



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 9/11/2020 at 8:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. Carl Plyler

In Attendance

Board Members

Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.

Ms. Karrie Jamison

Dr. Carl Plyler

Ms. Marcia Cook

Dr. Cara Jones

Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor

Dr. Dwight Duckworth

Dr. Matthew McDonough

Ms. Erika Thomas

Board Staff

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director), Kevin O'Dwyer (Attorney), and Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst)

Opening Remarks from Dr. Carl Plyler

Dr. Plyler began the meeting by thanking immediate past president of the board, Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr., for his service and dedication for the past five years.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2020 meeting.

Interviews for Dental Licensure by Credentials

The following applicants presented before the Board for an Arkansas license by credentials:

DENTISTS

- Dr. Clayton Craig
- Dr. Ernest Harmon
- Dr. Phillip Hart
- Dr. Aaron Hiegert
- Dr. Toddrick Smith
- Dr. Volha Titov
- Dr. Kevin Worley

Motions were made, seconded and passed to issue a dental license to each of the dentists.

HYGIENISTS

- Bonnie Branson
- Dana Lamberth

Motions were made, seconded and passed to issue a dental hygiene license to Ms. Branson and Ms. Lamberth.

Request for CPR Exemption: Janice Roberts, RDA

The board reviewed a letter from Janice Roberts, RDA requesting a permanent exemption from the CPR requirement to renew her dental assisting permit. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to exempt her from the CPR requirement for the 2021-2022 RDA renewal cycle only.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following fictitious names were reviewed and approved:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME
Dr. Ryan Montgomery	Montgomery and Baldwin Dentistry
Dr. Sarah E. Bowen	Fayetteville Dental Studio

Reports

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on September 10, 2020 and reviewed nine complaints. Seven complaints were dismissed, one was tabled, and one will be sent a letter. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6 pm.

Rules and Regulations Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on September 9, 2020. The following topics were discussed:

- Language for a limited educational license: It is the unanimous decision of the Committee to:
 1. Define the setting in which the specialized foreign-trained dentist will be working. The dentist is only to work within the confines of ACH/UAMS. Any work as a dentist (general or specialist) outside of that practice setting constitutes practicing without a license to do so and will result in the revocation of the limited educational license.
 2. Make the following amendment: "The "The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners shall approve Limited Educational Licenses in the state of Arkansas and may allow for the maximum of three (3) limited specialty licenses to be active at one time."
 3. Update the listed specialties to correspond with the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties & Certifying Boards' ADA-recognized specialties to include: dental anesthesiology, endodontics, periodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and maxillofacial radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, dental public health or prosthodontics.
- The Committee will work on a revising the Rules and Regulations pertaining to infection control (Article XV) in the near future.
- It is the opinion of the Committee that, because of the current health pandemic and the possible increased unavailability of hands-on BLS CPR courses, the Board should consider, for this RDA renewal period only, to accept online CPR. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to allow accept online BLS CPR for registered dental assistants for this renewal period only.

The next Rules & Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6 pm.

Board Office Update

Meredith Rogers reported the following:

- The audit of the 2019 fiscal year financial records is completed. The findings and agency response were reviewed by the board.
- The Attorney General's training was held virtually on August 18, 2020 and covered various topics such as the Freedom of Information Act, obtaining an opinion from the Attorney General's office, board member conduct, processing complaints and conducting investigations.
- The board office is preparing for the upcoming RDA renewals. The portal is now available for licensees to input continuing education courses throughout the year.

Attorney's Report

The board discussed the language for a limited education license. After much discussion, Attorney Kevin O'Dwyer suggested that the board meet with Arkansas Children's Hospital and/or University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to discuss all questions and concerns.

Report on Clinical Testing Agencies

A motion was made to nominate Dr. Dwight Duckworth to serve on the SRTA Board of Directors, replacing Dr. Robert Carter. The motion passed.

PDMP Report

Dr. Cara Jones reported that the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program's database will include prescriptions written dating back to 2013.

Other Business

The board reviewed an email from Dr. Lindy Bollen of the Office of Oral Health. In his email, he asked if, when a vaccine becomes available to address Covid-19, dentists can administer the vaccine. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow dentists to administer said vaccine.

Dr. Plyler mentioned his concern with the fictitious names that have been approved by the board in the past.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted

Meredith Rogers

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director