



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 9/10/2021 at 9 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. Matthew McDonough

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) and Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst). Also present was Sara Farris (Attorney).

Approval of Minutes

Motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2021 and August 12, 2021 meetings.

Board Member Training with Sara Farris

Attorney Sara Farris conducted a brief training with the board members, reminding them of the Freedom of Information Act and the process for conducting hearings.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following fictitious names were reviewed and approved:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME
Dr. Mark L. Dake	Arkansas Oral Surgery South Arkansas Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr. Charles S. Wood	West Memphis Dental Group
Dr. John E. Svendsen	The Honest Tooth
Dr. Grant B. Oserowsky	479 Dental Care
Dr. Beau Sparkman	Valley Family Dental

Reports

Attorney's Report

Sara Farris reported that the board's Rules must now comply with Act 651. Language will be drafted after the Medical and Pharmacy Boards have done so.

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on September 9, 2021 and reviewed sixteen complaints. Ten of the complaints were dismissed and six complaints were tabled for more information. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6 pm.

Rules & Regulations Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on September 8, 2021 and discussed Rule changes that have been reported to Governor Asa Hutchinson, and reviewed drafts of the following Articles:

Article VIII – Requirements for licensure of dentists and dental hygienists

Article IX – Licensure for uniformed service members

Article XXV – Fees

Article XXIII – Criminal background checks

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Report on Clinical Testing Agencies

Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA): Dr. Duckworth reported that periodontal section of the exam will be mandatory.

ADEX: Dr. L. Frederick Church submitted his report for the board to review. He reported the following:

- The manikin exam has been well received and has performed well. The psychometricians have a huge amount of data to sort through and that will take a while, but the pass percentage has been remarkably stable between live patients and the manikin.
- Starting with the 2022 cycle, all scoring will be done with the manikins mounted and with face shrouds, exactly the same way the candidate takes the exam.
- Despite everyone's best efforts, the manikins for 2022 will have 3 anterior teeth and 3 posterior teeth with decay. The plan had been for 6 and 6. The manufacturer simply cannot provide this given the supply chain, etc.
- Each candidate will be given radiograph(s) of a quadrant and will have to correctly diagnose (find) the decay and then prep/restore. Done this way, there will be variety of teeth seen by the various candidates. This was why they really wanted 6 and 6.
- The ADEX examination, administered by CITA CDCA/WREB, is accepted in every state that requires an exam. What that really means is that New York does not use testing but requires a PGY1 year of some form.
- The ADEX exam is administered in every dental school in the USA, Puerto Rico, USVI, and Jamaica.
- Despite the ASBDE's close ties to SRTA, it is my recommendation that a working relationship be continued with ADEX. Looking at licensure exams long term, the

magnitude of size principle says that the ADEX providers will be the winner in the competition for schools. What that will require from the Board is simply appointing a member to be the liaison and their attendance at the annual meeting. This meeting is always the first weekend of August.

CDCA/WREB: Erika Thomas attended the CDCA/WREB virtual meeting and reported that they have been improving the manikin exam to be more realistic with caries and calculus. They are happy with the testing results and feel that it would be detrimental to the profession to do away with the practical portion of the examination.

Board Office Update

Meredith Rogers announced that the online renewal portal will be launched October 1, 2021.

Other Business

Dr. Dwight Duckworth requested permission from the board to attend the American Association of Dental Boards meeting in San Antonio, TX and to have registration and travel expenses paid by the board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant permission for Dr. Duckworth to attend at the board's expense.

Dr. Duckworth also requested permission from the board to have representatives of Promethean Dental Systems to present at the next board meeting to demonstrate the technology that they use to provide remediation, continuing education and licensure exams. A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant permission.

Dr. Lindy Bollen of the Arkansas Department of Health's Office of Oral Health appeared before the board to request permission to implement a collaborative care agreement where he would serve as the consulting collaborating dentist and allow volunteer dental hygienists to serve under his permit. After some discussion, it was decided that his request be referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee. Dr. Bollen also informed the board that he is willing to offer five hours of continuing education hours to licensees to satisfy the infection control requirement for renewal. Dr. Bollen will draft a letter for the board to review.

Sara Farris revisited the conference with Dr. Bryan Hiller (see 5-14-2021 minutes). She advised the board that since the expert witness couldn't determine any damage, Dr. Hiller shouldn't be held to a higher standard than other dentists. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Dr. Hiller's offer with statements signed by his staff and to dismiss the complaint; the motion passed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2021 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Rogers, Executive Director