



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 1/15/2021 at 8:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. Carl Plyler

In Attendance

Board Members

Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.	Ms. Karrie Jamison	Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor
Ms. Marcia Cook	Dr. Cara Jones	Ms. Erika Thomas
Dr. Dwight Duckworth	Dr. Carl Plyler	

Board Staff

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director), Kevin O'Dwyer (Attorney), and Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst)

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2020 meeting.

Review and Interview for Dental Licensure by Examination

Dr. Bongmin An appeared before the Board for a dental license by examination. Dr. An has not practiced dentistry in the past seven years, his Wisconsin dental license is expired, and he was disciplined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, resulting in the ordered resignation of his dental license. After much discussion, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to table Dr. An's application until he provides proof of twenty-five hours of continuing education and secures a mentor (a dentist who will vouch for him and monitor his dental skills) and employment.

Fictitious Name Request

The following fictitious name was reviewed and approved:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME
Dr. Caitlin Graham	Graham Family Dental

Public Hearing: Article XXII

A Public Hearing was held on proposed Article XXII (reciprocity). Billy Tarpley, speaking on behalf of the Arkansas State Dental Association, informed the Board that the Association's concern in that the completion of a background check was not included in the proposal. After some discussion, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to table the proposed Article.

Reports

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on January 14, 2021 and reviewed eleven complaints. Seven complaints were dismissed, one complaint was tabled for more information, one complaint will be addressed by sending a letter, and two complaints will be addressed at the next Board meeting by having the dentists to appear. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6 pm.

Rules and Regulations Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on January 13, 2021. The Committee discussed a request from the Complaint Committee to formulate a position on if it is allowable for dentists to administer Botox injections. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that it is allowable if a dentist has the proper training, and documentation of that training should be included with the dentist's required fifty continuing education hours every two years. The next Rules & Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6 pm.

Report on Clinical Testing Agencies

Southern Regional Testing Agency: Dr. Duckworth reported that three dental and five hygiene examinations are scheduled at the University of Tennessee. The manikin examination is continuing to be administered per the request of dental schools and state boards for both dental and dental hygiene examinations, except that the restorative section has been reduced from seven hours to six. SRTA will administer a live patient examination should it be requested.

American Board of Dental Examiners: Dr. Church reported that ADEX examinations will begin in March (manikin).

Other Business

Dr. Lindy Bollen of the Arkansas Department of Health's Office of Oral Health announced that they are still working on the logistics of administering the Covid-19 vaccination.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2021 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Rogers

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director

PROPOSED ARTICLE

ARTICLE XXII

RECIPROcity

A. Required Qualifications. An applicant applying for reciprocal licensure shall meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant shall hold a substantially similar license in another United States' jurisdiction.

a. A license from another state is substantially similar to an Arkansas dental license if the other state's licensure qualifications require:

i. the same requirements as listed in §17-82-304 or §17-82-306 and Article VIII or IX;

b. The applicant shall hold his or her occupational licensure in good standing;

c. The applicant shall not have had a license revoked for:

i. An act of bad faith; or

ii. A violation of law, rule, or ethics;

d. The applicant shall not hold a suspended or probationary license in a United States jurisdiction; the applicant shall be sufficiently competent in the dental field; and

B. Required documentation. An applicant shall submit a fully-executed application, the required fee, and the documentation described below.

1. As evidence that the applicant's license from another jurisdiction is substantially similar to Arkansas', the applicant shall submit the following information:

a. Evidence of current and active licensure in the state. The Board may verify this information online if the jurisdiction at issue provides primary source verification on its website or by telephone to the other state's licensing board; and

b. Evidence that the other state's licensure requirements match those listed in A.1.a.i. The Board may verify this information online or by telephone to the other state's licensing board.

2. To demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirement in A.1.b through d., the applicant shall provide the Board with:

a. The names of all states in which the applicant is currently licensed or has been previously licensed;

b. Letters of good standing or other information from each state in which the applicant is currently or has ever been licensed showing that the applicant has not had his license revoked for the reasons listed in A.1.c. and does not hold a license on suspended or probationary status as described in A.1.d. The Board may verify this information online if the jurisdiction at issue provides primary source verification on its website or by telephone to the other state's licensing board.

3. As evidence that the applicant is sufficiently competent in the field of dentistry, an applicant shall:

a. Pass as required exams pursuant to §17-82-304 or §17-82-306 and Article VIII or IX;

b. Submit letters of recommendation as required pursuant to §17-82-304 or §17-82-306 and Article VIII or IX;