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**MINUTES**  
Board Meeting  
November 12-13, 2015

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday November 12, 2015 at the Board Office in Hoover, Alabama to conduct business.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Sam J. Citrano, Jr., President, Dr. William E. Chesser, Vice President, Dr. Adolphus M. Jackson, Dr. Thomas G. Walker, Dr. Douglas Beckham, and Ms. Sherry Skinner Campbell, RDH. Also in attendance were Ms. Susan Wilhelm, Esq., Executive Director and General Counsel, Dr. Donna Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Stan McAdams, Investigations, Mr. Kevin Lane, Paralegal and Executive Assistant to Dr. Donna Dixon, Esq. and Ms. Susan Wilhelm, Esq., and Ms. Linda Dlugosz, Administrative Assistant.

The President determined that a quorum was present; Counsel orally confirmed.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, [www.dentalboard.org](http://www.dentalboard.org), and on the Secretary of State's website, [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov), in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The President welcomed the new Board members: Ms. Sherry Campbell and Dr. Douglas Beckham. He also welcomed guests.

The President asked for review of the minutes from the October 1-2, 2015 meeting. Dr. Chesser moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

In the absence of Dr. Gamble, Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Wilhelm presented the financial report for August, 2015. Dr. William E. Chesser moved to approve the financial report as presented. Dr. Douglas Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

The President invited public comments. Dr. King spoke in favor of dentists providing flu shots.

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As FYI:

Members reviewed the ADEX Update.

Members reviewed Continuing Education offered by Vanderbilt for remedial training for licensees.

Members reviewed Advocacy Update forwarded by Dr. Zack Studstill, ALDA.

Members are invited to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> Southern Conference of Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners to be held in Jackson, Mississippi Jan 29-31. Dr. Walker moved to approve out-of-state travel for all members. Travel will likely be by vehicle. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent. Those members who decide to attend should register and then let Ms. Wilhelm know at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Chesser moved to approve out-of-state travel for all members to Orlando January 14-16, 2016 for the CITA Annual Meeting. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent. Those members planning to attend should register, purchase plane tickets and then advise Ms. Wilhelm.

The Board's *CITA voting member* will remain as is.

Ms. Campbell will attend the CODA accreditation site visit at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, AL November 30 - Dec 2, 2016.

Members reviewed CRDTS Scores for the examination administered at UAB on 10/02/2015.

Members reviewed and discussed FTC State Regulatory Board Guidance and the U.S. Supreme Court Petition – Connecticut.

Dr. Chesser moved to correct the minutes from January 11, 2013. The date in paragraph 1 on page 3 should be *January 11, 2013*. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Members discussed a question brought forth by a licensee: Is there a dollar limit to a gift offered to a patient who refers another patient? Currently there is a policy (not a Rule) that thank-you gifts are acceptable if they are not cash and are of nominal value. After discussion, members decided to leave the policy as is.

Ms. Wilhelm has received affidavits in compliance with Rule 5.12 from Dr. Thomas T. Willis, Dr. Douglas Beckham, Ms. Sherry Campbell, and Ms. Amy Enfinger. Ms. Teshia Luker has advised that her affidavit will be mailed very soon.

Ms. Wilhelm presented the CAVU Election Report audit and explained the reports conducted on the Board's licensing database program.

At 7:00 p.m. the President announced a break; the meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m.

The President recognized guest, Dr. King, who related how different a Real Estate Board meeting that he attended was in comparison to the Alabama Dental Board meeting.

Ms. Campbell moved to approve the following applications for Dental Hygiene Licensure by Regional Exam based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

- Dana Cash, RDH
- Debra Hill, RDH
- Kayla Upton, RDH
- Mary Catherine Walters, RDH

Dr. Chesser moved to approve the application for Special Purpose Licensure for 3 Years based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for Julie Schaefer, RDH. Dr. Walker seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Dr. Jackson moved to approve applications for Dental Licensure by Regional Exam based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following. Dr. Chesser seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the Hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Katherine Calvert, DDS
- Brian Choi, DDS
- Joshua LeBlanc, DDS
- Brandon Pennington, DMD
- Kyle Sharow, DDS

Dr. Beckham moved to approve applications for Dental Special Purpose Licensure for 10X in One Year for the following. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the Hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Joe Trammell, DDS
- Sandra Vargas, DMD

Mr. McAdams presented the Site Inspections report.

He and Dr. Bobby R. Wells completed inspections of 11 UAB sites. These sites have made tremendous strides with improving drug dispensing and inventory logs; all passed inspection.

Mr. McAdams explained that the DEA has made a policy that out-of-date medications should not be destroyed by a law enforcement individual but rather by a company that can be utilized for this purpose. The DEA will provide Mr. McAdams with a list of these companies.

Next on the agenda will be to finish inspections in South Alabama. This concluded the Site Inspections report. Dr. Citrano, Jr. thanked Mr. McAdams on behalf of the Board for all his hard work.

At 8:02 p.m. the President recessed the meeting until Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Board Meeting  
Friday, November 13, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama reconvened Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Board Office in Hoover, Alabama.

The President called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Sam J. Citrano, Jr., President, Dr. William E. Chesser, Vice President, Dr. Adolphus M. Jackson, Dr. Thomas G. Walker, Dr. Douglas Beckham, and Ms. Sherry Skinner Campbell, RDH. Also in attendance were Ms. Susan Wilhelm, Esq., Executive Director and General Counsel, Dr. Donna Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Stan McAdams, Investigator, Mr. Kevin Lane, Paralegal and Executive Assistant to Dr. Donna Dixon, Esq. and Ms. Susan Wilhelm, Esq., and Ms. Linda Dlugosz, Administrative Assistant.

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Ms. Johnson presented the Hygiene/ADHP report.

There were 174 students in attendance at the last class.

Ms. Johnson has stressed to students that class attendance is mandatory and only excused for serious medical reasons with an excuse from a doctor or for an emergency situation. If a student must leave class for any reason he/she must tell Ms. Johnson the reason before leaving. One student, who left class without telling Ms. Johnson, forwarded a letter explaining her early departure from the class session. Ms. Campbell moved that Ms. Taylor Sibley's absence from the ADHP class is not excused for the reasons set forth in her letter and she will be dismissed from the program. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Ms. Renee Chapman, RDH is working with the ADHP Review Committee to compile a course for the Dentist/Instructor training class. Ms. Johnson is assured that there is a room reserved at UAB Alumni weekend for this class on Sunday 9-11 a.m. Dentist/Instructors will also be able to attend a class at ALDA's Annual Session at Perdido or at UAB Alumni Weekend. Dr. Walker will secure a day and time at the ALDA Session for this class. This concluded the Hygiene report.

Mr. Scott Salter, Esq. of *Starnes, Davis, Florie* gave a presentation to the Board and asked for clarification of dismissing a patient if that patient refuses standard of care of care treatment. Members discussed and answered his questions.

Ms. Kay Alexander, RDH and Dr. Jackson reported on the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) held in Washington, DC Nov. 3-4.

Ms. Wilhelm presented the Executive Director report.

Ms. Wilhelm distributed a draft design for the new website being prepared by Rocket Town Media. Members approved the preliminary design. Rocket Town will move forward to create the website.

Ms. Wilhelm informed the Board of the relevant statute of limitations and state policies regarding a former employees request for separation compensation. According to the Alabama Supreme Court, the proper venue for such a claim is/was the Board of Adjustment. Ms. Wilhelm will draft a letter and send it to members for review.

The Board was randomly chosen for an audit by the National Practitioner Data Bank. The initial findings are a “100% complete” finding.

Kellum, Wilson Associates has begun the Board’s private annual audit.

Online annual renewals are progressing without a problem. The Board Staff is processing renewals as quickly as possible and 2<sup>nd</sup> Notices will be sent around November 20<sup>th</sup> to any licensee who has not renewed their license and permit(s) for 2016.

The newly purchased State vehicle for the Investigator to use should be available next week.

State holidays – the office will be closed: Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 26-27; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – December 24-25. This concluded the Executive Director report.

Ms. Wilhelm and Dr. Dixon presented the Attorney Report.

At 10:35 a.m. members interviewed Mr. Billy Irvin for the Investigator position.

At 10:55 a.m. members interviewed Mr. Blake Strickland for the Investigator position.

At 11:30 a.m. members interviewed Mr. Thomas Wallace for the Investigator position.

Dr. Beckham moved to offer the Investigator position to Mr. Blake Strickland at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,000/year. Dr. Chesser seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Dr. Citrano, Jr. moved that if Mr. Strickland does not accept the offer, to offer the position of Investigator to Thomas Wallace at an annual salary not to exceed \$52,000/year. Dr. Thomas Gerald Walker seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Dr. Chesser moved that case #2015-52 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Walker seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Beckham moved to notice the Respondent of case #2015-58 for a hearing. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the case team leader abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Beckham moved to notice the Respondent of case #2015-59 for a hearing. Dr. Citrano, Jr. seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

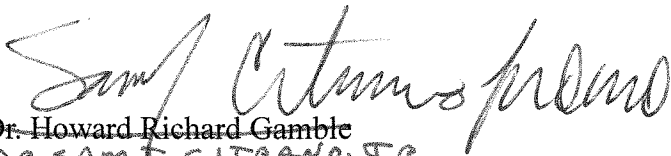
Dr. Chesser moved that case #2015-54 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Walker seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Wilhelm presented the Wellness report prepared by Dr. Garver.

Ms. Wilhelm explained how Medicaid conducts internal report to determine which providers should be audited and, possibly, prosecuted by the Attorney General's office.

At 11:50 a.m. Dr. Chesser moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Walker seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Howard Richard Gamble  
DR SAM C. TRANO, JR  
Approved: 12/3/2015

Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz