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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
December 7-8, 2017

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, December 7, 2017, at the Board Office in Hoover, Alabama to conduct business.

The Vice-President called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Thomas Gerald Walker, Vice-President, Dr. Douglas Beckham, Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Stephen R. Stricklin, Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, Dr. Kevin M. Sims, and Ms. Sherry Skinner Campbell, RDH. Also in attendance were Mr. Matt Hart, Esq., Executive Director, Dr. Donna Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Blake Strickland, Investigator, Mr. Kevin Lane, Paralegal, and Ms. Linda Dlugosz, Administrative Assistant.

In the absence of President, Dr. Adolphus M. Jackson, Dr. Thomas Gerald Walker presided as acting President. Dr. Walker determined that a quorum was present; counsel orally confirmed.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, [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.

Dr. Litz presented the ADHP Report.

He stressed the importance of teaching instrumentation to the students. They have had more than one full class on the subject and will be instructed in January, February, and March on "how to take a clinical exam."

Dr. Litz was assured by members that the 2018 clinical exam will be a CITA ADEX exam. He has acquired an instructor from Samford School of Pharmacology to replace Dr. Kevin Sims as an instructor.

Dr. Litz confirmed the dates and locations of the instructor certification courses for 2018. They are posted on the Board's website [www.dentalboard.org](http://www.dentalboard.org).

Although Snoozy's (supplier of ADHP books, instruments, and typodonts) is closing their UAB store, a new owner of another location has committed to supplying what the 2018-19 class needs. This concluded the report.

Blaine Galliher presented the Legislative Report.

He discussed the potential introduction of two separate bills by the Board in the 2018 state legislative session.

Dr. Walker asked for review of the Minutes from the November 2-3 meeting. Dr. McIlwain moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Stricklin seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Dr. Beckham requested to table the Financial Report until the January 2018 meeting because the finance staff is still working to reconcile the report due to the large volume of revenue from renewals.

Dr. Beckham and Mr. Hart reported on licensees who have paid their past due fines and those who are asking for payment plans. There are still a few licensees who owe money and have not contacted the Board. Dr. Stricklin moved to approve a payment plan proposed by D.3157; Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

The Vice-President acknowledged guest, Dr. Charles King, and invited comments.

Dr. King addressed the Board regarding certain Rules that the Florida Dental Board has adopted relating to the licensure of military personnel and asked members to consider adopting similar Rules.

Mr. Hart informed members that the timetable for the new database to be running at 100% is approximately six months, hopefully by June 1<sup>st</sup>, so that it can be tested before 2019 renewals. In the process of transferring all database information to the vendor for the new system, a copy of the current database was put onto a hard drive and shipped to the vendor by our current IT contractor. The vendor has yet to receive the drive; UPS has been contacted to look into the matter. Mr. Hart has also been in contact with the State's Office of Information Technology for guidance. Mr. Hart will keep the Board updated.

Dr. Beckham suggested that licensees who attend the board meeting as a guest be awarded CE credits. After discussion, members agreed not to move forward with this proposal.

Dr. Walker brought up the fact that the ADA approved a code that will enable dentists to charge for test equipment and time for diabetes testing as long as it is within the scope of practice as defined by each state's licensing board. At this time, Alabama dentists can screen for diabetes; but they cannot diagnose this condition.

To follow up on Dr. Walker's request for review of fees for licensure by credentials, Mr. Hart distributed a list of some other states' fees for licensure. After discussion, the Board decided not to alter licensure fees at this time.

Mr. Hart attended the final meeting of the year for the Governor's Council on Opioid Overdose and Addiction. The consensus from the Council is that health professional boards should maintain self-

regulation so that legislature doesn't have to act. The Council recommended the licensing boards do the following:

1. Mandate PDMP registration by all healthcare prescribers who hold a permit to prescribe controlled substances;
2. Adoption of administrative rules to address the abuse and risk mitigation for prescribing opioids;
3. Encourage all health education schools to include opioid education as a part of their curriculum; and
4. Establish continuing education requirements for licensees on opioid prescribing.

Dr. McIlwain suggested requiring licensees to attend a two-hour lecture every four years. He will draft a proposal for rule change and submit it at a future meeting.

The Board agreed that a licensee should be notified when a case/investigation is initiated regarding them. It was deemed that a letter of initiation be sent in some form to the licensees informing them of the case opening, whenever feasible to do so.

Dr. McIlwain moved to approve Dr. Aaron Avery's request to supplement his WREB scores with that portion of another regional exam in order to comply with regulations for initial dental licensing. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

At 7:56 p.m. Dr. Walker recessed the meeting until 8:30 a.m. Friday.

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
Friday December 8, 2017

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Friday, December 8, 2017, at the Board Office in Hoover, Alabama to conduct business.

The Vice-President called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Thomas Gerald Walker, Vice-President, Dr. Douglas Beckham, Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Stephen R. Stricklin, Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, Dr. Kevin M. Sims, and Ms. Sherry Skinner Campbell, RDH. Also in attendance were Mr. Matt Hart, Esq., Executive Director, Dr. Donna Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Blake Strickland, Investigator, Mr. Kevin Lane, Paralegal, and Ms. Linda Dlugosz, Administrative Assistant.

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Dr. Garver presented the Wellness Committee Report.

His report detailed those licensees in the program who have had some activity in the past month.

He advocated for D.4913 who has requested an amendment to his Consent Order to remove the requirement of writing prescriptions in triplicate. Dr. McIlwain moved to approve D.4913's request. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote. After discussion, Dr. McIlwain modified his motion to include removing his requirement of having to submit prescriptions for review and for monitoring. Dr. Sims seconded the modified motion and it was approved by general consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

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

- Jennifer Bui, DMD
- Erich Lutz, DDS
- Japsimran Singh, DMD

Dr. Beckham moved to approve Dental Licensure by Credentials based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicant. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Danny Leeds, DDS

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

- Stephanie Di Prima, RDH
- Lindsey Johnston, RDH
- Lane Whitson, RDH

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

- Beverly Baker, RDH
- Amy Brassell, RDH

Blake Strickland presented the Site Inspection Report. All inspections have been completed and passed for 2017. There are currently 39 clinics that require inspection each year. Mr. Strickland will begin inspections again in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018.

Mr. Hart presented the Real Estate Committee Report.

He updated members on properties that have been viewed and engaged in discussion about possibilities for purchasing a building.

At 9:19 a.m., in preparation for a public hearing to review proposed rule amendments, Mr. Strickland checked the halls and foyer and ascertained that no one was waiting to attend the hearing. Dr. Walker convened the public hearing. Mr. Strickland read aloud Rule 270-X-3.04 *Alabama Dental Hygiene Program Requirements* with proposed revisions. There were no public objections; no comments had been received on the Rule change. Ms. Sherry Campbell moved to adopt the amendments to Rule 270-X-3.04 as proposed. Dr. Stricklin seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Mr. Lane read Rule 270-X-3.10 *Duties of Allied Dental Personnel* with proposed revisions. There were no public objections. Mr. Hart read one comment received from the Dental Assisting National Board inquiring whether the Board's intent in the proposed amendment was to include "digital scans" in the definition of "digital images;" the Board opined that digital scans were to be considered digital images that would be permissible for hygienists and dental assistants to make under the proposed rule change. The Board further opined that no amendment to the proposed language was necessary to clarify this intent. Dr. McIlwain moved to adopt the amendments to Rule 270-X-3.10 as proposed. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

At 9:35 a.m. Dr. Walker turned the meeting over to the Honorable Aaron Dettling, Administrative Law Judge, for a hearing in the matter of Dr. Tristanne Spottswood, Alabama Dental license # D.4960. At 10:11 a.m. the hearing was concluded. Mr. Dettling announced a break; the meeting resumed at 10:17 a.m.

Mr. Dettling held a hearing in the matter of Christi O. Thrift, RDH, Alabama Dental Hygiene license #H.4638, who was not present. At 10:30 a.m. the hearing was concluded and Dr. Walker, acting President, assumed control of the meeting. Dr. Walker announced a brief break; the meeting resumed for deliberation.

On a recommendation by the team leader on Case #2017-67, Dr. Stricklin moved to amend the Notice of Hearing. Dr. Sims seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon informed members that there was not a quorum due to the absence and recusal of members. Dr. Stricklin recalled the motion. This will be tabled to the January 2018 meeting.

Dr. McIlwain moved to notice the Respondent of Case #2017-26 for a hearing. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote. The team leader was not present.

Mr. Hart introduced guests, Mr. Prasad Valay and Mr. Gokul Rajaram with iGov Solutions and invited them to address the Board. They answered questions about the new database that will be provided by contract in 2018. The two gentlemen thanked the Board for accepting their proposal and left the meeting.

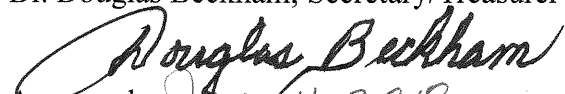
At 11:50 a.m. Dr. McIlwain moved to enter in to Executive Session for the discussion of the professional competence of an individual for approximately 15 minutes. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and the Vice President called for the vote: Dr. Stricklin, yea, Dr. Walker, yea, Dr. McIlwain, yea, Dr. Beckham, yea, Ms. Campbell, yea, Dr. Sims, yea. The motion carried.

At 12:05 p.m. Dr. Stricklin moved to retire from Executive Session and return to public session. Dr. McIlwain seconded the motion and the Vice President called for the vote: Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and the Vice President called for the vote: Dr. Stricklin, yea, Dr. Walker, yea, Dr. McIlwain, yea, Dr. Beckham, yea, Ms. Campbell, yea, Dr. Sims, yea. The motion carried.

At 12:06 p.m. Dr. Stricklin moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Douglas Beckham, Secretary/Treasurer



Approved: Jan 11, 2018

Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz