

PUBLIC AGENDA

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

August 27, 2021

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The Public Meeting was called to order by Dr. Porter at precisely 10:00 AM via ZOOM with a welcome of guests. Noted here that 24 attendees were present on ZOOM. Board Members attested to their presence via a roll call by Dr. Porter. Dr. Moore, Dr. Smith, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Porter, Dr. Williams, Dr. Grubbs, and Ms. Birmingham all attested to their presence. Stan Ingram and Alexis Morris indicated their attendance as Board Counsel. MSBDE Staff were present as well as 6 members of the public.

The first item of business to be called in open session was the Discussion and Decision on Remedial Education executor Promethean Dental Systems. The floor was given to Mr. Hutchinson to present relevant data on the company as well as revisit the reasons for the need of a new remedial course pipeline. (Exhibits attached.) Mr. Hutchinson indicated that he had been asked to collect some additional data in a teleconference with the owners, Board Members, CEO, and facilitators of the program. Following discussion, Ms. Birmingham, as chair of the credentialing subcommittee indicated that she had reviewed all of the information on the remedial courses and had reviewed their website in length. At this time, Ms. Birmingham recommended approval by way of a Motion to Approve, Seconded by Smith; All were in Favor.

The next item of business brought forth was for a Board Determination on a request by Dr. Gary D. Keeler, DDS, a Mississippi Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon requesting the ability to return to General Practice. Dr. Porter discussed the issues at-hand. (Exhibits attached.) After much discussion by all Board Members, it was determined that Dr. Keeler would be allowed to convert his specialty license in Oral Surgery to an inactive status. He understands that he will not be allowed to advertise or present himself as an oral surgeon and still practice General Dentistry. He also understands that is the Board's wish for him to work with a general practitioner to exercise general practices or seek a continuing education course in hand skills and general dentistry practices. The

Board impressed upon Dr. Keeler that they could not order or require this by legal opinion but would recommend he facilitate a refresher course or courses for his own protection and the protection of the public. Dr. Keeler assented. No action was taken.

At 10:41 AM and seeing no further business to conduct, Dr. Smith Made Motion to Adjourn the meeting of August 27, 2021; Seconded by Grubbs; All were in Favor.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

JEFF MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN, DDS
SECRETARY