



# MINUTES

## ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 3/20/2020 at 9:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.

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### In Attendance

#### Board Members

Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.

Ms. Karrie Jamison

Dr. Carl Plyler

Ms. Marcia Cook

Dr. Cara Jones

Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor

Dr. Dwight Duckworth

Dr. Matthew McDonough

Ms. Erika Thomas

#### Board Staff

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

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### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2020 and March 16, 2020 meetings.

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### Interviews for Dental Licensure by Credentials

The following dentists presented before the Board for an Arkansas license by credentials; motions were made, seconded and passed to issue dental licenses to:

- Dr. Kathryn Hiegert
- Dr. Jacob Smith
- Dr. Jason Thibodeaux
- Dr. Roshan Parikh

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### Discussion on Covid-19's Effect on Dental Offices

It is the recommendation of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners that the Secretary of Health and the Governor mandate that only urgent and emergent dental care take place, and non-emergent dental care be suspended until April 17, 2020. This recommendation is subject to change as the COVID-19 pandemic progresses.

Urgent dental care treatments, which should be treated as minimally invasively as possible, include:

- Severe dental pain from pulpal inflammation.
- Pericoronitis or third-molar pain.
- Surgical postoperative osteitis or dry socket dressing changes.
- Abscess or localized bacterial infection resulting in localized pain and swelling.
- Tooth fracture resulting in pain or causing soft tissue trauma.
- Dental trauma with avulsion/luxation.
- Dental treatment cementation if the temporary restoration is lost, broken or causing gingival irritation.

Other emergency dental care includes extensive caries or defective restorations causing pain; suture removal; denture adjustments on radiation/oncology patients; denture adjustments or repairs when function impeded; replacing temporary filling on endo access openings in patients experiencing pain; and snipping or adjustments of an orthodontic wire or appliances piercing or ulcerating the oral mucosa.

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## **Discussion on Sedation and Anesthesia Guidelines**

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Because the American Dental Association's *Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students (2016)* has been updated since the last passage of Article XIII (2009), the Board wants to ensure that dentists applying for a moderate sedation permit have completed an ADA-approved course that includes a minimum of 60 hours of instruction plus the administration of sedation for at least 20 live patients. After some discussion, Drs. Church, Duckworth, Jones and McDonough agreed to work with the Rules and Regulations Committee to update Article XIII. Dr. Church suggested sending a questionnaire out to current moderate sedation permit holders, and to contact other state dental boards about their sedation regulations.

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## **Letter from the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine**

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The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Nancy Addy, president of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. In her letter, she asked if it is within a dentist's scope of practice to:

- Dispense portable monitors when ordered by physicians for patients at risk for sleep apnea?
- Order portable monitors for patients identified by the dentist as being at risk for sleep apnea?
- Use a portable monitor to help determine the optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance?
- To order a portable monitor to verify the effectiveness of an oral appliance?

The Board's response is to stand by the definition of dentistry as stated in ACA 17-82-102.

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## **Fictitious Name Requests**

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The following fictitious names were reviewed and approved:

<b>DENTIST</b>	<b>REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)</b>
Dr. Heather Jones	Epic Smiles
Dr. Lindsay English	Restore Modern Dentistry
Dr. Clemmisa Harris	Smile & Company
Dr. Matthew Woods	Westport Dental Associates

The following fictitious names were reviewed and denied:

<b>DENTIST</b>	<b>REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)</b>	<b>REASON FOR DENIAL</b>
Dr. Lindsay English	Respire Dental & Facial Esthetics	The inclusion of “facial esthetics” implies that the practice deals with a field other than dentistry.
Dr. Kathryn Rinehart	Bentonville Kid’s Dentistry	Dr. Rinehart is a general dentist, and the name implies that the practice is one that is limited to pediatric dentistry.

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## **Reports**

### ***Attorney’s Report***

Board attorney Kevin O’Dwyer announced that Public Hearings will be held at the May 8, 2020 meeting on proposed Articles XI, XIII, and XXIII.

### ***Complaint Committee Report***

The Committee met at 8:30 am on March 20, 2020 and reviewed seven complaints. Four complaints were dismissed, and one will be revisited at a future board meeting. Two complaints will be referred to the Attorney General’s office.

The Committee recommended that charges be voted against Dr. Danny Leeds for violating the Telemedicine Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed to vote charges against Dr. Leeds.

The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2020.

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## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted

**Meredith Rogers**

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director