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MSBDE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2025

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is a statutorily created regulatory agency charged with safeguarding the consumers of professional dental services in Mississippi. The "Board" accomplishes this mission through the vetting of applicants for dental and dental hygiene licensure and through the enforcement of the laws and regulations related thereto. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is neither affiliated with nor functions as a subsidiary of any private or professional organization.

The meeting began at 8:30 am. Public attendance was in-person only. The meeting was recorded using the Zoom Link below:

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Board Members Present:

Dr. Mark D. Williams, D.M.D, President
Dr. M. Lewis Grubbs, D.M.D., Vice-President
Dr. Alexa Lampkin, D.M.D., Secretary
Dr. David K. Curtis, D.M.D.
Dr. Stephen W. Joe, D.M.D.
Dr. Wade C. Bishop, D.M.D.
Dr. John B. Carlton, D.M.D.
Ms. Haley Harrison-Birmingham, RPH
Dr. Alexa Lampkin, D.M.D., Secretary

Board Staff Members:

Mr. Denny Hydrick, Executive Director
Mr. Westley Mutziger, Board Counsel
Ms. Tiffany Vaughn, Deputy Director
Ms. Lou Sims, Licensing Representative
Mr. Nick Hardwick, Senior Investigator
Ms. Sherese Redmon, Investigator
Ms. Cindy Chesteen, Admin & Licensing Specialist

Public Attendees:

Dr. Scott Phillips, UMMC School of Dentistry
Dr. Roddy Scarbrough
Dr. Neva Eckland
Ms. Ashely Casey – Smiles2Go
Mr. Andrew Palmer – Capitol Resources

Mr. Steve Simmons, Simmons Consulting
Mr. Kenneth Wells

8:30AM

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Dr. Mark Williams, MSBDE President at 8:30am.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Determination of Quorum was made by Mr. Denny Hydrick.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Dr. Williams welcomed the public attendees, and each was given a time of introduction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSBDE Board Meeting – October 25, 2024

Dr. Williams called for the approval of the minutes from October 25, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Grubbs and seconded by Mrs. Birmingham to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve them as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Rules and Regulations

Dr. Curits reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting but will be scheduling several meetings during the calendar year. The committee continues working on Regulations 61 and 62. Also, the committee will be looking at Regulation 7. The regulation does not need to be rewritten but some changes and modifications are needed.

b. Credentialing

Mrs. Birmingham stated there was no report currently.

c. Legislative

Dr. Grubbs stated that there was no report currently. The committee plans to meet before the next Board meeting.

d. Licensure Examination

Dr. Lampkin stated there was no report currently.

e. Practice Act Review

Dr. Bishop stated there was no report currently.

f. Budget & Finance

Dr. Carlton stated there was no report currently.

g. Anesthesia Advisory Panel

Proposed Emergency Rule amendment for Regulation 30:

Mr. Mutziger informed the Board that the Anesthesia Advisory Panel met on January 7, 2025. The panel considered alternatives to address the difficulty the staff has faced in coordinating these inspections. The initial inspections require a total of two (2) permit holders. The challenge has been with finding one and often two Class I permit holders to perform the required inspections. Rather than substitute staff in place of permit holders, the AAP at its January 7, 2025, meeting recommended the Board utilize qualified retired permit holders – that is, those permit holders whose advanced anesthesia permit has expired – to perform inspections. The AAP also voted to recommend the approval of Dr. Steve Gandy, who is a faculty member at UMMC, whose Advanced Anesthesia Permit has expired but has continued to practice and has continued to teach at UMMC. Dr. Gandy has expressed a willingness to assist with the facility inspections. Mr. Mutziger advised the Board on the relevant standard required to justify adoption of a temporary rule: imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare.

Dr. Bishop made a motion for the Board to promulgate a temporary rule to allow retired permit holders to perform inspections with the caveat of only allowing retired/former permit holders that are recommended by AAP. Dr. Carlton seconded the motion. The proposed language would be added to the Board's Regulation 30 (17)(b) and would read as follows:

(4) The Board may utilize prior permit-holders (i.e. one whose advanced anesthesia permit has not been renewed) of the class required by this regulation to perform onsite facility inspections, upon review of and recommendation by the Anesthesia Advisory Panel.

The motion passed unanimously.

A second motion to consider and approve Dr. Steve Gandy to be a person who will be allowed to perform a facility inspection under the temporary rule. Dr. Stephen Joe made the motion and Dr. Curtis seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

Specialty Licenses

Orthodontics - Divija Takkalapelly, B.D.S.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Grubbs and seconded by Dr. Joe to approve the application for a Specialty License in Orthodontics. The motion passed unanimously.

UROLA/MFFA Reciprocity

Dental

Jeffrey Collins, D.M.D.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Bishop and seconded by Mrs. Birmingham to approve the application for Licensure via UROLA. The motion passed unanimously.

Dental Hygiene

Cynthia Barton, R.D.H.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Grubbs and seconded by Mrs. Birmingham to approve the application for Dental Hygiene via UROLA. The motion passed unanimously.

Maya Park, R.D.H.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Carlton and seconded by Mrs. Birmingham to approve the application for Dental Hygiene via MFFA Reciprocity. The motion passed unanimously.

License by Examination – Foreign Trained

Dental – *Almas Binnal, B.D.S.*

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Bishop and seconded by Mrs. Birmingham to the application for a Dental Licensure for a Foreign Trained Dentist by Examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement

Dental – *Jessica Jordan, D.D.S.*

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Joe and seconded by Dr. Carlton to approve the Reinstatement for Dental Licensure for the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Dental Hygiene – *Tamara Necasie, R.D.H.*

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Grubbs and seconded by Mrs. Birmingham to Reinstate a Dental Hygiene License for the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Active Status

Dental

Vernon Beamon, D.M.D.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Lampkin and seconded by Dr. Carlton to grant Active Status to the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan McBeth, D.D.S.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Carlton and seconded by Dr. Joe to grant Active Status to the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellen Mitchell, D.M.D.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Bishop and seconded by Dr. Carlton to grant Active Status to the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Keeler, D.M.D. (Specialty)

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Lampkin and seconded by Dr. Carlton to grant Active Status for a Special License to the applicant. After some discussion, the Board asked that the staff clearly communicate that Dr. Keeler would be now required to only practice his specialty. The motion passed unanimously.

Dental Hygiene

Emily Revette, R.D.H.

Licensing Representative, Lou Sims, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Birmingham and seconded by Dr. Carlton to approve the Reinstatement of a Dental Hygiene License to the applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Corporate Trade Names

Brandon Family Dental Care

Deputy Director, Tiffany Vaughn, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Carlton and seconded by Dr. Joe to approve the Corporate Trade Name for Brandon Family Dental Care. The motion passed unanimously.

Cornerstone Orthodontics

Deputy Director, Tiffany Vaughn, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Grubbs and seconded by Dr. Joe to approve the Corporate Trade Name for Cornerstone Orthodontics. After some consideration regarding the owner of the practice not having a specialty but the applicant, employed dentist, does have a specialty in Orthodontics. Mr. Mutziger advised the Board that name does equate to advertising a specialty. The motion passed unanimously with instructions to communicate the Board's concern that only the specialist practice under this name.

Nettleton Dental

Deputy Director, Tiffany Vaughn, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr.

Joe and seconded by Dr. Carlton to approve the Corporate Trade Name for Nettleton Dental. The motion passed unanimously.

South MS Dental Sleep Medicine

Deputy Director, Tiffany Vaughn, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Carlton and seconded by Dr. Lampkin to approve the Corporate Trade Name for South MS Dental Sleep Medicine. The motion passed unanimously.

Warren Family Dental

Deputy Director, Tiffany Vaughn, reviewed the application with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Bishop and seconded by Dr. Carlton to approve the Corporate Trade Name for Warren Family Dental. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Protocol for licensees who inadvertently fail to renew but have continued to practice

Dr. Williams led the discussion regarding practitioners who inadvertently fail to renew but continue to practice during the time between the lapse of their license and recognition of their need to reinstate the license. No formal action was taken. The Board instructed the staff to follow the typical practice of creating a complaint for practice of dentistry without a license.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Determination – Online Interactive Continuing Education courses meeting the “in-person” requirement for Continuing Education requirements

A motion was made by Dr. Grubbs and seconded by Dr. Lampkin to continue a previous Board interpretation of the regulation for Continuing Education courses meeting “in-person” to include online seminars that are “interactive;” i.e. ask or post questions. Therefore, pursuant to Board Regulation 41, a post-test exam is not required for online “interactive” Continuing Education courses. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Approval – Request for Approval of attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons on March 1, 2025, for continuing education credits. **(Hydrick)**

A motion was made by Dr. Curtis and seconded by Dr. Lampkin to approve a request for attending the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons conference on March 1, 2025, for continuing education credits. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Consideration – CODA request for a MSBDE Board member to attend the Dental Hygiene Education Accreditation Site Visit at Mississippi Delta Community College Moorhead, MS - September

10-11, 2025. (Hydrick)

Mrs. Birmingham agreed to attend the Dental Hygiene Education Accreditation Site visit at Mississippi Delta College Moorhead, MS on September 10-11, 2025, per CODA's request.

Board Consideration – CODA request for a MSBDE Board member to attend the Education Accreditation Site Visit for the Oral & Facial Surgical Center, Columbus, MS on December 4, 2025. (Hydrick)

Dr. Curtis agreed to attend the Education Accreditation Site for Oral & Facial Surgical Center, Columbus, MS on December 4, 2025, per CODA's request.

BOARD REPORTS

Licensing – Q2 FY25

Denny Hydrick acknowledged the list of approved licenses and permits issued in the second quarter of FY25.

Executive Director's Report

Denny Hydrick confirmed the Ballots were sent out and were working for the annual nominations process for District Board members. Mr. Hydrick provided an overview of the status of the vacant staff position. He reviewed the number of current active licenses and noted the inclusion of 11 Dental Licenses issued pursuant to UROLA and 8 Dental Hygiene Licenses issued pursuant to UROLA. Mr. Hydrick provided a legislative update. The Board had no questions regarding the Executive Director's report for Denny Hydrick.

Financial Report – Q2 FY25

Denny Hydrick provided the Board with a Financial Report for Q2 FY25 report in their packets for review. There were no questions.

Dr. Williams asked for consideration of a motion to enter closed session to determine if Executive Session was required. The motion was made by Dr. Carlton to enter a closed session to determine whether an Executive Session is appropriate, the motion was seconded by Dr. Grubbs. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mutziger stated publicly that the Board had voted to enter Executive Session for consideration of ongoing investigations and matters that could reasonably lead to litigation – review of specific foreign trained dental licenses previously issued to determine whether legal requirements for licensure were met. A motion was made by Dr. Curtis and seconded by Dr. Bishop to enter Executive Session.

- h. Investigations & Disciplinary Matters – Exhibit A
- i. Proposed Remands (**Hardwick/Redmond**)
- ii. Proposed Letters of Concern (**Hardwick/Redmond**)
- iii. Proposed Consent Orders (**Mutziger**)
- iv. Proposed Motions to Dismiss (**Mutziger**)
- v. Compliance Report (**Vaughn**) – Exhibit C
- i. Prospective Litigation (**Mutziger/Hydrick**)
- i. Licensure of dentists that graduated from non-CODA accredited foreign country dental program

- - - OPEN SESSION - - -

The Board reconvened and Mr. Mutziger reported actions taken in Executive Session. Mr. Mutziger reported that the Board voted to approve the Consent Order for Dr. Tod Bigelow. The Board voted to approve the motion to dismiss without prejudice the Formal Complaints regarding Ashley Windham and Molly Forbes. The Board voted to accept the Compliance Report as presented by Deputy Director Vaughn. The Board approved voiding of three (3) licenses: 4090-19; 4196-21; 4262-22.

Lastly, Mr. Hydrick read for the record the approval of the following remands and Letters of Concern.

Remands:

2019-055	2020-053	2020-067	2021-081	2022-001	2022-006
2022-020	2022-019	2022-025	2022-029	2022-043	2022-047
2022-066	2022-071	2022-084	2022-085	2022-088	2022-098
2023-001	2023-006	2023-014	2023-016	2023-032	2023-033
2023-040	2023-051	2023-056	2024-009	2023-063	2023-087
2023-091	2023-102	2023-117	2023-122	2024-002	2024-010
2024-020	2024-028	2024-054	2024-081	2024-088	2024-091
2024-090	2024-093	2024-097	2024-117	2024-128	2024-073
2024-162	2022-091	2021-082	2023-038	2024-111	2023-035

Letters of Concern:

2024-127	2023-002	2023-031	2023-094	2024-031
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There were no additional actions taken in the Executive Session.

Announcements

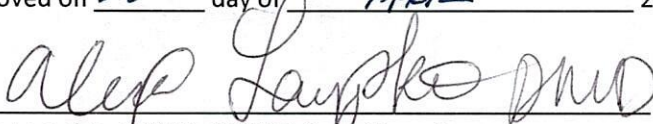
Denny Hydrick gave the Board an update on the staff's facility inspections. There were three scheduled in December and in January there are additional seven or so scheduled. Deputy Director Vaughn has

taken over the project for scheduling these inspections.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Carlton and seconded by Dr. Grubbs to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiner on January 17, 2025, were approved on 25th day of APRIL 2025.



Alexa Lampkin, D.M.D., MSBDE Board Secretary