

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF MISSISSIPPI:
DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE NO.
4789-22DH**

**COREY BENJAMIN BYARS
3315 HARLE STREET
PEARL, MS 39208**

RESPONDENT

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DOCKET NO. 2025-053

CONSENT ORDER - SURRENDER

WHEREAS, RESPONDENT, COREY BENJAMIN BYARS, has been vested with the right and privilege to practice dental hygiene in the State of Mississippi by virtue of License No. **4789-22DH**, issued by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter referred to as “Board”).

WHEREAS, RESPONDENT, COREY BENJAMIN BYARS, has agreed to enter into a **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**, pursuant to 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2302, R. 1.10, which would, upon approval and execution by the Board, avoid initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. **RESPONDENT** holds an active Mississippi dental hygiene license, License No. 4789-22DH, which was initially issued on or about June 13th, 2022.
2. In or around March 2025, the Board conducted a random compliance audit for the biennial renewal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, to ensure compliance with 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.41 – (Board Regulation No. 41 – Continuing Education). **RESPONDENT** was randomly selected to participate in the audit. In response to the Board’s audit, **RESPONDENT** submitted evidence of completion of eight (8) hours of Board-approved continuing education.
RESPONDENT’S failure and/or refusal to produce records evidencing completion of the

required twenty (20) hours of Board-approved continuing education for the biennial renewal period January 01st, 2023, to December 31st, 2024, constitutes a violation of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.41.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is established pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in the State of Mississippi. The **RESPONDENT** is the holder and/or applicant of a license issued by the Board and is, therefore, subject to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-1, et seq.
2. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61 (1), upon satisfactory proof, and in accordance with statutory provisions elsewhere set out for such hearings and protecting the rights of the accused as well as the public, the State Board of Dental Examiners may deny the issuance or renewal of a license or may revoke or suspend the license of any licensed dentist or dental hygienist practicing in the State of Mississippi, or take any other action in relation to the license as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances, for: *(b) Willful violation of any of the rules or regulations duly promulgated by the Board, or of any of the rules or regulations duly promulgated by the appropriate dental licensure agency of another state or jurisdiction.*
3. Pursuant to Board Regulation 41, Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.41 (2), *Licensed dental hygienists must complete twenty (20) hours of Board-approved CDE per biennial renewal period.*
4. **RESPONDENT'S** conduct violates Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61 (1)(b) and Board Regulation 41, 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.41., and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the Board, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61 (1).

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AND ORDERED:

1. **RESPONDENT’S** license shall be subject to the following penalties and actions authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61.

- a. **SURRENDER** of dental hygiene license no. 4789-22DH. The **SURRENDER** of licensure shall have the same effect as license revocation. Immediately upon Board approval and execution of this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**, **RESPONDENT** shall no longer be authorized to practice dental hygiene in the state of Mississippi, and **RESPONDENT** shall NOT practice dental hygiene in the state of Mississippi.

- i. Immediately upon Board approval and execution of this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**, **RESPONDENT’S** license status with the Board, including for purposes of license verification by the public, shall indicate “REVOKED.”
- ii. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-65, the Board may, for good cause shown, reinstate any license revoked or suspended. Should **RESPONDENT** seek to have dental hygiene license no. 4789-22DH reinstated in the future, **RESPONDENT** shall petition the Board, and **RESPONDENT** shall carry the burden of showing good cause why the license should be reinstated. **RESPONDENT** shall be responsible for any costs associated with seeking reinstatement of license.
- iii. In order to seek reinstatement pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-65, **RESPONDENT** must also comply with 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.23 – Board Regulation 23 – Reinstatement of Voided Licenses.

2. That this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** is entered into freely, willingly and voluntarily by all the parties without threats or promises, and further, such **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** is entered into in lieu of having a full administrative hearing before the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners.

- a. That **RESPONDENT** hereby voluntarily, willingly, and freely waives all of **RESPONDENT'S** due process rights, including but not limited to, the right to a hearing whereby **RESPONDENT** could:
 - i. Appear either personally or by counsel or both,
 - ii. Cross-examine any witnesses who may testify against **RESPONDENT**,
 - iii. Present testimony, evidence, and witnesses on **RESPONDENT'S** behalf, and
 - iv. Have subpoenas issued by the Board on **RESPONDENT'S** behalf.
 - b. That **RESPONDENT** hereby voluntarily, willingly, and freely waives any right to judicial review of this **CONSENT ORDER**.
 - c. **RESPONDENT** authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or information concerning **RESPONDENT** prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of the **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**.
 - d. That this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve the **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**, it shall have no force or effect on the parties.
 - e. That should this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** not be approved by the Board, it is agreed that the presentation and consideration of the **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**, including any documentary evidence and information related thereto, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in hearings or other proceedings pertaining to these or other matters regarding **RESPONDENT**.
3. That **RESPONDENT** accepts the above penalties and that the **RESPONDENT** does hereby fully, completely and finally release the Board, its agents, servants or employees from any and all claims, charges, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes

of action of every kind and nature which the **RESPONDENT** may now or hereafter have related to this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** between the **RESPONDENT** and the Board. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners admits no liability in any way related to this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER**.

4. That this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** is considered a settlement agreement under Mississippi Rule of Evidence 408; therefore, this **CONSENT ORDER – SURRENDER** does not constitute an admission of guilt or liability.
5. That this document is a public record and will be entered as a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board. This action will be reported to the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) and to all federally mandated data banks.

AGREED TO, on this day, Jul 29, 2025, 2025.



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COREY BENJAMIN BYARS

Approved as to Form & Substance:



W. Westley Mutziger
Board Counsel, MSBDE

SO APPROVED & ORDERED, on this day Jul 29, 2025, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



Mark D. Williams, D.M.D. (Jul 29, 2025 17:18:54 CDT)

MARK D. WILLIAMS, D.M.D.
PRESIDENT