



# MINUTES

## ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 5/6/2022 at 9 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. Matthew McDonough

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### In Attendance

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#### **Board Members**

Dr. Robert Carlisle  
Ms. Marcia Cook  
Dr. Dwight Duckworth  
Dr. Cara Jones

Dr. Matthew McDonough  
Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor  
Ms. Erika Thomas  
Dr. Jeffrey Wisener

#### **Board Staff**

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director)  
Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst)  
Sara Farris (Attorney)

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### Approval of Minutes

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A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2022 meeting.

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### Dr. Chad Jensen: Review of Sedation Reports

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The Board reviewed a monthly report from Dr. S. Thikkurissy on his review of Dr. Chad Jensen's sedation practices.

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### Conferences: Licensees Who Didn't Respond to CE Audit

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*Dr. Julia Gildon* – Dr. Gildon was randomly selected for the audit of the 2020-2021 continuing education hours that she submitted for the renewal of her Arkansas dental license. Dr. Gildon failed to respond after numerous attempts. She appeared before the board and submitted several continuing education courses that she didn't report previously. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to hold a hearing concerning this matter.

*Tiffany Ward, RDH* – Ms. Ward was also randomly selected for the audit of her 2020-2021 continuing education hours and didn't respond to the board office. Ms. Ward also did not appear before the board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold a hearing concerning this matter.

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### Discussion on the Reduction Application Fee

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The Board discussed lowering the application fee for an Arkansas dental license by credentials. The fee was previously reduced from \$2250 to \$1000 on September 21, 2019. After some discussion, no action was taken and the fee remains as is.

## **Fictitious Name Requests**

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The following fictitious names were reviewed and approved:

| DENTIST        | REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME            |
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| Dr. Brian Lane | <b>Vilonia Family Dentistry</b>      |
| Dr. John Pardo | <b>Buchanan Street Family Dental</b> |

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## **Reports**

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

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on May 5, 2022 and reviewed ten complaints. Two of the complaints were tabled for more information and seven complaints were dismissed. One complaint will be discussed at the June 10, 2022 board meeting. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6 pm.

### ***Rules & Regulations Committee Report***

The Committee met on May 4, 2022 and discussed the following:

- Article XVII – Ms. Farris cleaned up the Article for better readability to make it easier to understand. More changes will be added and presented at the next Committee meeting.
- Teledentistry – The Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed Article and voted to present to the full Board on May 6, 2022 for discussion and review.
- Reciprocity – The Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed Article and recommended more changes that will be included and presented at the next Committee meeting.
- Unprofessional Conduct. – The Committee reviewed a draft and voted to present to the full board on May 6, 2022 for discussion and review.

The next Rules & Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 at 6 pm via zoom.

### ***Attorney's Report***

Ms. Farris briefly discussed two proposed Articles for the Board to review and approve – Article X (unprofessional conduct) and Article XXVI (teledentistry). A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve both proposed Articles.

### ***Report on Clinical Examination***

Per Dr. Dwight Duckworth, SRTA has conducted two dental clinical examinations at the University of Tennessee, totaling sixty candidates. A hygiene clinical examination was held on April 29, 2022 with two more scheduled for May 6, 2022 and May 13, 2022. The SRTA annual meeting will be held in Leesburg, Virginia on August 4-6, 2022. Lastly, SRTA continues to work with Promethian Dental Systems on opening additional locations across the states to allow more candidates to take the exam based on their availability.

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## **Other Business**

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The Board revisited the request from Andrea Meszaros, RDH requesting that the Board allow the administration of facial esthetics to fall within the scope of practice for a dental hygienist. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to deny her request.

Dr. Jeffrey Wisener volunteered to serve on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Committee.

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### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2022 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Meredith" on top and "Rogers" below it.

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director