

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date/Time:
January 20, 2023 | 9 am

Meeting Called to Order by:
Dr. C. Garrett Taylor, President

Board Members in Attendance:

Robert Carlisle, DDS (Secretary/Treasurer)
Marcia Cook
Dwight Duckworth, DDS (Vice-President)
Cara Jones, DDS

Matthew McDonough, DDS
C. Garrett Taylor, DDS (President)
Jeffrey Wisener, DDS

Board Staff in Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 18, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Consent Order – Dr. Anna Dao

Dr. Dao's consent order was reviewed and discussed by the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the order.

Hearing – Tiffany Ward, RDH

A hearing was held regarding Ms. Ward's failure to comply with the requirements that were set forth in her previous order. Ms. Ward was not in attendance, and Dr. Taylor recused. After hearing testimony from Meredith Rogers (Executive Director), a motion was made, seconded and passed to affirm the allegations of fact and conclusions of law. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to revoke Ms. Ward's dental hygiene license.



Presentation – “Update on Public Health in Arkansas”

Dr. Rachel Sizemore, director of the Arkansas Department of Health’s Office of Oral Health, appeared before the Board and gave statistics on the state of dentistry in Arkansas. She discussed health professional shortage areas as well as ongoing projects and opportunities in the Office of Oral Health. She asked the Board to consider adding a practice address field to licensee applications, volunteering at elementary school screening events, and consulting her office for the evaluation of the public health impact of upcoming Rules.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following names were reviewed and approved by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST
<i>Vilonia Family Dental Care</i>	Dr. Zachary Dixon
<i>Whitlock Orthodontics powered by Smile Doctors</i>	Dr. Gregory Goggans
<i>Storms & Swiderski Orthodontics</i>	Dr. Darrin Storms
<i>Farmington Orthodontics</i> <i>Stroope Orthodontics Farmington</i> <i>Stroope Orthodontics</i>	Dr. Brittany Stroope
<i>Dream Team of Little Rock</i>	Dr. Billy R. Machen
<i>All Star Smiles</i>	Dr. Eric Sharks

The Board reviewed and tabled “*Farmington Dental and Orthodontics*” submitted by Dr. Gavin Trodgon. Because he is a general dentist, the Board wanted to know if an orthodontist would be working in his office.

Committee Reports

- **Rules and Regulations Committee (Cara Jones, DDS)**
The Committee met on January 18, 2023 at 6 pm via Zoom, and discussed the draft of Article XVII (Dental Assistant Functions). Changes are still being made and will be presented to the Board soon. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2023 at 6 pm.
- **Complaint Committee (Corneshia Harrison)**
The Committee met on January 19, 2023 at 6 pm in the Board office and reviewed twelve complaints – eleven were found to have no apparent violation and were dismissed, and one will be revisited at the next meeting that is scheduled for March 2, 2023 at 6 pm.



Other Business

Meredith Rogers presented to the Board a proposal to reduce the Board's fund balance by lowering and/or eliminating some of the application and licensure fees. She proposed:

- Doing away with the insufficient check fee (\$25), the wall certificate remake fee (\$25) and the local anesthesia permit fee for hygienists (\$25).
- Reducing the deep sedation permit fee from \$500 to \$300, the dental specialty fee from \$300 to \$200 and the renewal fee for dentists and hygienists by 50%.

Ms. Rogers presented the proposal to the Arkansas Department of Health and is awaiting advisement. No action was taken by the Board.

Pursuant to Act 1211 of 1995, Ms. Rogers requested a motion to authorize that Board members receive a stipend of \$110 plus expenses. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize.

Dr. Matthew McDonough was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service to the Board. He has been replaced by Dr. Allen Williams.

Next Meeting

March 3, 2023 – 9 am | Cox Conference Room (Main Street Mall – 101 E. Capitol Avenue in Little Rock AR 72201)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Meredith Rogers'.

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director