared the meeting returned to public session.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the following individuals be granted a license to practice dental hygiene based on results of their oral examination and meeting all other requirements for licensure:

Linda Faye Braddock Tracie Leigh Byrd
Rebecca Jean Doshier Staci Jones Driggers
Shannon Louise Elder Chelsea M. Haviland
Carla Marie Jacovino Nanci Ann Lococo
Hollie L. Roberts Bettina Lynn Vawter
Jennifer L. Walker-Shelby Elena Ann Worthley

The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the following individuals be granted reinstatement of their license based on their meeting all requirements for reinstatement including payment of the reinstatement fee:

Amanda Cheryl Carter Jonathan M. Evans
Chamela Lee Harrell Carla Jean Stack

The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Cranford moved that the dental hygiene license of Ava Elizabeth Weber be reinstated pending satisfactory completion of a total of twenty-one hours of continuing education, within one year. Ms. Weber is to be credited with the seven hours of CE she has already obtained thus far in 2003. The remaining fourteen hours must include, at a minimum, six hours of periodontics for the dental hygienist; two hours in head and neck oral cancer, and four hours of infection control. Upon receipt of satisfactory documentation of the above CE, and payment of the reinstatement fee, Ms. Weber's license will be reinstated. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

The following individuals appeared before the Board in order to complete requirements for the reinstatement of their license:

Patricia Shields Allen Jennifer Lynne Dixon
Merilyn Jean Rich

Motion: Dr. Newton moved that the following individuals be granted a License to Practice a Specialty based on their American Board diplomate status and meeting all other requirements for a specialty license:

Dr. George Keller Bumgardner Dr. Thomas Edwin Porch

The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Cranford moved that the following individual be granted a Restricted Dental Instructor License Limited to the Specialty of Endodontics:

Dr. Harmeet D. Walia

The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Dr. Finkbine declared the meeting adjourned to be reconvened at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2003.

On Saturday, June 21, 2003, at 7:30 a.m., Dr. Finkbine called the meeting to order. He

welcomed and introduced Dr. Charles Timothy Assey to the Board as its newest member-elect and stated that Dr. Assey will assist the Board with its anesthesia exam.

Motion: Dr. Finkbine moved that the Board go into Executive Session to conduct its State Board Specialty Examinations and State Board Dental Hygiene Infiltration Anesthesia Examination. The motion received a second by Dr. Cranford. The motion carried.

Following the examinations, Dr. Finkbine declared the meeting returned to public session. The meeting was adjourned, to be continued on Sunday, June 22, 2003, at 8:30 a.m.

On Sunday, June 23, 2002, Dr. Finkbine called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved the Board grant a Certificate to Administer Infiltration Anesthesia to the following individuals based on successful completion of the examination and meeting all other requirements for certification:

April D. Anderson
Lori M. Ashley
Angela "Dee" Atkins
Saree N. Bishop
Amanda G. Bledsoe
Carin A. Bonner
Michele C. Brunswick
Wanda S. Bunton
Kelly V. Catoe
Carrie "Lou Ann" Coker
Diedra H. Craft
Rosalie "Marie" Davis
Kathy L. Dickson
Kathleen "Sineath" Falls
Andrea W. Gay
Crystal G. Geddings
Rebecca J. Gerow
Seanti Hicks
Melissa C. Jamerson
Catherine J. Marr
Sarah D. Mikell
Linda L. Murphy
Monica L. Nunn
Paula J. Pierson
Cheri W. Richardson
Meredith A. Rix
Jamie P. Robson
Caroline W. Thomas
Patricia W. Tompkins
Jennifer J. Towell
Brenda K. Whitehurst
Atesha A. Yates
Christy G. Young
Retta L. Ziegenfelder

The motion received a second by Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Newton moved the following individuals be granted a Certificate to Administer Infiltration Anesthesia pending successful completion of a retake of the written exam within thirty days:

Linda F. Azevedo
Heather S. Coker
Donna "Stephanie" DeBruhl
Lori B. Denter
Stefini L. Green
Vanessa R. Hilley
Kari Lyn Masee
Valerie H. Morris
Lisa G. Reeves
Jill A. Riley

Ashley E. Stansell
Angella B. Warren
Heather L. Williams

The motion received a second by Dr. Bragdon. The motion carried.

It was noted that the following individuals did not appear for the anesthesia examination as scheduled:

Leah E. Boyd
Rebecca E. Reid

Motion: Dr. Newton moved to grant specialty licenses to the following individuals based on successful completion of their examination and meeting all other requirements for specialty licensure:

Dr. Jennifer E. Butler - Orthodontics
Dr. Jori R. Cohen - Pediatric
Dr. Penelope H. Cralle - Pediatric
Dr. Derek T. Dunlap - Oral Surgery
Dr. Robert H. Ellis, III - Pediatric
Dr. Bryan E. Green - Periodontics
Dr. Christopher C. Jernigan - Orthodontics
Dr. James E. Kelley, II - Orthodontics
Dr. Walter R. Long - Endodontics
Dr. Kathleen W. Monn - Pediatric
Dr. Joseph W. Park - Oral Surgery
Dr. Lisa S. Ravenel - Periodontics
Dr. Frank C. Sparacino - Periodontics
Dr. Anthony S. Thomas - Endodontics
Dr. Virgil O. Vacarean - Prosthodontics
Dr. Ralph D. Warnock - Pediatric
Dr. Michael R. Zetz, Jr. - Orthodontics

The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Board members discussed the current failure rate of the written anesthesia exam (28%). Ms. Riffe volunteered to contact the dental hygiene program directors to request information that may help in the effort to improve this rate. Motion: Dr. Cranford moved that Ms. Riffe draft a letter to the various dental hygiene program directors expressing concern over the failure rate of the written anesthesia exam and requesting information that may help improve the overall outcome results. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

Dr. Newton informed the members that H.4007 was signed by the Governor on June 2, 2003. This bill adds Section 40-15-82 so as to specify certain functions and procedures that may not be delegated to hygienists; amends Section 40-15-85 so as to revise the

definition of "general supervision" and "oral prophylaxis;" adds Section 40-15-102 so as to specify certain functions that a dental hygienist may only perform under general supervision in a private office setting; and amends Section 40-15-110 so as to revise provisions pertaining to dental hygienists providing services in a public health setting.

Board members discussed the upcoming reregistration period. Ms. Zeman reported that no major changes to the reregistration application forms for 2004 are anticipated. Mr. Alvey recommended, and the Board agreed, to keep the reregistration fees for 2004 as they are.

The Board reviewed a list of proposed topics for the October 2003 newsletter. Members are to advise Ms. Zeman of any additional topics for the newsletter as soon as possible.

Members reviewed a proposed amended continuing education policy. Ms. Zeman explained that only those licensees that are fully retired from practice may request a "waiver" of the CE/CPR requirements. Other licensees may request an "extension" of time in which to complete their requirements. An extension may be granted to a licensee provided the licensee is able to demonstrate that he/she is unable to participate in a sufficient number of regular CE programs for licensure/registration. An "Application for Waiver or Extension" must be completed and submitted to the Board office on or before March 1. Motion: Dr. Cranford moved that the Board approve the revised policy with regard to continuing education. The motion received a second from Dr. Newton. The motion carried.

The Board discussed an amendment with regard to its reinstatement policy. The proposed amendment will allow an applicant whose license/certificate expires on March 1 to have his/her license/certificate reinstated by the Administrator provided the request for reinstatement is made on or before March 31. The application must be fully completed by April 15; also, the applicant must appear before the Board at its next regularly-scheduled Board meeting. Motion: Dr. Cranford moved that the Board approve the amended reinstatement policy. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the clinical portion of the hygiene anesthesia examination. To date, all of the anesthesia exam candidates have passed the clinical portion of the exam. Motion: Ms. Riffe moved that, effective January 1, 2004, the Board eliminate the clinical hygiene anesthesia examination and continue with the written exam. The written exam is to be administered at the Board office and coordinated by the staff. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The vote: 5 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstention. The motion carried.

The Board discussed an amendment with regard to its certification for administration of infiltration anesthesia policy. Effective January 1, 2004, the State Board Anesthesia Examination is a written examination that is to be administered at the Board office. An applicant who fails the examination may retake it up to two times within thirty days of

notification by the Board and with proper payment of the required fee. An applicant who fails to achieve a passing grade on the examination after three attempts must complete another Board-approved course in local infiltration anesthesia prior to being eligible to apply again for certification. An expired certificate may be reinstated within one year by submitting payment of the required fee. After more than one year, an expired certificate may be reinstated if the applicant successfully challenges the State Board Anesthesia Examination. Motion: Dr. Cranford moved that the Board approve the amended anesthesia certification policy. The motion received a second from Dr. Bedell. The motion carried.

The Board scheduled its next meeting on September 19-20, 2003, at the Board office. The Board scheduled its next specialty board examinations June 19, 2004, in Charleston.

Members reviewed a letter from Dr. Roger N. Kourey, a licensed dentist practicing in Massachusetts. Dr. Kourey stated in his letter that he plans to retire to South Carolina and requested information on how he could become licensed as a dental hygienist in South Carolina. It was noted that Board Regulation 39-2.B(2) requires that all applicants for a license to practice dental hygiene in South Carolina must present evidence of graduation from an approved school of dental hygiene. Dr. Finkbine will respond to Dr. Kourey's letter and advise him that, unfortunately, he is not eligible to apply for a South Carolina dental hygiene license.

Members reviewed a letter from Dr. Ruth L. Hartman, a licensed dentist practicing in Pelzer. Dr. Hartman stated in her letter that because of greatly diminished patient load, and less working days (in lieu of retirement), her solo practice, with only one employee, was asking for an easement on the weekly sterilizer monitoring. Ms. Slagle noted that the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in its "Recommended Infection-Control Practices for Dentistry," requires that "proper functioning of sterilization cycles should be verified by the periodic use (at least weekly) of biologic indicators (i.e., spore tests)..." Dr. Finkbine will respond to Dr. Hartman's letter and advise her that the CDC recommendations are very specific as far as requiring weekly sterilizer monitoring; therefore, the Board recommends that she continue with weekly monitoring to ensure compliance with the recommendations of CDC.

Mr. Alvey reported that Governor Sanford has established a Commission on Management, Accountability and Performance (MAP). According to Governor Sanford's Executive Order No. 2003-15, the purpose of MAP is to "analyze government systems and services in South Carolina in an effort to propose changes which will reduce costs, increase accountability, improve service, consolidate similar functions, return functions to the private sector, and help South Carolina be more competitive in a world economy."

Ms. Stork gave a financial report update and briefed the Members on per diem and travel reimbursement requirements.

Ms. Riffe asked the Board to consider issuing an "Instructor License" for dental hygienists

as it currently does for dentists. This topic will be placed on the September agenda for discussion.

It was noted that the ADA sends notification of its upcoming National Board Examinations to the Board office requesting participation in the administration of the exam by a Board member or Administrator. Mr. Alvey stated that several years ago he monitored one of the National Board Exams. Ms. Riffe asked the staff to forward these notices, and also notices to participate in accreditation site visits, to the Board members so that they have the option to participate if they so choose.

Dr. Newton noted that this meeting was Dr. Finkbine's last official meeting to serve as president and, on behalf of the Board, thanked him for doing an outstanding job.

Dr. Finkbine expressed gratitude and appreciation for the hard work, encouragement and dedication in support of all of the Board members and dentistry. He noted that the diligence of the staff makes the job of each Board member easier, especially that of the president. He thanked the Board members for their outstanding service and commitment and stated that he was grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such wonderful members.

There being no further business, Dr. Finkbine declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey
Administrator