



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 1/14/2022 at 9 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. Matthew McDonough

In Attendance

Board Members

Dr. Robert Carlisle

Ms. Marcia Cook

Dr. Dwight Duckworth

Ms. Karrie Jamison

Dr. Cara Jones

Dr. Matthew McDonough

Dr. Carl Plyler

Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor

Ms. Erika Thomas, RDH

Board Staff

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director)

Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst)

Sara Farris (Attorney)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2021, November 16, 2021, and December 14, 2021 meetings.

Review & Approval of Act 651 Letter

The Board reviewed a letter drafted by Ms. Sara Farris informing licensees that Act 651 of 2021 requires healthcare professionals (including dentists) to co-prescribe an opioid antagonist under certain conditions. The letter contained the guidelines for co-prescribing. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the letter.

Presentation by Katy Warren, RDH – Handheld X-Ray Machines

Ms. Warren appeared before the Board to discuss the need for continuing education and training concerning handheld x-ray machines. She offered to construct a small manual on the safety rules and usage of handheld x-ray machines, as well as update the dental assisting educational packet.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following fictitious names were reviewed and approved:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME
Dr. Simona Ivan	Hot Springs Dental Care West Grand Dental 801 West Dental 801 Dental

Dr. Robert C. Goldtrap	LifeStyle Dentistry Artistic Smiles
Dr. Alan Nguyen	Bryant Family Dentistry
Dr. Chelsea Knox	Ozark Modern Dentistry, PLLC
Dr. Robert Mongrain	Pointer Family Dental
Dr. Heather L. Jones	Epic Dental
Dr. Thomas J. Kennedy	Affordable Dentures & Implants – Fort Smith Affordable Dentures & Implants – Bryant Affordable Dentures & Implants – Hot Springs Affordable Dentures & Implants – Jonesboro Affordable Dentures & Implants – Springdale Affordable Dentures & Implants – Arkansas Affordable Dentures & Implants – Harrison Affordable Dentures & Implants - Conway

The following fictitious name was reviewed and denied:

DENTIST	REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME
Dr. Brian Lane	Arkansas Sleep Well Center
Reason for Denial	Implication that Dr. Lane is a specialist in a specialty that does not exist.

Reports

Attorney's Report

Attorney Sara Farris reported that all proposed Rules have been submitted and are awaiting approval by Governor Hutchinson.

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on January 13, 2022 and reviewed seven complaints. Two of the complaints were dismissed and five complaints were tabled for more information. The Committee recommended that a subpoena be issued to Samantha Sanders, RDA to appear at the next Board meeting to discuss a complaint. A motion was made, seconded and passed to issue a subpoena to Samantha Sanders, RDA. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 6 pm.

Rules & Regulations Committee Report

The Committee met on January 12, 2022 and reviewed/discussed the following:

- Draft of teledentistry rule; tabled for more information.
- Draft of letter to be sent out to all registered dental assistants concerning prohibited duties (more specifically, the use of high-speed handpieces).

- Possibly doing away with the local anesthesia permit by making it part of the dental hygiene license; tabled for more information.
- Unaccredited dental assisting programs in the state of Arkansas – Committee is concerned about the lack of knowledge and skills from students who complete these programs. This matter was tabled for more information.

The next Rules & Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022 at 6 pm.

Board Office Update

Act 1211 of 1995

Meredith Rogers requested a motion to authorize the Board members' stipend of \$110 plus expenses in accordance with Act 1211 of 1995. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize.

Statement of Financial Interest

Meredith Rogers reminded the Board that the Statement of Financial Interest must be completed and sent to the Arkansas Secretary of State's office. The deadline is January 31, 2022.

ADEX House of Representatives & Dental Exam Committee

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have past Board member, Dr. L. Frederick Church, to continue serving on the ADEX House of Representatives and Dental Exam Committee

Continuing Education Requirements

Meredith Rogers informed the Board of the technological issues that continue to arise during renewal time because of the thirty-day grace period. The grace period was designed to allow licensees thirty extra days to pay for their renewal, not to take continuing education courses for an extra thirty days beyond the expiration date of the license. The Board office will begin sending out notices periodically to all licensees.

Other Business

Dr. Lindy Bollen announced his retirement from the Arkansas Department of Health's Office of Oral Health effective February 1, 2022. He also asked the Board to be more open-minded about allowing hygienists to function to the full capacity of their training.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2022 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Rogers, Executive Director