

# **MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

## **MINUTES PUBLIC DRAFT**

**October 4, 2019**

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners held a meeting of the Board on October 4, 2019 in its conference facilities located at Suite 100, 600 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Those members present for the meeting were as follows:

Robert Michael Harkins, Jr., DMD, President  
T. Delton Moore, Jr., DDS, Vice-President  
Stephen Mark Porter, DDS, Secretary  
Roy L. Irons, DDS  
Laura Currie Richoux, RDH  
Robert L. Smith, Jr., DDS  
Frank L. Conaway, Jr., DMD

Absent was:

William Mark Donald, DMD

Also present for the meeting were the following:

Mr. Chris L. Hutchinson, Executive Director  
Ms. Tiffany D. Vaughn, Deputy Director  
Stanley T. "Stan" Ingram, Esquire  
Danielle Clark, CSR IV, Dental Licensure  
Lou Sims, CSR IV, DH Licensure  
Nick Hardwick, Investigator IV  
Te'Aira McCollum, Projects Officer III, Special

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The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Board President, Robert Michael Harkins, Jr. DMD.

The first item of business to come before the Board was the welcome and introduction of guests by Dr. Harkins. Attendees introduced themselves, and no action was taken by the Board on this matter.

The next item of business to come before the Board was approval of the Minutes from the 9/20/2019 Board meeting. The Board voted unanimously to adopt this Motion. No further action was taken by the Board on this matter.

The next item of business to come before the Board was a presentation by Dr.

Harkins from the ADEX annual meeting attended by Dr. Harkins. This item was for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

The next item of business to come before the Board was a presentation by Subcommittee Chairs for Subcommittee Reports and Updates.

**Rules and Regulations Subcommittee**-Donald; Meeting has been called for 10/4/2019. **Credentialing**- Smith; No Report.

**Legislative**- Moore; No report.

**Licensure Examination**- Porter; No report.

**Practice Act Review**- Richoux; Meeting has been called for 10/4/2019.

**Budget and Finance**- Irons; No report.

The next item of business to come before the Board was a request for Board Determinations.

The first topic presented for Board Determination was the discussion of Therapy/Service Animals in Dental Offices. Much discussion was had and taken under advisement for future determination. A motion was made to appoint this subject to Dr. Smith and Dr. Porter for further research and to make a presentation and recommendation for full Board vote at a future Board Meeting. All agreed. No vote was taken.

The second topic presented for Board Determination was Dr. Joseph S. Young to make a presentation on Volunteer Dentistry. Dr. Young asked the Board to develop an avenue to allow volunteer dentists to come to the State from out-of-state on a volunteer basis with a "provisional or temporary" license for such charity organizations like "But God Ministries" or the "MOMS Project". Dr. Conaway made motion to allow the Board ED to develop a Regulation amendment to allow an avenue for a 5-day licensure to volunteer at No Charge for a limit and renewal each year. This amendment will be sent to the Licensure Examination Subcommittee for review before voted upon by the entire Board. Irons Seconded the Motion, and All Agreed.

The next item of business to come before the Board was consideration of Mobile or Portable Dental Operation Applications by Ms. Clark.

Ms. Clark submitted Aspen Dental Mobile Labs as well as information of the dentists and dental hygienists that will be operating the unit while in Mississippi. The unit will operate free to Veterans and is, in fact, not a lab but a clinic on wheels. Motion was made by Conaway to Approve, Seconded by Smith, All in Favor.

The next item of business to come before the board was a presentation by Danielle Clark. Ms Clark presented the following applications for Mississippi Specialty Licenses:

- Rian William Suihkonen 4091-19, for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Conaway made Motion to Approve, Seconded by Moore; All in Favor.

The next business to come before the Board was consideration of Applications for Mississippi License Reinstatement by Ms. Clark.

- Ms. Clark presented Afrah Mohammed, DDS 3845-16 for reinstatement.

Conaway made Motion to Approve, Seconded by Porter, All in Favor.

The next item of business to come before the Board was the presentation by Ms. Clark of the following anesthesia permit applications:

- Anthony Kyle Neely, DMD 3928-17, PEDO-567-19; Enteral
- John Neil McIntyre, DMD 3097-99; Enteral
- Raeline Rhonda McIntyre, DMD 3205-01; Enteral
- Wendy Renee McCurdy, DDS 3523-09; Enteral
- Sarah Jane McCrary, DMD 3518-09, PEDO-439-11; Enteral
- Christopher Vincent Hughes, DMD 3974-17, PEDO-541-18; Enteral
- Rian William Suihkonen 4091-19; General

The Board collectively chose to take these matters up separately for discussion and possible approval.

Conaway made Motion to Approve Dr. Neely, Seconded by Irons, All in Favor.

Conaway made Motion to Approve Dr. McIntyre pending proof of a refresher course in anesthesia through DOCS or comparable consideration. Seconded by Porter, All in Favor.

Conaway made Motion to Approve Dr. McCurdy, Seconded by Smith, All in Favor.

Conaway made Motion to Approve Dr. McCrary, Seconded by Smith, All in Favor.

Conaway made Motion to Approve Dr. Hughes pending PALS verification, Seconded by Smith, All in Favor.

Conaway made Motion to Approve Dr. Suihkonen, Seconded by Smith, All in Favor.

Thus concluding the business of anesthesia applications.

The next item of business to come before the Board was the presentation of corporate trade names by Ms. Vaughn. The following was requested for approval:

- Robert Brad Hayes, Helen Campassi; West Point Family Dental
- Chris Dixon Hughes, DMD, PA; Vicksburg Oral Surgery

The Board, once again, chose to take these items up separately and All Agreed.

Conaway made Motion to Accept West Point Family Dental, Seconded by Porter, All Agreed.

Irons made Motion to Accept Vicksburg Oral Surgery, Seconded by Smith, All Agreed.

No further action was taken by the Board on this item.

The next item of business to be conducted before the Board was the presentation of Medical Malpractice by Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson informed the Board that a malpractice claim had been paid in the amount of \$50,000 on Dr. Joseph E. Ruder II. Additionally, Mr. Hutchinson reported that Dr. Elijah Arrington III had his license revoked on June 17, 2017. The proper NPDB action had not taken place by the prior Agency Administration as is required. Mr. Hutchinson, when made aware, contacted the NPDB to make arrangements to legally adhere to this NPDB requirement accordingly. These items were being submitted for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

The next item of business to come before the Board was presentation by Executive Director, Mr. Chris Hutchinson for the Directors Report. Mr. Hutchinson gave the license and permit statistics through the current date. This presentation also encompassed the financial report of the Agency for fiscal YE 2019. Financial attachments were made public and are attached to these minutes. Additionally, Mr. Hutchinson made financial reports for FY 2020 through August 30, 2019. Attachments of detailed financial records are made a part of these minutes accordingly. Next, Mr. Hutchinson made a short HR report of currently vacant positions. Mr. Hutchinson gave a report on the current Regulation process with the OLRC and SOS. Next, Mr. Hutchinson gave an update on the Record Control project kicking off in October 2019. No further action was taken by the Board on this matter.

The next item of business to come before the Board was the Continuance of Disciplinary Hearings by Stan Ingram, Board Counsel:

Dr. Lance Jonathan Welch, 3618-11; Case No. 2014-048

Dr. Jonathan D. Germany, 3269-03; Case Nos. 2018-067, 2018-072;

to the November Board Meeting or a date to be mutually agreeable by the parties.

The next item of business to come before the Board was by Ms. Richoux as an added item to the agenda. Ms. Richoux requested Board Approval to allow the ED, Chris Hutchinson to attend the WREB Director's Meeting in Denver, CO on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Richoux made Motion, Seconded by Porter, All in Favor.

Following this business, Dr. Conaway made Motion to consider going into executive session to discuss disciplinary matters. Smith Seconded, and the vote was

unanimous. A motion was made by Dr. Conaway, Seconded by Dr. Smith, to begin the meeting in **executive session**. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting continued in executive session to review disciplinary matters at approximately 10:00 a.m. Donald remains absent from this proceeding.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Again in Open Session, Dr. Harkins brought up one final item of business; to choose the Board Meeting dates for calendar year 2020. Much discussion was had over dates throughout the calendar year of 2020 and a consensus was had to recommend for approval the following dates:

January 31, 2020

April 17, 2020

July 10, 2020

October 9, 2020

Conaway made Motion to Accept these dates, Seconded by Irons, All in Favor; Donald absent. Motion Passed.

Furthermore, a motion was made by Dr. Conaway, seconded by Dr. Porter, that since there was no further business to be conducted by the Board, the meeting should be adjourned. The Board voted unanimously to adopt this Motion, and the meeting on 10/4/2019 was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

STEVEN MARK PORTER, DDS  
SECRETARY