



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 5/8/2020 at 8:30 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr.

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)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2020 and April 20, 2020 meetings.

Public Hearings

Public Hearings were held on the following proposed Articles:

- Article XI: Dental Hygienists Functions
- Article XIII: Analgesia, Conscious Sedation, Deep Sedation, and General Anesthesia Rules for a Dentist in an Ambulatory Facility
- Article XXIII: Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check

With no one speaking for or against, motions were made, seconded and passed to adopt the proposed Articles.

Interviews for Dental Licensure by Credentials

The following applicants presented before the Board for an Arkansas license by credentials:

DENTISTS

- Dr. Walda Lloyd
- Dr. Rahul Malya
- Dr. Jordan Tortorich

Motions were made, seconded and passed to issue dental licenses to Drs. Lloyd and Tortorich. After some discussion, Dr. Malya withdrew his application because he had no intent on moving to the state of Arkansas to practice dentistry.

HYGIENISTS

- Candice Davis
- Emily Pourciau

- Linda Xayavong

Motions were made, seconded and passed to issue dental hygiene licenses to Ms. Davis, Ms. Pourciau, and Ms. Xayavong.

Discussion on ACA 17-82-304

The board office was contacted by Leslie Fiskens of UAMS who pointed out that the Arkansas Code does not include the verbiage that is in our Dental Practice Act and Senate Bill 258 that mentions that sunseting of the provisional licensure program for foreign-trained dentists. No action was taken.

Fictitious Name Request

The following fictitious name was reviewed and approved:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)
Dr. Kathryn Rinehart	Safari Smiles of Bentonville

Reports

Attorney's Report

Board attorney Kevin O'Dwyer reported that there may be a Public Hearing held on Article XXII in June or September.

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 8:00 am on May 8, 2020 and reviewed two complaints. One complaint will be referred to the Attorney General's office, and the other complaint was dismissed. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2020.

Other Business

The board discussed a letter to be distributed via email to the dental community concerning the reopening of dental offices. The letter will include the following:

"For both the safety of the staff and patients, a formal tracking program must be implemented for patient follow-up. After a dental visit, as days 7 and 14, a dedicated staff member must place a phone call to each patient...to assure that after treatment, the patient did not develop COVID-19 symptoms. A form for follow-up is pending from the board."

Dr. Lindy Bollen of the Arkansas Department of Health's Office of Oral Health discussed the inspections that may be conducted by the ADH environmental health services.

Because of the current pandemic and various issues with clinical testing, Dr. Plyler proposed that the board waive the treatment planning portion of the CITA clinical dental examination for dental school graduates for this exam cycle. A motion was made, seconded and passed to do so.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted

Meredith Rogers

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director