



# MINUTES

## ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 3/16/2020 at 12:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.

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### In Attendance

#### Board Members

Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.

Dr. C. Garrett Taylor

Marcia Cook

Dr. Carl Plyler

Dr. Cara Jones

Erika Thomas

Dr. Dwight Duckworth

Karrie Jamison

Dr. Matthew McDonough

#### Board Staff

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

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### COVID-19 Concerns for the Dental Practice

The board met via teleconference to discuss issuing a statement to advise and guide dental practices in light of on-going COVID-19 concerns. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed for Dr. Church, Dr. Lindy Bollen (Office of Oral Health), and Mr. Billy Tarpley (Arkansas State Dental Association) to compile a statement to be posted on the board's website and to be emailed to all Arkansas-licensed dentists by noon tomorrow.

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### Plans for Upcoming Committee and Board Meetings

The board canceled the Complaint and Rules and Regulations Committee meetings that were scheduled for March 19, 2020. The Complaint Committee meeting will be held via teleconference on March 20, 2020 at 8:30 am, with the Board meeting to follow at 9:00 am. The board gave Meredith Rogers the authority to contact the applicants seeking dental licensure by credentials informing them that there will not be an in-person interview.

Respectfully submitted

**Meredith Rogers**

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director