

# STATE BOARD BEACH BEAT

June 2014

During FY 2014, Robert T. Watts, Jr., DMD serves as President; Frank T. Dalton, DMD serves as Vice-President; and Donald E. Price, DDS serves as Secretary, and they will remain in these positions until 06/30/2014. Roy L. Irons, DDS has been appointed as the Board's State-at-Large Dentist, and his term begins 07/01/2014. On or before 07/01/2015, new appointments need to be made for the following positions: State-at-Large Dental Hygienist, District 4 Dentist, and District 5 Dentist. These appointments will be determined from the results of the 12/2014 balloting cycle. Board members serve six-year, non-consecutive terms.

Board meetings are open to the public unless the Board deems it necessary to enter into Executive Session, which typically is reserved for personnel matters, ongoing investigations, disciplinary actions, etc. All disciplinary hearings are held in Open Session; however, deliberations are conducted in Executive Session. Agenda cut-off dates are 2 weeks prior to scheduled Board meetings, and meeting dates through 12/31/2014 are as follows:

**07/25/2014**  
**10/31/2014**

The Board will adopt dates for the entirety of 2015 at its 07/25/2014 meeting, and those dates will be posted on the Board's web site soon thereafter.

The 2014-2016 dental hygiene and radiology permit biennial renewal cycle begins **09/01/2014** and concludes **10/31/2014**, followed by a two-month penalty phase. All licenses and permits not renewed by **12/31/2014** will be voided on **01/01/2015** for failure to renew.

Renewal e-mails will be sent to all Mississippi dental hygienists and radiology permit holders on **08/31/2014** advising that it is time to renew via the Board's on-line portal, which can be accessed from the Board's web site home page. The Login ID is the license/permit number, and the Unique ID is composed of the last 4 digits of the licensee/permit holder's Social Security Number, followed by the 2-digit birth month, followed by the 2-digit birth day, and

followed by the 2-digit birth year. This method of accessing the on-line portal does not change and always will be the method for accessing all Board on-line portal activities. Also, certification cards in PDF are e-mailed to licensees/permit holders. Each PDF contains 2 certification cards. One card is larger to cut and display in the dental clinic beside your license and/or permit, and the second, smaller card should be cut and placed in your wallet. Ensure you save copies of these most important e-mails in the event you need additional copies of your certification card.

At its 01/24/2014 meeting, the Board approved the ABOMS 2013 recertification examination for 10 hours of non-clinical continuing education credit for Mississippi Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons who are board-certified within their specialty. Further, with respect to all ADA-recognized specialties stipulated in Board Regulation 7, those Mississippi specialists who are board-certified within their ADA-recognized specialty categories shall receive 10 hours of non-clinical continuing education credit over the two-year

## Dental and Dental Hygiene Examination Dates for 2015:

**03/05-07/2015**  
**05/14-15/2015**

*For FY 2015 (07/01/2014 through 06/30/2015), the Board's officers will be:*

- **Frank Trice Dalton, DMD**  
*President (District I)*
- **Donald E. Price, DDS**  
*Vice-President (District VI)*
- **William L. Alford, DDS**  
*Secretary (District II)*

reporting period for their 2013 and all future recertification examinations. This non-clinical continuing education credit complies with the currently approved 25% allowed over the two-year continuing education reporting period.

At its 01/24/2014 meeting, the Board reviewed correspondence regarding the Pinhole Gum Rejuvenation procedure. The Board opined that it is not feasible to determine the suitability of every dental procedure; rather, the Board feels licensed Mississippi dentists should base their decisions as to acceptability and utilization of dental procedures upon evidence-based research.

At its 04/25/2014 meeting, the Board considered a question regarding dentists who have completed more than one ADA-accredited residency program and whether such dentists may hold more than one concurrent specialty license. The Board determined that a currently licensed dentist who has completed more than one ADA-accredited residency program and

who applies for specialty licensure in Mississippi may hold more than one concurrent specialty license, regardless of the type of specialty license held.

LICENSEE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION
General Dental and Provisional	1,219
Specialty	271
General Anesthesia	46
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	35
Enteral Conscious Sedation	56
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,564
Radiology Permits	3,436
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>	<b>6,627</b>



Are you tired of crunching cookies and crackers? Are you looking for a diet friendly substitute? If the answer is YES to either question, the Board has your weight loss solution. Crunch some diet friendly numbers, instead, by visiting the "Licensure Statistics" section of the Board's web site! Our stats are deliciously hot, timely, and relevant. Your bathroom scale and swimsuit will thank you.



At its 04/25/2014 meeting, the Board discussed the point at which the dentist of record should see a patient. The Board determined that if an examination is being charged, the dentist is **REQUIRED** to see the patient at some point in the process prior to the patient leaving the clinic.

At its 04/25/2014 meeting, the Board amended the preamble and created new sections 1d. and 1e. in Board Regulation 7 to provide for provisional licensure for military service men and women, as well as their spouses. These amendments were adopted pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-50-1, which required all occupational licensing boards, excluding attorneys, to promulgate rules allowing for issuance of temporary or provisional licenses/permits to military personnel and their spouses, thus enabling those dental and dental hygiene applicants to practice in the State of Mississippi for a reasonable period of

time while they fulfill all requirements for a permanent license. Provisional Military Licenses are valid for one year after issuance; upon conclusion of one year, the provisional licensee must apply for full licensure either by credentials or examination. Otherwise, after expiration of one year, the Provisional Military License will be voided as a time-limited license. A full copy of amended Board Regulation 7 is available on the Board's web site in its "Laws and Codes" section.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19, all licensees and permit holders are **REQUIRED** to inform the Board within **30 DAYS** of informational changes, including, but not limited to, employees, employers, home and office addresses, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, name changes, etc. The Board's chief mechanism for communicating with its licensee population is via e-mail, and it is **VITAL** that licensees and permit holders ensure the Board has their most current email address; otherwise, you may be assessed penalties for non-notification of information changes, late license/permit renewal, etc.

Board Regulation 61 **REQUIRES** that dentists who are approved to operate mobile/portable dental facilities notify the Board within **30 DAYS** of any changes of information, including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, personnel, follow-up care procedures and dentists, operation cessation, etc.

Keep the Board informed of all current e-mail addresses. Also, to ensure you receive e-mails from the Board, note the Board's e-mail address (dental@dentalboard.ms.gov) as an approved or safe sender of e-mails so that it is not blocked as potential SPAM or phishing by your e-mail provider.

