



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 5/14/2021 at 8:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. Carl Plyler

In Attendance

Board Members

Dr. Robert Carlisle

Dr. Cara Jones

Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor

Ms. Marcia Cook

Dr. Matthew McDonough

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 March 12, 2021 meeting.

Final Review of Proposed Article XXIV

The board took another look at proposed Article XXIV on adverse events reporting. After review, the board decided to move forward with a Public Hearing as soon as possible.

Conference

Dr. Bryan Hiller and his attorney, Mark Wankum, appeared before the board in response to a Show Cause and Notice of Hearing which alleged that he allowed an unlicensed person to perform radiography, and he allowed a dental assistant to operate a tool to remove adhesive from the teeth which resulted in or contributed to the irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy. In lieu of a hearing, Mr. Wankum made the following offer to the board on Dr. Hiller's behalf:

- No one other than a licensed dentist can operate a high-speed handpiece.
- No one other than a licensed dentist can operate a handpiece with a bur.
- Dental assistants are allowed to use hand cement, removing forceps.
- Only after proper training and permission from the dentist may a dental assistant use a slow - speed handpiece with a disk system to remove cement.

After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the offer and the conference was concluded.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following fictitious names were reviewed and approved:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME
Dr. Ethan Erwin	Smile Hot Springs
Dr. Phillip Platt	Prairie Creek Dental
Dr. Lowell Williams	Happy Kidds Dentistry

Reports

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on May 13, 2021 and reviewed nine complaints. Seven of the complaints were dismissed and two complaints were tabled to obtain more information. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6 pm.

Report on Clinical Testing Agencies

Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA): Dr. Duckworth reported that three dental examinations have been conducted this year so far – one at West Virginia University and two at the University of Tennessee. A fourth examination is scheduled in Memphis on June 12-13, 2021. Two dental hygiene examinations have occurred – one at Tennessee State University and one at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith. Three more dental hygiene examinations are scheduled. The SRTA annual meeting will be held in Nashville, TN on August 5-7, 2021.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2021 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Rogers, Executive Director