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17 Westley Mutziger,
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23 Nick Hardwick, Senior Investigator

24 Keith McElveen, Compliance/Investigator

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5 ALSO PRESENT:

6 Corey Byars, Petitioner,
Licensure Reinstatement

7 Charles Moser, DDS (Via Zoom Videoconference)

8 Derek A. Wyatt,
9 Special Assistant Attorney General

10 Roddy A. Scarbrough, DMD

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1 (WHEREUPON, THE PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD AS FOLLOWS:)

8 (Invocation)

14 MS. EKLUND: I'm Neva Eklund, and I'm
15 the public policy advocate for the
16 Mississippi Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

17 DR. MOSER: Corey Byars; I don't
18 represent anyone currently.

21 MS. SIMMONS: Lindsey Simmons; Simmons
22 Consulting.

23 DR. SCARBROUGH: Roddy Scarbrough, self.

24 MS. CASEY: Ashley Casey, and I'm with
25 Smiles To Go.

1 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA/
2 APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
2 DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2025

6 Does anybody got any questions about
7 those, any additions, takeaways?

8 (No response)

12 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: I second.

15 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: Second.

18 (No response)

21 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Any oppose?

22 (No response)

23 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All right.

24 Thank you.

25 I tal

1 hearing this morning, and it might help us to
2 go ahead and move that up on the schedule if it
3 would be convenient for you.

4 Now, I think we're okay on our weather
5 today, so I don't think anybody is going to be
6 freaking out about that. I think we're okay
7 for the next two or three days.

8 But just as a matter of convenience, and I
9 know y'all have schedules, I think I would like
10 to move that up if it's okay with the Board.
11 And we can go ahead and get that out of the
12 way, and then we can pretty much breeze through
13 this thing.

14 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Yes.

15 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Can we do
16 that?

17 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: We can do
18 that.

19 Lou, if you wouldn't mind, I'm going to
20 take your seat just for the hearing.

21 So, Mr. Byars, we're going to start with
22 you. You can have a seat right there in the
23 middle, and I'll be sitting here next to you.

24 Also, Denny, does Phillips, our Attorney
25 General representative, have access to that?

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: No.

2 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: He does
3 not?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: I
5 wasn't aware we were changing, so I haven't
6 put it on the folders yet. But I'll do that
7 in just a second.

8 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: If the
10 Board would click on the folder that looks
11 like a folder, you should see a file with
12 Mr. Byars' name on it and pull up the
13 documents there.

14 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And I
15 would ask that you not access those until
16 they have been admitted into evidence, but
17 that is the location where they may be
18 accessed.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK:

20 Mr. Strickland, were you able to find
21 them?

22 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Yes,
23 sir.

24 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: We are
25 ready to proceed.

1 PUBLIC HEARING/REQUEST FOR LICENSURE REINSTATEMENT
2 REGARDING COREY BYARS

3 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Good
4 morning, everyone. My name is Phillips
5 Strickland. I am with the Attorney General's
6 Office, and I'll be your Hearing Officer
7 today.

8 Today's date is January 23rd, 2026. The
9 time now is 8:36 a.m. And we are present here
10 at the Board Offices at 715 South Pear Orchard
11 Road, Suite 200.

12 This is in the matter of File or Case
13 No. 4789-22DH; is that correct?

14 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: That would
15 be the license number.

16 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: That's
17 the license number?

18 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: That is.
19 And the docket number would be 2025-053.

20 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND:
21 2025-053?

22 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: That's
23 correct?

24 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: And
25 this is a request for licensure

1 reinstatement --

2 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: It is.

3 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: -- by
4 Mr. Corey Byars.

5 Again, Mr. Byars, welcome. Again, my name
6 is Phillips Strickland. I'll be the Hearing
7 Officer. My role during today's proceeding is
8 to rule on objections to questions or evidence
9 that is raised -- that are raised by the
10 parties, and to see to the orderly
11 administration of the proceedings, and to
12 ensure that the hearing is conducted in
13 accordance with applicable laws and rules.

14 MR. BYARS: Yes, sir.

15 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: And the
16 Board will be the decider of any questions of
17 fact.

18 At this time, I would like to have the
19 members of the Board introduce themselves for
20 the record. If you would, just state your name
21 for the record.

22 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Lewis
23 Grubbs.

24 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: Haley
25 Birmingham.

1 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: David Curtis.

2 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: Alexa
3 Lampkin.

4 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: John Carlton.

5 BOARD MEMBER DR. JOE: Stephen Joe.

6 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: Wade Bishop.

7 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Will
8 the attorney for the Board please state your
9 name for the record?

10 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Yes. My
11 name is Westley Mutziger.

12 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Thank
13 you. And the petitioner is present today,
14 correct?

15 MR. BYARS: That would be me, right?

16 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.
17 Would you please introduce yourself?

18 MR. BYARS: My name is Corey Byars.

19 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Are you
20 represented by counsel today?

21 MR. BYARS: No.

22 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: And you
23 understand that you have the right to an
24 attorney?

25 MR. BYARS: Yes.

1 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: And you
2 understand that you have the right to have
3 witnesses testify on your behalf and that you
4 would have the right to subpoena -- have
5 subpoenas issued by the Board; and
6 notwithstanding the same, you wish to proceed
7 without counsel present today?

8 MR. BYARS: Yes, that's fine.

9 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: So,
10 today, we're going to proceed as follows:

11 We're going to start with opening
12 statements for both parties, and then we'll
13 move into you presenting your case-in-chief,
14 your evidence. You'll tell your -- present any
15 evidence and statements that you would like to
16 make as to why your license should be
17 reinstated.

18 MR. BYARS: Okay.

19 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: So are
20 there any preliminary matters that you would
21 like to address before we get started?

22 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Yes. At
23 this time, I would offer -- or, rather, I
24 would move that the Exhibits B-1 as well as
25 Exhibits R-1 through R-13 be admitted into

1 evidence.

2 And, Mr. Byars, just for identification
3 purposes, Exhibit B-1 is a copy of the
4 surrender of your license.

5 R-1 is a copy of the letter of
6 recommendation; R-2 is another letter of
7 recommendation that you e-mailed to me; and R-3
8 through R-13 are all of the continuing
9 education course certificates that you have
10 provided to me.

11 MR. BYARS: (Nods head affirmatively).

12 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: All
13 right. Are there any objections to these
14 records being entered into evidence?

15 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: No, sir.

16 MR. BYARS: No, sir.

17 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: All
18 right. Seeing none, we will have these
19 Exhibits B-1 as well as R-1 through R-13
20 entered into the record as evidence.

21 (EXHIBIT NUMBER B-1 MARKED

22 AND ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD)

23 (EXHIBIT NUMBERS R-1 THROUGH R-13

24 MARKED AND ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD)

25 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Are

1 there any witnesses that need to be sworn in
2 at this time?

3 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: I believe
4 just Mr. Byars.

5 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND:

6 Mr. Byars, I'm going to have the court
7 reporter swear you in at this time.

8 MR. BYARS: Okay.

9 COREY BYARS,

10 having first been duly sworn,
11 testified as follows:

12 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Thank
13 you.

14 At this time, I will allow the parties to
15 present opening statements. I'll start with
16 the Board's attorney, and then I'll allow
17 Mr. Byars to go.

18 MR. BYARS: (Nods head affirmatively).

19 OPENING STATEMENTS

20 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you.

21 So may it please the Board? We are here
22 today in the matter of Corey Byars, a dental
23 hygienist seeking reinstatement of his license.

24 Mr. Byars surrendered his dental hygiene
25 license on approximately July 29th of 2025. He

1 did so in relation to the following findings of
2 fact as found in that consent order:

3 Mr. Byars was initially issued a dental
4 hygiene license, No. 4789-22DH, on June 13th,
5 2022. In or around March of 2025, the Board
6 conducted a random compliance audit for the
7 biannual renewal period of January 1st, 2023
8 through December 31st of 2024, to ensure
9 compliance with Board Regulation 41, the
10 Board's continuing education requirements.

11 The respondent, or Mr. Byars, was randomly
12 selected to participate in that audit. In
13 response to the audit, Mr. Byars submitted
14 evidence of completion of eight hours of
15 Board-approved continuing education.

16 Therefore, he failed to meet the required
17 standard of 20 hours of Board-approved
18 continuing education as required by Board
19 Regulation 41. Mr. Byars then entered into a
20 consent order to surrender his license in
21 response to that violation.

22 Today, Mr. Byars is seeking reinstatement
23 of his license. It is his burden to carry to
24 show why that license should be reinstated.
25 This Board is vested with the authority, upon a

1 showing of good cause, to reinstate that
2 license.

3 So I would just ask that the Board
4 consider all evidence duly admitted today and
5 testimony and make a decision that is in line
6 with the interest of protection of the public.

7 Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND:

9 Mr. Byars, this is your opportunity to
10 present an opening statement; and an opening
11 statement is simply a summary of the argument
12 that you intend to make when you put on your
13 case-in-chief or make your testimony.

14 Is there an opening statement that you
15 would like to make to the Board at this time?

16 MR. BYARS: Well, I'm not really, you
17 know, sure what I'm supposed to say, but I do
18 want to thank you guys for allowing me to be
19 here.

20 And I guess I'm just here to tell my
21 story, you know. There wasn't anything like
22 malicious going on or anything like that. It
23 was just a series of unfortunate events.

24 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Thank
25 you.

1 At this time, we will move into each side
2 presenting their case-in-chief. And this is
3 your opportunity to speak to the Board; speak
4 candidly, relax, and just tell -- present to
5 them everything you've done to get to a point
6 where you can have your license reinstated. So
7 the floor is yours.

8 MR. BYARS: So is this just the
9 tell-my-story part, basically?

10 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.
11 Tells us about -- tell the Board about the
12 exhibits you entered as evidence, and tell
13 them about your reasons why your license
14 should be reinstated.

15 STATEMENT/EXAMINATION OF COREY BYARS

16 MR. BYARS: Got it. I understand.

17 Well, so the whole reason that I gave up
18 my license in the first place was because, like
19 I said, there was a series of unfortunate
20 events that led me to sort of step away from
21 hygiene for a little while. I stopped working
22 my last hygiene job around December 21st of
23 2024, and I decided that I wanted to try other
24 things. So I was trying like sales jobs and
25 stuff like that. Then the audit came around,

1 and I went through looking to see if I could
2 find any of my old CEs that I thought that I
3 had done through training and old work and
4 whatnot, but I couldn't place anything.

5 And then came the fine portion and all of
6 that. And because the jobs that I was trying
7 at the time weren't really working out, I
8 just -- I wasn't making any money. And it
9 was -- it was a real tough time, basically, the
10 entirety of the last year money-wise. So at
11 the time, it seemed like the best thing to do
12 to avoid paying the fines and everything was to
13 surrender my license.

14 But, you know, like I said, I don't know.
15 Things have changed. I'm just ready to get
16 back into it. That's why I took Mr. Mutziger's
17 advice and completed all of the CEs that I
18 needed to complete as well as just a little bit
19 more. I got myself a few letters of
20 recommendation from some friends that I had
21 worked with, and here we are.

22 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: All
23 right.

24 At this time, tell us about the exhibits
25 that you entered into evidence. Those are

1 continuing education courses that you took?

2 MR. BYARS: Yes.

3 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: At this
4 time, I'm going to let -- I'm going to turn
5 you over to Board counsel for questioning.

6 MR. BYARS: (Nods head affirmatively).

7 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you,
8 Mr. Strickland.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER:

11 Q. So, Mr. Byars, thank you for being here
12 today. You have submitted to the Board some
13 evidence of continuing education requirements.

14 Could you please give the Board a total
15 number of hours that you've submitted?

16 A. I think it was 26, 27.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. It was the -- I think you get the four
19 hours from the CPR and then -- I lost count, but it
20 was either 22 or 23 from online courses from like
21 Colgate Oral Health and all of that.

22 Q. So it would be fair to say in excess of 20
23 hours?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Including you are current on your CPR

1 certification; is that right?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And these continuing education credits, --

4 I see that in examining the exhibits, Colgate Oral
5 Health Network -- are these accredited providers?

6 **A. I was under the impression that they were.**

7 Q. Yes. So I would bring to your
8 attention -- for example, I am looking at Procter &
9 Gamble; AGD Provider, the Academy of General
10 Dentistry, which is, in fact, a Board-approved
11 provider of continuing education. So I would agree
12 that the materials that you have submitted are, in
13 fact, Board-approved.

14 So you also provided some letters of
15 recommendation today; is that right?

16 **A. That is correct, yes.**

17 Q. Who did you provide letters of
18 recommendation from?

19 **A. One was from Kendra Conley; she was**
20 **another hygienist that I worked with at two separate**
21 **locations: Dr. Ware's Dental Office in Flowood and**
22 **at Sunnybrook Dentistry and Braces in Jackson.**

23 **And the other was from Dr. Jerry Dean**
24 **Tankersley, who I worked with at Dental Group of**
25 **Byram, which was my first hygiene job out of**

1 college.

2 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And those
3 are within the file for the Board to review
4 at your discretion.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: One of
6 those will not open. I've gotten it open
7 under a different program, but I can't print
8 it. Can I put it on the screen?

9 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Certainly.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: I've
11 had a request to see it. It won't open as a
12 PDF.

13 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: So that's
14 not available to any of the Board members?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: No.

16 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Okay. Is
17 the Board -- are you able to read that on the
18 screen? I can provide a physical copy if
19 necessary. I will just allow the Board time,
20 before I proceed, to read that letter.

21 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Who is that
22 one from?

23 MR. BYARS: This one was from Kendra
24 Conley.

25 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Denny,

1 would you mind sending a copy to the printer?

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: It
3 won't print. This is a free program, and I
4 would have to upgrade it to be able to print.

5 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Of course.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: And I
7 don't have a credit card with me to upgrade
8 it, so...

9 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: My
10 apologies.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: That's
12 what I get when I try to print it
13 (indicating).

14 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Well,
15 we'll find a way to make that available to
16 the Board in physical form.

17 BY BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER:

18 Q. So, Mr. Byars, is it your testimony today
19 that you surrendered your license due to the
20 inability to pay the fine associated with the
21 consent order offered to you?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. And you do understand today that if the
24 Board decided to reinstate your license, that they
25 could, in fact, attach conditions, such as payment

1 of that fine, --

2 **A. Absolutely.**

3 Q. -- as well as costs for the proceedings
4 that have taken place?

5 **A. Yeah, I'm aware. That is correct.**

6 Q. And you are able and willing to pay those
7 today or within a time period as determined by the
8 Board?

9 **A. Yes, absolutely.**

10 Q. If the Board also saw fit to order that
11 you complete the Board's jurisprudence examination,
12 something that you would have completed at the time
13 that you completed your initial application for
14 licensure, would you comply with that requirement?

15 **A. I would, absolutely.**

16 Q. Now, you did mention, Mr. Byars, that you
17 ended employment at the end of December of 2024,
18 roughly?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Was your separation from employment at all
21 the result of poor performance or unsatisfactory
22 work as a hygienist?

23 **A. No, not at all. That was -- it was my
24 personal decision to leave.**

25 Q. So there were no patient complaints or

1 outstanding alleged violations --

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. -- that we don't know about?

4 **A. No, not that I'm aware of. No; no. No,**
5 **nobody -- if there was ever a complaint against me,**
6 **nobody ever brought it up to my attention, no.**

7 Q. And, further, you understand that moving
8 forward, should you be awarded reinstatement of your
9 license, that the continuing education requirement
10 will be each and every biannual renewable cycle?

11 **A. Yes; yes, that will work.**

12 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: No further
13 questions.

14 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Thank
15 you.

16 Do members of the Board have questions for
17 the witness, Mr. Byars, at this time?

18 EXAMINATION BY THE BOARD

19 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Do you have
20 a job that you can go to if you get your
21 license back?

22 MR. BYARS: I'm sorry?

23 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Do you have
24 employment if you get your license back?

25 MR. BYARS: I don't. I don't have

1 anything in the works yet. I didn't want
2 to -- I didn't even want to start looking,
3 you know, or entertaining the possibility
4 until I knew for sure if I was going to get
5 my license back, you know. I didn't want to
6 get my hopes up, so to speak.

7 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I got it.

8 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: You are a
9 rarity being a male hygienist, so kudos to
10 you. Thank you for picking the profession of
11 dental hygiene.

12 MR. BYARS: I've been told. Thank you.

13 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: So,
14 therefore, other hygienists may look up to
15 you. So this is one of the reasons to have
16 made CES, you know, affordable and being able
17 to assess CES. They're free online now, and
18 you can take them online, except for CPR. So
19 as long as you're aware of that, just stay on
20 top of your CESs.

21 MR. BYARS: Oh, absolutely. It was just
22 a -- it was a hard few years like with
23 everything that went on at my old jobs and
24 everything, so it just sort of slipped
25 through the cracks.

1 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: I'm glad
2 things have turned around for you.

3 MR. BYARS: Thank you. I'm hoping that
4 they continue on that trend, yeah.

5 BOARD MEMBER DR. JOE: And now you have
6 a love and appreciation for dental hygiene?

7 MR. BYARS: You could say that, yeah, a
8 little more so than I did; yes, for sure.

9 After being out and doing other things, I do
10 miss it. I miss it a lot. And there was a
11 lot there that I had going for me that I just
12 couldn't see at the time.

13 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Any
14 additional questions from the Board?

15 (No response)

16 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Seeing
17 none, we thank you, Mr. Byars, for your
18 testimony today.

19 Are there any other witnesses that you
20 would like to call on your behalf?

21 MR. BYARS: No, sir.

22 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: At this
23 time, I will allow the opportunity for both
24 sides to make a closing argument. I'll start
25 with the Board's attorney, Mr. Mutziger.

1 CLOSING ARGUMENTS

2 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you,
3 Mr. Strickland.

4 So, today, again, you have before you
5 Mr. Corey Byars, who, as I stated, surrendered
6 his license due to violation of the Board's
7 continuing education requirements. Mr. Byars
8 has appeared today and has delivered in excess
9 of the required 20 hours, as well as current
10 CPR certification.

11 I would put to you that he is a candidate
12 worthy of consideration for this Board for
13 reinstatement. And I would ask that the Board
14 use its good judgment in considering to
15 reinstate his license, always paramount
16 considering the health and safety of the
17 public.

18 Finally, I would add or ask that should
19 the Board, in fact, award reinstatement of his
20 license, that they consider imposition of the
21 conditions that would have been in play for a
22 consent order for any other person in that
23 circumstance when violating Board Regulation 41
24 for the first time. That would be a fine of
25 \$500; that would be completion of the Board's

1 jurisprudence examination; and that would be
2 payment of costs of any proceedings the Board
3 has taken on in this matter.

4 With that said, I would defer to the
5 Board's discretion in whether or not to
6 reinstate Mr. Byars' license.

7 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Thank
8 you.

9 Mr. Byars, again, I'll offer you an
10 opportunity to make any closing statements or
11 closing arguments on your own behalf should you
12 choose to. You don't have to, but the floor is
13 yours.

14 MR. BYARS: I guess I don't really have
15 anything else to say other than, again, thank
16 you for your time and thank you for allowing
17 me to be here. I greatly appreciate it.

18 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Thank
19 you.

20 The time is now 8:55. The Board will take
21 this matter under advisement and --

22 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And, in
23 fact, the Board may wish to determine if an
24 executive session is appropriate, or you
25 could wait to have an executive session later

1 in the day. It's up to the Board.

2 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I guess we
3 can include at the end of the day when we do
4 everything else.

5 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: At the
6 end of the day?

7 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: If that's
8 all right with everybody else.

9 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: You all
10 would like to do it later?

11 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Unless you
12 think we should do it now. Are you saying
13 that?

14 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: I'd say
15 let's go ahead and entertain it. That way if
16 you have -- if you need the assistance of the
17 Attorney General, you have that, and they can
18 be released from our utility today.

19 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Okay.
20 Good.

21 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: Is
22 there a motion for a closed determinative
23 session?

24 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So moved.
25 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: Second.

1 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: All in
2 favor?

3 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

4 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: We are
5 now in closed determinative session for the
6 Board to be able to discuss the need to enter
7 into executive session. So at this time, we
8 will have all parties that are not to be in
9 the room, that are not Board members or asked
10 to stay by the Board, to please exit.

11 This concludes the hearing.

12 (ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION)

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14 (EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION)

15 *****

16 BOARD RULING

17 HEARING OFFICER MR. STRICKLAND: The
18 time is now 9:05, and the Board has returned
19 from executive session.

20 After considering the subject matter at
21 hand, the case at hand, the Board has moved to
22 reinstate the license of Mr. Corey Byars,
23 License No. 4789-22DH.

24 The Board has also moved and voted to have
25 Mr. Byars pay a fine of \$500; Mr. Byars must

1 also take and pass the jurisprudence exam; and
2 must pay the cost of the administrative
3 proceeding, not to exceed \$150.

4 This concludes the hearing today. And we
5 thank everyone for their time. Also, a final
6 copy of the -- a copy of the Final Order of the
7 Board will be distributed to you in the coming
8 weeks.

9 DR. MOSER: Thank you. I don't know
10 what else to say. Thank you so much.

11 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Don't say
12 anything. Just don't come back again.

13 (HEARING CONCLUDED AT 9:06 A.M.)

14 AGENDA ITEMS

15 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Okay.
16 We're going to pick back up with the
17 Committee reports. We appreciate y'all
18 indulging us on that and let us get that out
19 of the way.

20 Rules and Regs, Dr. Curtis?

21 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: I have nothing
22 to report. Our Committee has not met since
23 the last Board meeting.

24 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS:
25 Credentialing, Ms. Birmingham?

1 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: Nothing to
2 report.

3 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Practice
4 Act and Legislative, Dr. Bishop?

5 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: The
6 legislature is in session. Right now, there
7 are four bills that affect us:

8 House Bill No. 431 by Mr. Felsher, who
9 spearheaded the general supervision bill last
10 year, has resubmitted this to add the allowance
11 for public health, for the hygiene to work
12 under general supervision in public health
13 settings.

14 Senate Bill 2194 introduced by Senator
15 Blackwell, amends the Section 73-9-13 to
16 authorize -- specifically authorize the Board
17 to regulate general supervision with regard to
18 hygiene, both direct and general supervision.

19 House Bill 1366 introduced by
20 Representative Mansell, basically is
21 changing -- is a proposal to change the
22 Practice Act to make the practice of
23 dentistry -- unauthorized practice of dentistry
24 in Mississippi a felony rather than a
25 misdemeanor, which, if y'all recall, in

1 previous discussions, we had talked about how
2 Alabama had done that and felt like that
3 helped -- helped them regulate some of that
4 more carefully and closely.

5 Lastly, and this was just introduced in
6 the last day or two, -- and I think we've
7 probably all gotten an e-mail on it -- Senate
8 Bill 2550, also introduced by Senator
9 Blackwell, amends the Practice Act to more
10 specifically regu- -- not regulate, but
11 instruct us as to how we will deal with general
12 supervision, and that bears a little closer
13 look after discussing this with Mr. Hydrick
14 yesterday.

15 So I think later, in our meeting on our
16 agenda further down the line, he and
17 Mr. Mutziger will be discussing all four of
18 these bills in more depth with us.

19 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All right.
20 Thank you.

21 Licensure Examination, Dr. Lampkin?

22 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I have
23 nothing to report.

24 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Budget and
25 Finance, Dr. Bishop? I know you've worked

1 hard on this.

2 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: I'm learning
3 more. If you look at the -- if you've looked
4 at your financials, we have year over year
5 '25 -- fiscal year '25 and fiscal year '26.

6 The first thing I looked at was our
7 expenditures. We should have been around
8 50 percent. Basically, we're under 50 percent,
9 so that's good. Our available operating cash
10 year over year is similar.

11 Will you point that out? Thank you.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: Right
13 here, this is '25, and this is the current
14 fiscal year.

15 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So we still
16 have about as much money in the bank, so to
17 speak. But it was pointed out to me, and
18 it's significant, that we do have expenses
19 coming up in the second half of the year
20 related to the Physicians Health Network and
21 the Board of Pharmacy that will be
22 substantial and probably affect that as we go
23 forward.

24 So, once again, if you have any questions,
25 I'll refer them to Mr. Hydrick.

1 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Is
2 everybody good with that?

3 (No response)

4 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All right.
5 License and Applications, this is UROLA and
6 Hygiene. Ms. Sims? Ms. Birmingham?

7 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Okay. So for
8 the first one, it will be Brandy Suter. She
9 is applying for a license by reciprocity.
10 She's been licensed in Louisiana since 1992,
11 and she is a resident of Mississippi.

12 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: I make a
13 motion to approve her license for dental
14 hygiene in Mississippi.

15 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: Second.

18 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
19 favor?

20 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

21 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Okay.

22 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: The next one
23 is Tanya Smith, also applying by reciprocity.
24 She has been licensed in Arizona from 2021 to
25 presently; California 2008 to 2024; Hawaii,

1 2008 to 2023; and she also is a resident of
2 Mississippi.

3 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: I make a
4 motion to approve her license for dental
5 hygiene in Mississippi.

6 BOARD MEMBER DR. JOE: I second.

7 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Discussion?
8 (No response)

9 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
10 favor?

11 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

12 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Thank you.

13 Okay. Active Status, Dr. Bishop and Sims?

14 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: So the first
15 one is Preston Miller. He is requesting
16 active status, and he also applied for a
17 specialty license.

18 Dr. Miller was issued a license on 2001.
19 He graduated from the University of Tennessee
20 and attended the orthodontic residency at UT
21 also. So after his residency, he began
22 practicing in Tennessee.

23 He just obtained a license in Mississippi
24 and did not practice here. There will be a
25 group of orthodontists coming from Tennessee

1 and opening up a practice in North Mississippi.

2 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: I move we
3 reinstate. I make a motion we reinstate.

4 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: Second.

5 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Discussion?
6 (No response)

7 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
8 favor?

9 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

10 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Thank you.

11 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Okay. Annie
12 Clark is also requesting active status. She
13 was issued a license in 2023. She graduated
14 from North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2022.

15 She has always practiced in North
16 Carolina, but she has a contract to move back
17 home to begin her practice in Mississippi at
18 Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Center.

19 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: I make a
20 motion we reinstate Ms. Clark's license,
21 Dr. Clark's license.

22 BOARD MEMBER DR. JOE: I second.

23 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Discussion?
24 (No response)

25 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in

1 favor?

2 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

3 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Thank you.

4 Specialty Applications, Dr. Carlton and
5 Ms. Sims.

6 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Okay. So
7 Specialty, this is Dr. Miller. He has just
8 requested active status to return back to
9 Mississippi. So he is just requesting
10 specialty in Mississippi upon returning back
11 to active status.

12 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: I make a
13 motion to approve that.

14 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I second.

15 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Discussion?

16 (No response)

17 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
18 favor?

19 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

20 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Dr. Langford
21 was just issued a license in December 2025.
22 He is applying for a specialty license and a
23 Class II sedation permit also.

24 He graduated from Columbia University in
25 2021, and he did his pediatric residency from

1 2021 to 2023. He will be working for UMC,
2 hopefully, by the summer.

3 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: I make a
4 motion to approve.

5 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: Second.

6 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Discussion?

7 (No response)

8 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
9 favor?

10 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

11 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Advanced
12 Anesthesia Permits, Dr. Lampkin and Ms. Sims?

13 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: This will be a
14 Class II anesthesia permit for Dr. Langford,
15 who was just approved for a specialty
16 license.

17 Same. He graduated from Columbia
18 University, went through a residency program,
19 and hopes to be working at UMC this summer.

20 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I make a
21 motion to approve this permit.

22 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I second.
23 Discussion?

24 (No response)

25 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: All in favor?

2 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Okay. We
3 have a Zoom now; is that right?

4 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: I've got one
5 more.

6 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: We've got one
7 more, Emillie.

8 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I'm sorry.

9 I'm getting ahead of myself. Go ahead, Lou.

10 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Okay. So the
11 next one is Emillie Schenck. She applied for
12 a Class II, but didn't qualify, so she
13 qualified for a Class III. As you see, it
14 was approved by the AAP from Dr. Caloss.

15 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I make a
16 motion that we approve the Class III permit.

17 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: Second.

20 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GR

21 favor?

1990, the year when the National Curriculum was introduced.

1 the help of Ms. Sims, I shall.

2 REQUEST FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION FOR LICENSURE

3 BY CREDENTIALS/PRESENTATION BY CHARLES MOSER, DDS

4 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Next on

5 the agenda, we have a request for eligibility

6 determination for licensure by credentials by

7 Dr. Charles Moser.

8 Lou, if it would be all right, do you mind

9 just giving a very brief summary of this --

10 excuse me -- Dr. Moser's application?

11 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Okay. So

12 Dr. Moser is applying by credentials in which

13 by law you must have practiced for the past

14 consecutive five years according to our law,

15 73-9-24. But for proving the clinical

16 practice of dentistry, he could not provide

17 that to me.

18 So, therefore, we are here today for the

19 Board to make a decision on his application for

20 credentials.

21 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you,

22 Ms. Sims.

23 So just to be clear, Dr. Moser, he did

24 submit an application, as you stated, by

25 credentials. And, as you stated, pursuant to

1 Mississippi Code Annotated Section 73-9-24,
2 someone applying by credentials, according to
3 Subsection B, shall be engaged in the active
4 practice of dentistry in full-time dental -- or
5 in -- let me start over. I apologize.

6 Shall be engaged in the active practice of
7 dentistry or in full-time dental education for
8 the past five years; is that correct?

9 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: That's
10 correct.

11 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Okay.
12 Thank you.

13 And so, in reviewing the application
14 submission by Dr. Moser, what stood out to you
15 regarding this provision?

16 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: The
17 consultant.

18 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: The
19 consultant. And so, how many years of
20 practice was he able to provide?

21 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: He wasn't able
22 to provide any, no years of clinically
23 practicing dentistry.

24 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And so,
25 Dr. Moser, as I understand, it was

1 communicated that due to him not meeting this
2 requirement, he was ineligible for licensure
3 by credentials, correct?

4 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Correct.

5 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And it was
6 then that you received a request by Dr. Moser
7 to address the Board so that Dr. Moser could
8 make his case as to his present and past
9 employment and whether or not that qualifies
10 as active dental practice or dental
11 education; is that correct?

12 LICENSING REP. MS. SIMS: Correct.

13 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Okay.

14 Thank you.

15 And so, I understand that today we have
16 Dr. Moser online via Zoom. And at this time, I
17 would turn over the floor to you, Dr. Moser, to
18 answer that question and make your case as to
19 showing your past practice and employment,
20 whether or not that constitutes the active
21 practice of dentistry or dental education for
22 the past five years. And I will let you know
23 that the Board has allocated you 15 minutes to
24 make this presentation.

25 So, Dr. Moser, we turn it over to you.

1 DR. MOSER: It won't take 15 minutes.

2 I'll probably take about one and a half and
3 then happy to answer any questions.

4 Again, I appreciate the opportunity to
5 speak today. And as a dentist, many of you can
6 probably appreciate we tend to be a bit
7 overprepared, so I have a written statement.
8 And, like I said, it won't take very long.

9 I want to begin by reminding or, perhaps,
10 informing many of you on the Board that in
11 2006, in my 16th year of practice with three
12 practices, I had a catastrophic injury to my
13 practicing hand that caused me to have to leave
14 chairside dentistry. This was never the plan,
15 clearly. Dentistry was my childhood dream, and
16 it's been my life's work. And when my
17 disability made traditional clinical practice
18 no longer possible, I was still able to
19 dedicate myself to roles that ensured quality,
20 safety, and integrity within the profession.

21 I became a mentor in a D- -- in a Medicaid
22 DSO practice here in the state of Texas. I ran
23 16 locations for that DSO and mentored well
24 over a hundred young clinicians throughout that
25 time. I opened my own dental consulting and

1 coaching company because I recognized that
2 after working with a DSO, the practitioner on
3 the corner, which is extremely important to our
4 industry, that they continued to see and treat
5 the people in their neighborhoods; I did not
6 want to see those individuals go away. I am
7 not anti-DSO, but I'm also very pro small,
8 individual entrepreneurial dentist business
9 person. And they needed help, and I had the
10 tools and training and resources to provide
11 them the help to, perhaps, reduce their stress
12 level a little bit of having to be both a
13 provider and a business owner. So that's what
14 I did.

15 Today, I serve as the National Dental
16 Director of Clinical Services for Liberty
17 Dental Plan. We're a third-party administrator
18 for mostly federal and state programs, which
19 includes Medicaid and Medicare populations. We
20 take our responsibility to these groups very
21 seriously.

22 Myself, I lead a team of nine clinicians
23 whose work focuses on ensuring high standards
24 of quality and mostly preventing fraud, waste,
25 and abuse in our industry. These decisions

1 require ongoing clinical judgment, evaluation
2 of treatment appropriateness, and oversight of
3 provider conduct. This is unquestionably work
4 that impacts patient care and public protection
5 every day.

6 Now, Liberty Dental Plan is growing as the
7 states that we work with recognize our
8 commitment to being good stewards of finite
9 resources that are available. We will be
10 working in Mississippi. For compliance and
11 governance reasons, we must have certain
12 administrative and clinical oversight
13 structures within the state. My company would
14 like me to serve at the top of that structure,
15 as I do here in the state of Texas, to ensure
16 consistency, accountability, and continuity.
17 If I can't hold that Mississippi license, my
18 organization will be forced to look outside for
19 someone else to fill this role. The challenge
20 with that is that it could introduce
21 unpredictability and may reduce the level of
22 oversight that we can provide, which could
23 result in changes, something I believe that
24 would not serve Mississippi dentists, patients,
25 or the programs as well.

1 My intent is simply to continue serving
2 the profession of dentistry in the only way
3 that my disability at this point allows,
4 through clinical leadership, quality oversight,
5 and protection of public health.

6 I have lectured. I will be lecturing at
7 the Chicago midwinter meeting next month. I've
8 lectured pretty much all across the country. I
9 was a KOL for Dentsply for many, many years. I
10 cannot clearly, in good conscience, lecture on
11 clinical dentistry anymore, so I've moved into
12 realms of leadership, communication,
13 accountability, and running small teams. My
14 record in the state of Texas is absolutely
15 squeaky clean. I've completed two audits,
16 random audits, I guess, for the Texas State
17 Board of Dental Examiners for continuing
18 education.

19 I take my job very, very seriously.
20 Dentistry was the only thing that I ever wanted
21 to do since the age of 13. For some reason,
22 someone decided that a different path for me
23 was to be taken, and that's what I've done.

24 So I respectfully ask the Board to
25 consider that my role still aligns with the

1 spirit of the Mississippi requirements and
2 supports the highest standards of care for the
3 citizens of the state of Mississippi.

4 Thank you very much. I'll answer any
5 questions that you have.

6 QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD

7 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you,
8 Dr. Moser. And I will -- just for a point of
9 clarification before the Board members ask
10 any questions that they may have, I do want
11 to focus in on the issue, which, as you can
12 understand, is a matter of how our statute is
13 crafted and has no personal bias towards your
14 specific situation; but, rather, we are just
15 looking at the letter of the law. As you may
16 have heard previously, our Dental Practice
17 Act requires that you be engaged in the
18 active practice of dentistry or dental
19 education for the past five years.

20 In examining your application, you have
21 provided that you, from December of 2024 to
22 present, have been employed, as you have said
23 here today, with Liberty Dental Plan, correct?

24 DR. MOSER: That's correct.

25 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And prior

1 to that, from February of 2017 to November of
2 2023, you were employed in a nonclinical
3 setting. I think that it would be helpful
4 for the Board if you could detail that
5 employment.

6 DR. MOSER: So, yes, that was my work,
7 and still is ongoing, as a coach and a
8 consultant. I am oftentimes asked to come to
9 offices, you know, to work with clinicians,
10 to work with leadership teams. Again, I
11 would respectfully submit that practice of
12 dentistry has, perhaps, a broad
13 interpretation and that my role as a coach
14 and a consultant, which typically includes
15 working with, again, dental leadership, would
16 pass muster, if you will.

17 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Do the
18 Board members have any questions for,
19 Dr. Moser?

20 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: Dr. Moser, you
21 will be renewing your Texas license in June
22 this year?

23 DR. MOSER: Absolutely correct. That
24 license was too hard to get to not -- to ever
25 let that lapse. I think we would all agree.

1 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: So you don't
2 have to actively practice dentistry in Texas
3 to maintain a license?

4 DR. MOSER: You do not.

5 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: There does
6 not appear to be anything further from the
7 Board.

8 Is there a motion by the Board to take any
9 action to deviate from the determination of
10 ineligibility already determined by Board
11 staff; meaning, the Board determined him
12 ineligible? If the Board saw that the
13 five-year standard was, in fact, met, a motion
14 would be needed or required to go on record
15 indicating such.

16 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: I have a legal
17 question. According to the statute, did I
18 hear correctly that the practice of dentistry
19 would include being in education?

20 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Yes, I
21 will read that for you again. It states that
22 one must be engaged in the active practice of
23 dentistry or in full-time dental education.

24 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: So the
25 question, I think, that we need to determine

1 is -- I would just take, for example, I'm a
2 member of faculty at UMC. That may not
3 actually be a hands-on practice anymore, but
4 be a full-time teacher that would qualify to
5 hold a license.

6 Would we consider this gentleman's
7 practice of being a consultant, coach, mentor,
8 that sort of thing fall under that category of
9 being an educator?

10 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: That would
11 be up to the Board to determine. That is
12 precisely the question, is whether his work
13 history in this non-clinical setting would,
14 in fact, constitute dental education to
15 satisfy the requirements of the statute?

16 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I have a
17 question for Legal. Based on the criteria
18 and requirements in the state of Mississippi,
19 do you feel like he meets the requirements
20 for us to reinstate his license -- or give
21 him a license?

22 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: So I have
23 already advised the Board staff that it is
24 the opinion that what has been provided
25 previously in the application does not

1 constitute the practice of dentistry over the
2 past five years. And so, that is the
3 position of the Board presently, yes, that it
4 does not meet that standard.

5 So you will have needed to have heard
6 something today to convince you that his
7 employment in the non-clinical setting does, in
8 fact, meet that requirement. Is that clear?

9 (No response)

10 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Dr. Moser,
11 thank you for being here today. I have one
12 question.

13 Your employment as a consultant/
14 coach/mentor, is that a full-time position?

15 DR. MOSER: Yes, sir, it was.

16 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: So you do that
17 full time?

18 DR. MOSER: Yes, sir. You could -- I
19 don't know that you would right now, but you
20 could visit my websites, of course, and that
21 would be further clarification of exactly
22 what my roles and responsibilities were.

23 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: Are you
24 working with, like, actually young licensed
25 dentists, or are you working with student

1 dental providers in this clinic?

2 DR. MOSER: I'm sorry. The audio is not
3 so great. If maybe you could get closer to
4 the mic?

5 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I'm asking,
6 do you work with young licensed dental
7 professionals, or are you working with
8 student dental providers in that clinic? Do
9 they rotate through that clinic?

10 DR. MOSER: No, we -- this was a
11 professional environment with graduate, you
12 know, dentists. These were not students.

13 I did -- actually, I was a volunteer
14 professor at the University of Texas here in
15 Houston working at the AEGD when I was still
16 able to practice. So, again, I just -- I only
17 say that to reinforce my commitment to helping
18 dentists, whether I was able to practice or
19 not.

20 As I said, this was -- it was a traumatic
21 time, as you can imagine, losing your ability
22 to do something after 16 years and then having
23 to reinvent yourself more than just once.

24 So, I, again, respectfully ask to perhaps
25 expand that definition of the practice of

1 dentistry and the educational aspect of that to
2 include the work that I have dedicated years
3 and hundreds of hours to become proficient in
4 being able to do that, as I like to say, to
5 help dentists cry a little bit less every day,
6 if you will. It's a very challenging
7 profession.

8 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: Dr. Moser,
9 have any of your presentations over the years
10 qualified to extend continuing education
11 credits to dentists or dental staff teams?

12 DR. MOSER: So, I -- yes, I have been
13 able to do that, and sometimes I will -- PACE
14 accreditation is extremely difficult, if
15 you've ever been through that process. So,
16 now, it's much easier to perhaps piggyback on
17 someone else's PACE credentials and you're
18 able to offer continuing education credits.

19 When I do lecture and when I do go on-site, I
20 do not clearly -- I do not -- I am not able
21 to provide the scientific and clinical
22 credits that are part of the requirements for
23 the states. I am able to fulfill the
24 business and administrative credits for those
25 individuals.

1 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Dr. Moser,
2 when you're working with licensed dentists in
3 the clinic, are you ever involved with
4 mentoring these dentists with regard to
5 treatment planning for the patient?

6 DR. MOSER: So, yes, sir, we do talk
7 about treatment planning. But, again, I
8 always want to be very respectful of the
9 practice that I'm in; and having been out of
10 dentistry, I can talk about -- and, by the
11 way, all of my mentors were Pankey dentists
12 and Pete Dawson-type of dentists, and this is
13 the dentistry that I practiced when I was
14 able to do so. I have gold onlays in my
15 mouth as we speak that have been there for
16 well over 25 years. But, again, I want to be
17 very respectful of the offices that I'm in
18 because I understand that the treatment of
19 dentistry has changed; materials have
20 changed; procedures have changed and things
21 of that nature.

22 So I come at it from the standpoint of
23 what would -- what does quality dentistry look
24 like to them, what do quality outcomes look
25 like to them, and how do we drive to those

1 outcomes. I am fairly concerned about people
2 that I get involved with. In other words, if
3 someone wants to just hire me to come in and
4 help them make more money, that's not a client
5 that I'm ready to take on. There's going to be
6 a lot of discussion about that. I grew up in a
7 world of dentistry where if you did great
8 dentistry and you took care of the people, the
9 money would follow, and that worked for me.
10 When I was in private practice, I never
11 advertised, but that was back in the day. But,
12 again, there's money to be made in dentistry by
13 taking care of people and doing quality
14 dentistry.

15 Even in the insurance industry today, you
16 know, again, it's a challenge because we
17 certainly -- like I said, my department alone
18 in the last year identified well over a hundred
19 million dollars in fraud, waste, and abuse that
20 we were extremely happy that we were able to
21 effectuate some change upon.

22 So that's a long answer to your very
23 simple question. I am always promoting quality
24 dentistry and comprehensive care. That can
25 look different when I walk into particular

1 offices, but I am very discriminating of that.

2 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: Mr. Mutziger,
3 when you considered your opinion about
4 Dr. Moser's credentials, did y'all have
5 extended discussion about how his credentials
6 might relate to the educational aspect of the
7 law?

8 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: So
9 regarding those discussions, I would be happy
10 to share those with you. I think they would
11 be more appropriate in executive session. If
12 you found an executive session was something
13 that you wished to pursue, we could entertain
14 that motion. But I would not want to engage
15 in staff discussions regarding consideration
16 of an application in open session.

17 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: Fair enough.

18 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Anything
19 further by the Board?

20 (No response)

21 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I would
22 like for us to maybe push this to executive
23 session and finish our discussion, if that
24 would be okay with the Board.

25 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I agree.

1 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Yeah, I think
2 we should.

3 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So I would
4 move that we take this matter up in executive
5 session.

6 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: So we move
7 to enter closed determination session to see
8 if executive session is appropriate.

9 Do we have a second?

10 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Second.

11 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: All right.
12 At this time, we will close the meeting once
13 again to the public.

14 Dr. Moser, we will be entering executive
15 session at this -- or excuse me. We're
16 entering closed session to determine if
17 executive session is appropriate. We will
18 inform you of the Board's determination
19 regarding that as well as any action taken in
20 executive session if deemed appropriate. We
21 will keep you abreast of that.

22 (OFF ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE)

23 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: I would
24 say that executive session is appropriate
25 given that we're seeking legal advice

1 regarding prospective litigation,
2 potentially.

3 So I'm going to go announce that to the
4 public, and then we'll talk.

5 (SHORT PAUSE)

6 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: All right.

7 You may commence discussion.

8 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So do we need
9 to have a motion to -- you need to help us
10 out on our rules of order.

11 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: You
12 technically do need a motion to enter
13 executive session.

14 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So moved.

15 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Second.

16 All in favor?

18 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Okay. So
19 you are now officially in executive session.

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21 (ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION)

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23 (EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION)

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25 BOARD RULING

1 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: We are
2 back on the record, as the Board has voted to
3 exit executive session.

4 In executive session, the Board voted to
5 uphold the Board's staff determination of
6 ineligibility for licensure by credentials for
7 failure to show evidence of five years of
8 full-time dental practice or dental education.

9 Therefore, Dr. Moser, you remain
10 ineligible for licensure in Mississippi;
11 however, the Board would like to inform you
12 that should you continue in your role in your
13 present employment with -- forgive me. The
14 name of the employer is -- with Liberty Dental,
15 thank you, as that does constitute the practice
16 of dentistry, if you remain in that practice
17 for another four years, then you will have
18 satisfied that five-year active practice
19 requirement and may make reapplication to the
20 Dental Board at that time.

21 Alternatively, license by reciprocity is
22 available to you should you move or have your
23 residence become -- or move to Mississippi, of
24 which case you would become eligible for a
25 license by reciprocity.

1 With that being said, that concludes this
2 matter.

3 DR. MOSER: Thank you for your time.

4 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Thank you.

11 (OFF THE RECORD)

12 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: We are back
13 in session.

14 We're going to talk about corporate trade
15 names. And unless the Board has an issue, I
16 would like to take up both of these
17 collectively, please.

18 Ms. Vaughn?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR MS. VAUGHN: The first
20 one on your list is a request from a
21 Dr. Scarlett Johnson. She was licensed in
22 2020. She is requesting the name Bay Breeze
23 Dental Group. The location is going to be
24 528 Courthouse Road in Gulfport, Mississippi.
25 An additional dentist, a Dr. Mark Stringer,

1 is going to be at that location. And, again,
2 they are requesting Bay Breeze Dental Group.

3 And the second one on your list that
4 you'll see is a request from a Dr. Deidra
5 Snell. She has been licensed since 2008. She
6 is requesting a change from Ridgewood Dental to
7 Jones Family Dentistry, LLC, and that is her
8 maiden name. So she is requesting to change
9 from Ridgewood to Jones Family Dentistry, LLC.

10 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I need a
11 motion to accept these.

12 BOARD MEMBER DR. JOE: I'll make that
13 motion.

14 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Second?

15 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: I'll second.

16 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
17 favor?

18 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

19 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Thank you.

20 All right. The portable dental unit, Aria
21 Dental Care. Ms. Vaughn?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR MS. VAUGHN: We have a
23 request for a portable dental unit from Aria
24 Dental Care. The operator and owner is going
25 to be a Dr. Erin Rake. And the staff, the

1 dentists that are going to be associated with
2 it, is Dr. Shenika Kelly, Dr. Sabrina
3 Huckabay, Dr. Sabrina Jones, Dr. Brad Bryan,
4 and Dr. Shekerra Strong.

5 And these are going to be a portable
6 dental unit, and they're going to be going into
7 healthcare facilities pretty much all over the
8 state. You'll see in your attachment that they
9 put all of the active facilities in the state
10 of where they're going to be attending.

11 An inspection was done and was approved,
12 you know, passed. And, again, this is for Aria
13 Dental Care, a portable dental unit.

14 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Who did the
15 inspection? Did you do it?

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR MS. VAUGHN:
17 Investigator Redmond.

18 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Okay. I
19 need a motion.

20 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: So moved.

21 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: A second?

22 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: Second.

23 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
24 favor?

25 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

1 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Moving
2 along, Mr. Hydrick?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: You'll
4 note in the materials that were submitted all
5 of the licenses and permits that were issued
6 in the second quarter of fiscal year 2026. I
7 just present those to you for your
8 information.

9 Also, next on the list is the financials.
10 Are there any additional questions? We've kind
11 of already talked about those items. I just
12 reiterate what Dr. Bishop said, that the PMP
13 payment, the Prescription Monitoring Program
14 Payment; the Board of Pharmacy; and the
15 Professional Health Network payments will be
16 made in, probably, January or February. So
17 that's, you know, a little over a hundred-and-
18 something-thousand-odd dollars, but that comes
19 out of the subsidies and loans, which we've
20 spent zero percent of that year to date. So
21 those payments will be made in the next few
22 weeks, but we are under 50 percent on all of
23 our line items as far as expenditures for the
24 first half of the year.

25 And as far as just my Executive Director's

1 Report, you do have a copy of that. I won't
2 read it to you. I'll just hit some quick
3 highlights.

4 We did complete the biannual renewal cycle
5 for all dental licenses on December 31st.
6 You'll notice we had 130 licensees who --
7 excuse me. There were 135 licensees who did
8 not renew, so their licenses were voided on
9 January the 1st. Some of those are by
10 retirement, and so they notified us of that.
11 And if you were to look them up, it would say
12 "void - retired." But we have 135 fewer dental
13 licenses than when we started the renewal
14 cycle.

15 I did look back in 2023; and after that
16 renewal cycle, we did have 120 licensees'
17 licenses that voided. But over the course of
18 the two years, we issued 165 new dental
19 licenses. And so, you know, our numbers,
20 though they remain pretty stagnant, I do
21 anticipate the same over the next couple of
22 years, that we'll be back to around that 17- to
23 1800 level for general dental licenses issued
24 in the state.

25 I did note that of those that renewed this

1 past cycle, 183 of those were registered but
2 not actively practicing in Mississippi. Per
3 the Practice Act, we are required to maintain a
4 list of those not actively practicing.

5 Any questions about that, just the renewal
6 cycle?

7 (No response)

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK:

9 Hygienists and radiology permit holders
10 will renew in the calendar year of 2026, but
11 the fiscal year of 2027, starting September the
12 1st. And so, make sure your hygienists and
13 radiology permit holders are aware of that.
14 And, of course, we'll be sending out lots of
15 e-mails.

16 Just as a reminder, also, of upcoming
17 dates, -- I don't think I listed it -- but
18 Tuesday night we will have a Zoom meeting with
19 our AAP, Advanced Anesthesia Panel, those
20 facility inspectors, those permit holders that
21 did the facility inspections for us. And, of
22 course, you-all, as Board members, as well as
23 the public are, you know, open to attend that
24 via Zoom on Tuesday, starting at 5:30, or in
25 person. If you want to be here in person,

1 we'll have dinner for anybody that wants to
2 come in person. It's just to get feedback on
3 the process of those inspections. As you know,
4 the Board did 120 or so, 125, I think,
5 inspections within a five-month, six-month time
6 period, and so it's just to get feedback on how
7 that process went and any discussions related
8 to Regulation 30 as it applies to those
9 facility inspections.

10 As I mentioned at the last Board meeting,
11 you know, the Board did invest almost \$80,000
12 of our budgeted funds in that process, and so I
13 think it's significantly -- a significant
14 investment in public safety on behalf of the
15 Board, so I appreciate that you were willing to
16 invest those funds. That will not be
17 recoverable because there were no fees charged
18 for those inspections, and so I think that
19 certainly should be noted, the Board's
20 investment in this process.

21 Any questions about that?

22 (No response)

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: I won't
24 spend a lot of time on legislative updates,
25 but I think that's the next thing on the

1 agenda. Dr. Bishop did a great job of
2 highlighting those bills that are currently
3 out there as it relates to the practice of
4 dentistry and dental hygiene.

5 I did overlook one that is very important
6 in a good way. I guess I missed that two days
7 ago. But Senate Bill 2543 was dropped two days
8 ago, and that's AADB Compact. So that is now
9 out there as far as consideration. As you
10 know, Louisiana adopted it last year; so if
11 Mississippi were to adopt it this year, we
12 would be the second state. And it would be
13 logical in the sense that it would be a good
14 partnership between Louisiana and Mississippi
15 as it relates to compact licensure. So be
16 paying attention to that.

17 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: I have a
18 question.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: Sure.

20 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: Isn't -- or I
21 may be wrong. But isn't the AADB Compact
22 like the lesser of the two evils kind of
23 thing?

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: Yes.
25 So it's just -- you know, there are

1 significant differences between the CSG -- I
2 forget what it's called exactly -- compact
3 and the AADB. But, yes, it is the one that
4 the Board has gone on record to support, and
5 so --

6 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: Yeah. We
7 supported it last time, but it didn't -- or
8 they said that we didn't need that compact
9 or --

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: I'm not
11 very clear on what happened to it last minute
12 last year.

13 BOARD MEMBER DR. LAMPKIN: That's why
14 I'm confused. So are they saying like in
15 general they're not doing any compact? Is
16 that the good news that we're saying or --

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: So, no.
18 The AADB Compact has been filed again this
19 year with the hope that, you know, it would
20 be the one that is moved forward.

21 BOARD MEMBER MS. BIRMINGHAM: I think it
22 requires the hands-on skills test and --

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: So last
24 year, if you remember -- and I don't want to
25 put anybody on the spot, but the AADB

1 lobbyist is present, and she may be able to
2 answer it more specifically. But last year,
3 it passed both chambers -- that's not right.

4 Why don't you explain it? I'll be quiet.

5 MS. SIMMONS: I'm Lindsey Simmons, and
6 we do represent the AADB just for this
7 compact issue.

8 It did pass the house last year; and in
9 the senate, at the end, really nothing came out
10 of Public Health there towards the end. Just
11 kind of too many bills came over and they just
12 kind of said, "We're not doing anything else."

13 But there was concern about being the
14 first state. And, I mean, y'all know we are
15 always concerned about being the first to do
16 anything. So they just kind of said, "We're
17 going to wait and see." So I do think it's
18 helpful that Louisiana passed it, so we'll see
19 where it goes this year.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: So that
21 has passed. And, again, it's early in the
22 session. So who knows what will happen? But
23 that will move forward.

24 And then the other bills that we
25 mentioned, the house bill is putting the

1 language back into 73-9-5 that was removed last
2 year that the Health Department wanted. So
3 that was actually voted on by the full house
4 chamber this week, so it's, I guess, now been
5 sent to the senate.

6 And then there's a couple of senate bills
7 related to -- one to 73-9-5 and making some
8 significant changes to that as it relates to
9 general supervision. And then there's a
10 proposed bill to 73-9-13, which gives
11 additional language under the "Powers and
12 Duties of the Board" and how the Board
13 regulates general supervision.

14 I think I've sent copies of those to
15 everybody; but if you didn't get it and want a
16 copy, I'll be glad to send that.

17 And there's a lot of bills out there that
18 just could potentially impact, you know,
19 different processes as it relates to state
20 agencies with Boards. Those are too numerous,
21 I think, to go over, although one of them was
22 mentioned today, a requirement for any public
23 meeting to be done electronically. So we might
24 be forced under state law to move to electronic
25 access to all Board meetings moving forward, so

1 that one is pending as well.

2 Any questions about the -- literally, I
3 think there's been over 2,000 bills dropped in
4 the last two, two and a half weeks. So, I
5 mean, I'm scrolling late at night going through
6 them to see, and I guess I just missed the
7 compact bill.

8 But, you know, if you have questions,
9 though, about any specific proposed
10 legislation, I'll be glad to send that out.

11 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Is that it?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: I'm
13 good.

14 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Okay. New
15 business.

16 I would like to ask the Board's permission
17 to get our Director to -- I don't know if
18 everybody knows this, but we have a new dean.
19 Does everybody know that? Dr. Kirk, Pia Kirk,
20 is our new dean.

21 We are meeting again in April --

22 Is that right, Denny?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: The
24 17th, yeah.

25 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: -- for us

1 to invite her to have lunch with us, if
2 that's okay with everybody.

3 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Uh-huh
4 (affirmative response).

5 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: I think we
6 need to maintain a really good, strong
7 contact with those folks or relationship.
8 She's got her work cut out for her. She's
9 done a really great job. She's kind of
10 accustomed to what happened previous to that.
11 There were a lot of issues that were not
12 resolved and stuff left open. I'm not
13 criticizing. I'm just telling you that she
14 had to do a lot of catch-up during that time.
15 And, obviously, they congratulated her and
16 have given her the deanship.

17 So if it's okay, we'll do that if she can
18 come, whatever her schedule is; if she can't,
19 no big deal.

20 Anything else?

21 (No response)

22 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS:

23 Consideration to go into executive
24 session?

25 I know we've about worn y'all out, but

1 we're pretty much at the end of the road here.
2 So y'all do what you want to do. You can stick
3 around or whatever, but we're going to be
4 inside a little bit.

5 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Dr. Grubbs
6 has asked for a motion to enter closed
7 determination of whether an executive session
8 is required.

9 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So moved.

10 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: Second.

11 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
12 favor?

13 BOARD PANEL: Aye.

14 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All right.
15 Here we go. Thank y'all.

16 (SHORT PAUSE)

17 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: So I
18 advise that we do have calls to go into
19 executive session for consideration of
20 investigatory matters as well as pending
21 investigations into violations of the Dental
22 Practice Act.

23 So do we have a motion to enter executive
24 session?

25 BOARD MEMBER DR. BISHOP: So moved.

1 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Do we have
2 a second?

3 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: Second.

4 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: All right.

5 So the Board is now in executive session.

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7 (ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION)

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9 (EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION)

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11 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: All right.

12 So the Board has voted to exit executive
13 session, and I will read a report of the
14 actions taken in executive session.

15 BOARD ACTIONS

16 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: The Board
17 voted to approve the proposed remands and
18 letters of concerns listed in Exhibit -- is
19 it Exhibit A?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: It's
21 Exhibit A, yes.

22 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: Exhibit A.
23 Okay.

24 The Board voted to approve the voluntary
25 surrender of License No. 2759-93 in Docket Nos.

1 2020-070, 2025-072, and 2025-073.

2 And bear with me, if you will.

3 (SHORT PAUSE)

4 BOARD ATTORNEY MR. MUTZIGER: And the
5 Board voted to set a hearing date in the
6 matter of License No. 3662-12 for February
7 the 20th; that's Friday, February the 20th.

8 Did we set a time? The default is 8:30.

9 I'm going to presume that that was the
10 intention.

11 So February 20th, at 8:30 a.m., for a
12 hearing in the matter of License No. 3662-112
13 for determination of suspension of licensure
14 for failure to follow the recommendations of
15 the Examining Committee.

16 And I think that's all I have.

17 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Anything
18 else?

19 (No response)

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. HYDRICK: Be sure
21 to sign your travel reports and return those
22 to me before you leave.

23 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All right.
24 I need a motion to adjourn.

25 BOARD MEMBER DR. CURTIS: So moved.

1 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Second?
2 BOARD MEMBER DR. CARLTON: Second.
3 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: All in
4 favor?
5 BOARD PANEL: Aye.
6 BOARD PRESIDENT DR. GRUBBS: Thank
7 y'all. Thank y'all for coming.
8 (EXHIBIT NUMBERS MSBDE-1 AND MSBDE-2
9 MARKED AND ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD)
10 (HEARING ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.)

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3 I, AMY M. KEY, Court Reporter and Notary
4 Public for the State of Mississippi, do hereby
5 certify that the above and foregoing pages contain
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8 and place indicated, which proceedings were
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10 ability.

11 I also certify that I placed the witness
12 under oath to tell the truth and that all answers
13 were given under that oath.

14 I certify that I have no interest, monetary
15 or otherwise, in the outcome of this case.

16 This the 8th day of February, 2026.

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22 My Commission Expires:
23 October 6, 2029

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy M. Key". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Amy M." on the left and "Key" on the right.

AMY M. KEY, CSR, RPR

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BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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

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DOCKET NO. 2025-053

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RESPONDENT

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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

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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 “REVOKE.”
 - 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 – Reinstate 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.

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


Corey byars (Jul 29, 2025 13:06:17 CDT)

COREY BENJAMIN BYARS

Approved as to Form & Substance:


W. Westley Mutziger

Board Counsel, MSBDE

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

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MSBDE Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting Agenda

November 06, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is a legislatively created regulatory agency charged with safeguarding the consumers of professional dental services in Mississippi. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners does this by vetting the education and training of all applicants for dental and dental hygiene licensure in the state of Mississippi. Additionally, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is charged with enforcing the laws and regulations related to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene with the goal of protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of this State. As such, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is neither affiliated with nor functions as a subsidiary of any private or professional organization.

Any member of the public is invited to attend the committee meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners' – Rules and Regulations Subcommittee **in person**. The Zoom link below will be used for recording purposes only.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976265375?pwd=9pjzU1UQbWsL20Or2EtShi2n28RMUF.1>

Meeting ID: 869 7626 5375

Passcode: 502900

1. INTRODUCTION (Curtis)

- a. Call to Order
- b. Determination of Quorum
- c. Adoption of Agenda

2. REGULATION 13

- a. Clarification re: Maximum # of Dental Hygienists
- b. Discussion regarding Oral Proceeding (Transcript beginning on page 12)



3. PROPOSED REGULATION 11 – BACKGROUND CHECKS

a. Overview

b. Discussion

4. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS 37, 52, 61, & 61

5. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURN

EXHIBIT “D”

January 23, 2026

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

REMANDS:

Case Matter# 2025-117)

Allegations: Substandard Care/No Injury and Rude or Offensive Behavior

Case Matter# 2022-033

Allegations: Substandard Care/No Injury and Rude or Offensive Behavior

Case Matter# 2025-131

Allegations: Technical Violations/Unprofessional Conduct/Drug Diversion

Case Matter# 2024-122

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct Impairment-Substance

Case Matter# 2025-097

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2022-035

Allegations: Poor Patient Treatment (No Records Found)

Case Matter# 2022-106

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2022-040

Allegations: Poor Standards of Care (No Records Found)

Case Matter# 2022-067

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct/ Financial- Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2024-044

Allegations: Substandard Care-No Injury



REMANDS continued:

Case Matter# 2022-080

Allegations: Poor Patient Treatment/Lack of Informed Consent

Case Matter# 2022-115

Allegations: Poor Patient Treatment/Lack of Informed Consent/Con

Case Matter# 2023-005

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct/ Financial- Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2023-134

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury/ Financial-Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2023-022

Allegations: NPDB- Medical Malpractice Settlement- Minor Temporary Injury

Case Matter# 2024-085

Allegations: Technical Violations/Unprofessional Conduct/Drug Diversion

Case Matter# 2023-058

Allegations: Action Out-of-State

Case Matter# 2023-120

Allegations: Out-of-State Action- California Civil Case-Dismissed

Case Matter# 2024-163

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2025-003 Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2025-126 Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

REMANDS continued:

Case Matter# 2023-131

Allegations: Sanitation/Infection Control

Case Matter# 2022-016 Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct-Other

Case Matter# 2023-115

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury/ Financial-Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2025-124

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2024-165

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2025-041

Allegations: - Care Related Violations- Patient Injury (Not Mere Discomfort)

Case Matter# 2025-044

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter#2022-009

Allegations: Substandard Care-No Injury

UNLICENSED PROVIDER TO REMAND

Case Matter# 2024-120

Allegation: Unlicensed Provider

Case Matter# 2025-122

Allegation: Unlicensed Provider

Case Matter# 2025-085

Allegation: Unlicensed Provider

Case Matter# 2025-037

Allegation: Unlicensed Provider

Case Matter# 2025-023

Allegation: Unlicensed Provider

Case Matter# 2024-168

Allegation: Unlicensed Provider

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO REMAND:

Case Matter# 2025-173

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Financial-Insurance Dispute/Deceive or Defraud

Case Matter# 2025-162

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Financial/Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2025-153

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Financial/Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2025-152

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury and Financial/Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2025-150

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Failure to Produce Patient Records

Case Matter# 2025-138

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2025-168

Allegations: Action Out-of-State

Case Matter# 2024-045

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Failure to Produce Patient Records

Case Matter# 2025-106

Allegations: Technical Violation of Advertising Rules and Regulations# 43.

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PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO REMAND:

Case Matter# 2025-106

Allegations: Technical Violation of Advertising Rules and Regulations# 43.

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Allegations: Technical Violation of Advertising Rules and Regulations# 43.

Case Matter# 2025-141

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2025-160

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Financial/Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2025-157

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Financial/Insurance Dispute

Case Matter# 2025-156

Allegations: Unprofessional Conduct- Other

LETTER OF CONCERN

Case Matter# 2024-041

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

Case Matter# 2025-161 (NPDB)

Allegations: Minor Temporary Injury

Case Matter# 2023-138 (Redmond/Joe)

Allegations: Substandard Care- No Injury

CONSENT ORDERS

See Legal

PROJECTED UPCOMING/SCHEDED HEARINGS

See Legal