

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date/Time:
March 3, 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

C. Garrett Taylor, DDS (President)
Erika Thomas, RDH
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 January 20, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following names were reviewed and approved by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST
<i>Elite Dental</i>	Liza Lundy Schoen, DMD
<i>Taylor and Carter Family Dentistry</i>	Charles G. Taylor, DDS
<i>Farmington Dental and Orthodontics</i>	Gavin Trogdon, DDS

Committee Reports

- **Rules and Regulations Committee (Erika Thomas, RDH)**
The Committee met on March 1, 2023 at 6 pm virtually, and discussed the draft of Article XVII (Dental Assistant Functions). After some changes, the Committee voted to move forward with the proposal by presenting to the Board on March 3, 2023. Ms. Thomas suggested that a Board meeting be held virtually on April 5, 2023 to discuss the proposed Article further.



- **Complaint Committee (Corneshia Harrison)**

The Committee met on March 2, 2023 at 6 pm in the Board office and reviewed twenty complaints – seventeen were found to have no apparent violation and were dismissed, and three were tabled for further investigation. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023 at 6 pm.

- **Report on Clinical Testing Examinations - SRTA (Dr. Dwight Duckworth)**

Dr. Duckworth reported that the 2022 pass rate for SRTA (States Resources for Testing and Assessments) examinations was 97% for hygiene and 100% for dental. SRTA has 5 examinations scheduled this year and two mock boards.

SRTA is utilizing the Kilgore models for the endodontic, prosthodontic and restorative sections. The diagnostic skills examination computerized examination has been added and is a required section of the dental examination.

For the Periodontal section, candidates are required to scale an assigned quadrant, perform periodontal pocket probing on assigned teeth and detect calculus on assigned teeth

For 2023 (year 1) all models will be scanned by Promethean Dental Systems (PDS) then graded by 3 examiners at the SRTA office in Virginia Beach. Scores are available approximately 10 business days after the examination date. For 2024 (year 2) all models will be graded by a scanner. All failures will be verified by examiners.

SRTA's partnership with PDS allows them to offer on-demand dental and hygiene licensure exams at PDS's two locations – Athens, Georgia, and Knoxville, Tennessee. Since November 2021 they have tested 20 dental and hygiene candidates at these locations.

- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Report (Dr. Jeffrey Wisener)**

Minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed by the Board.

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 the following:

- Waiving the dental and dental hygiene license by examination application fees.
- Reducing the dental and dental hygiene license by credentials application fees by 50%.
- Waiving the local anesthesia permit application fee.
- Waiving the \$200 license reinstatement fee for dentists and hygienists.
- Waiving the collaborative care permit fee for dentists and hygienists.
- Paying \$15 from each dental license renewal fee to the Arkansas Medical Foundation.



After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposal.

Next Meeting

May 5, 2023 – 9 am | Cox Conference Room (Main Street Mall – 101 E. Capitol Avenue in Little Rock AR 72201)

Respectfully submitted,

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

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director