

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC  
MINUTES**

**January 22, 2021**

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners held a meeting of the Board on January 22, 2021 in its conference facilities located at Suite 100, 600 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Due to the COVID 19 crisis, the meeting was open to the public via ZOOM, where 14 public visitors attended. The members physically present within the Board facilities for the meeting were as follows:

T. Delton Moore, Jr., DDS, President  
Steven Mark Porter, DDS, Vice-President,  
Robert L. Smith, Jr., DDS, Secretary  
Leon Anderson, Jr., DMD (\*abstained from voting participation due to the delay of  
the Governor's approval letter)  
Laura Currie Richoux, RDH  
Mark D. Williams, DMD  
Robert Michael Harkins, DMD

Absent from the meeting was:

Frank L. Conaway, Jr., 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  
Nick Hardwick, Senior Investigator  
James Grimes, Investigator IV

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board President, T. Delton Moore, DDS.

The first item of business to come before the Board was the welcome and introduction of guests by Dr. Moore. Attendees in attendance introduced themselves, and no action was taken by the Board on this matter. The Board Meeting of this date was noticed publicly of the availability of ZOOM for outside participants. It is noted that (14) Fourteen participants were in attendance via ZOOM.

The next item of business to come before the Board was approval of the Minutes from the October 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Smith made the Motion to accept the minutes

as presented; Seconded by Richoux; and, The Board voted unanimously to adopt this Motion. (\*As stated, Dr. Anderson abstained from all vote pending Governor Reeves' delayed approval letter.) No further 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 November 24, 2020 Board Meeting. Harkins made the Motion to accept the minutes as presented; Seconded by Richoux; and, The Board voted unanimously to adopt this Motion. (\*As stated, Dr. Anderson abstained from all vote pending Governor Reeves' delayed approval letter.) 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 Subcommittee Chairs for Subcommittee Reports and Updates.

**Rules and Regulations Subcommittee**-Porter; No report.

**Credentialing**- Smith; No report.

**Legislative**- Williams; No report. Hutchinson stated that he had concluded the House Budget hearing earlier in the week and that the Senate Budget Hearing would take place on January the 26th.

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

**Practice Act Review**- Harkins; No Report. Harkins stated that he would recommend a subcommittee meeting date over the next month.

**Budget and Finance**- Conaway; No report. Hutchinson stated that the financial report through December 31, 2020 would take place within the Executive Director report later in the meeting.

The next item of business to come before the Board was the CDCA/ADEX Acceptance Report for 2021. Guy Shampaine and Pat Connolly-Atkins gave detailed reports on the subject and entertained questions from the Board Members. Shampaine covered the dental exam specifics while Ms. Connolly-Atkins covered the dental hygiene exam specifics. No action was taken by the Board.

The next item of business to come before the Board was for Board Determinations and/or Discussions.

-The **first** discussion topic within this agenda item was the consideration of CE/CPR Requirements for 2021 due to the continued COVID 19 pandemic. Discussion was had. Following a short discussion, Dr. Williams Made Motion to extend the use of online CE/CPR requirements through December 31, 2021. Harkins Seconded the Motion and discussion was had. An amended motion was presented by Williams that all CE/CPR could be completed online with the exception of requirements for Sedation under Regulation 30. Sedation applicants will be required to complete hands-on training for both CE and CPR completion. All Voted to Approve this Motion.

-The **second** topic within this agenda item was the discussion and decision on giving Board Members annual CE credit for Board Service. Discussion was had

in detail. A Motion was made by Smith to give 4-hours of CE credit to ALL attendees of the regularly scheduled board meetings. Seconded by Richoux. The Motion was amended to allow on-line credit for those attending via ZOOM while those attending in-person to be given credit for in-person CE hours. All were in Favor and the Motion carries.

-The **third** topic within this agenda item was the discussion of the Administration of Flu/COVID Vaccines by dentists. Discussion was had in detail about other states use of this practice of allowing dentists to vaccinate within the dental office as well as outside the dental office. Mr. Ingram detailed the definition of dentistry by Miss. Code and further discussion was had. In the end, Williams Made Motion to allow dentists to administer the COVID vaccine at vaccine sites with no compensation; with emphasis on not allowing vaccines be administered in the dental office. The subject of allowing the Flu vaccine administration was tabled pending an ADA meeting scheduled for January 27, 2021. The Full Motion was Seconded by Harkins; Further discussion was had. Dr. Moore further clarified and added a recommended terminology that a Ms. Dentist's ability to administer the COVID-19 vaccine is approved. Qualified dentists will need to undergo training that covers vaccine administration and management of adverse reactions. The vaccinations are to take place in hospitals and designated vaccination sites, rather than in dental offices. Williams amended the Motion on the table to accept the verbage of Dr. Moore. This Motion was seconded by Harkins, and All were in Favor.

The next item of business to come before the Board was the approval of courses by Dr. Smith.

-The **first** course presented was the 2018 AAP Classifications of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions into Your Practice by Kathy S. Forbes, RDH, BS. Ms. Richoux delivered the course and made a recommendation of approval for 2-hours of credit. Ms. Richoux recommended approval in the form of a Motion; Seconded by Harkins; All were in Favor.

-The next course presented was for the approval of MS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Society for Annual Meeting CE. The request was made by Kyle Hunt, DMD, though Ms. Clark made the presentation. Harkins Made Motion to accept this CE; Porter Seconded; All were in Favor.

At this point in the meeting, Dr. Moore asked Mr. Hutchinson to create a certificate for CE completion. Mr. Hutchinson accepted the task.

The next item of business was the Application for Mobile or Portable Dental Operation by Ms. Clark. Ms. Clark presented Jefferson Comprehensive Health Center, Inc.- Operator: Lee George Campbell; MDL 1600-74 for approval. Questions were entertained from the Members of the Board. Mr. Hardwick answered accordingly. Smith

Made Motion to accept this application for approval pending full site visit; Seconded by Porter; All were in Favor.

The next of business to come was a presentation by Ms. Clark for Specialty Licenses.

Kendra Nicole Clark; MDL 3992-18; Endodontics; Harkins made Motion to Approve this application; Seconded by Porter; All in Favor.

Next, Ms. Clark presented Caesar Sami Sweidan; MDL 4174-20; Periodontics;

Again Harkins Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Smith; All were in Favor.

Lastly, Emily Renee Poulos; MDL 4167-20; Orthodontics was presented; Harkins Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Smith; All were in Favor.

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

Non-Permitted Anesthesia Provider: Dentist- Robert Andrew Martin; MDL 3528-09; Specialty DL OS-427-10; Anesthesia PN GA0185

Non-Permitted Provider: Steven Coleman Dewberry; Nurse Anesthetist

Class II Provider: Moderate Sedation: Keith Abram Brown, DMD; MDL 2663-92

Class II Provider: Moderate Sedation: Lauren Brock Jones, DMD; MDL 3299-04; Specialty LN PEDO 395-06

Class III Provider: Minimal Sedation: Manisha Shrestha Pradhan, DMD; MDL 3895-16

The Board chose to take each of these application up separately. Discussion was had involving the application for Dr. Martin with Dr. Dewberry being the CRNA applying as the non-permitted provider. Following discussion, Harkins Made Motion to Approve this application; Seconded by Porter; All were in Favor.

Next, Dr. Brown's application was presented in detail. Again, Harkins Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Smith; All were in Favor.

Third, came the application for Dr. Jones; Harkins Made Motion to Approve pending completion of ACLS; Seconded by Porter; All in Favor.

Lastly came the application for Dr. Pradhan; Porter Recommended Approval; Seconded by Smith; All were in Favor.

The next item of business to be conducted before the Board was the presentation of Corporate Trade Name Applications. Ms. Clark presented the following applications:

Caesar Sweidan- *Gulfshores Periodontics & Implants*

Jennifer Garza- *Smile Straight Orthodontics*

Kevin Rowan and Brett Hildenbrand- *Lincoln Dental Arts, PLLC*

Patrick Bierdeman- *Hub City Dental*

Reagan McNerney- *Ageless Intentions*

Young C. Park- *Park Dental Group - Clinton, PLLC*

Young C. Park- *Park Dental Group – Flowood, PLLC*

Again, the Board chose to take these applications for Corporate Trade Names individually. The first item was Gulfshores Perio and Implants. Smith Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Harkins; All were in Favor.

Second, the Board heard Smile Straight Orthodontics; Smith Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Porter; All were in Favor.

Third came Lincoln Dental Arts, PLLC; Harkins Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Smith; All were in Favor.

Fourth came Hub City Dental; Harkins Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Porter; All were in Favor.

Fifth came Ageless Intentions where questions were made and discussions had. Following discussion, Harkins Made Motion to Approve; Seconded by Porter; All were in Favor; Smith Opposed. The Motion for Approval Passed by a vote of 6-1 with Conaway being absent.

Last came the final two items taken in unison. Park Dental Group for Clinton and Flowood; Smith Recommended Approval in the form of a Motion; Seconded by Porter; All were in Favor.

At this point in the Open Session, Dr. Williams inquired about the Corporate Trade Name application itself. In the end, Dr. Moore as Board President, took a Point of Order and asked Dr. Williams to oversee the possibility of redesigning this application to allow for a more detailed application. Dr. Williams accepted accordingly. No action was taken.

At this point in Open Session, Dr. Moore called for a short break. At 10:55 AM,

Dr. Moore called the Board Meeting back into Session.

The next item of business to come before the Board was the 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 through December 31 of 2020 for FY 2021. Financial attachments were made public and are attached to these minutes. Mr. Hutchinson took each financial spreadsheet and further clarified certain line items one at a time. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he was taking this additional action being that the Budget and Finance Subcommittee chair, Frank Conaway, was absent and that he felt it best to attempt to head-off any potential questions. Mr. Hutchinson reiterated that this was a report of financial activities based on the approved budget for the fiscal year. Mr. Hutchinson presented very detailed spreadsheets (attached to these minutes) over the next thirty minutes. Dr. Williams had multiple questions about items within the spreadsheets provided; specifically, the spreadsheet involving revenue received by the Board. Dr. Williams continued to question a non-disclosed line item that has been explained in detail to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee in the past. Mr. Hutchinson emphasized that this item is commonly referred to as "Revenue received through the front door". Mr. Hutchinson specified that this is an ongoing item that includes physical checks for things such as dental applications for newly graduated D4 students, applications for DH and new radiology permit applications that enter through mail and, at times, hand-delivered. The other items listed are classified electronically as these other revenue items are received through the licensing portal. Mr. Hutchinson continued to explain the differences between State Agencies versus privately owned practices in that this Dental Board is not funded by revenue. This agency is Budget defined by Spending authority. At this point, Dr. Moore ordered Mr. Hutchinson to move on and continue with the ED report.

Next, Mr. Hutchinson made a short report involving the Budget Appropriation Hearings at the Capitol. Lastly, Mr. Hutchinson gave a report on the current Regulation process with the OLRC and SOS involving Regulations 13 and 30 currently on the OLRC agenda. No further action was taken by the Board on this matter.

Dr. Moore made note of the time following the ED Report; 12:03 PM, where he called for a break for lunch. He indicated publicly that following lunch, he would entertain a motion to enter Executive Session.

Following the break for lunch, Dr. Harkins made Motion to consider going into executive session to discuss disciplinary matters. Richoux Seconded, and the vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Dr. Smith, Seconded by Dr. Harkins, to begin the

meeting in **executive session**. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting continued in executive session to review disciplinary matters at approximately 1:07 p.m.

The first item of business to come before the Board in EXECUTIVE SESSION was a Request by Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Hardwick for Approval of Consent Orders:

Mr. Hutchinson noted that no Consent Orders executed need approval at this time. He indicated that this item was left open for the possibility of late-arriving Consent Orders. None were noted.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Harkins, to consider Exit from executive session; All were in Favor. Dr. Harkins made Motion to Exit Executive Session and Seconded by Richoux, where the Board voted unanimously to adopt this Motion and the Board Exited from EXECUTIVE SESSION at 4:24 p.m. to entertain one final item in Open Session.

Again in Open Session, Dr. Williams petitioned the Board to amend the use of certain forms within the COVID Protocol by eliminating the Patient Disclosure and COVID Consent Order Forms. Williams presented this to the Board in the form of a Motion; Seconded by Harkins; All were in Favor.

Furthermore, a motion was made by Dr. Harkins, seconded by Ms. Richoux, 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 1/22/2021 was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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ROBERT L. SMITH, JR., DDS  
SECRETARY