The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Saturday, May 30, 2020, via videoconference.

The President called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, President; Ms. Sherry S. Campbell, RDH, Vice President; Dr. Kevin M. Sims, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. L. Douglas Beckham; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham; Dr. Marshall A. Williams; and Dr. Roberto V. Pischek. Also in attendance was Bradley Edmonds, Esq., Director.

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

The meeting was advertised on the Board’s website, www.dentalboard.org, and on the Secretary of State’s website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Clinical Examination Committee reported their findings and recommended accepting the clinical typodont manikin exams of all the approved testing agencies for the next 12 months, expiring May 31, 2021. Dr. Cunningham moved to accept these exams as stated. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Dr. Bruce Cunningham moved to approve Dental License by Regional Exam upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam and receiving final transcript with degree conferred for the following applicants. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Anissa Bone, DMD
- Ronald Bryant, DMD
- Lauren Cabaniss, EMD
- Kandis Carter, DMD
- William Catanzaro, DMD
- Shequori Clyde, DMD
- Nolin Connell, DMD
- David Condaro,
- Brielle Daverede, DMD
- Austin Davis, DMD
- Alexander Hale, DMD
- Forrest Harris, DMD
- Cody Hughes, DMD
- Chelsea Killingsworth, DMD
- Daniel Kyuk, DMD
- Caroline Maddox, DMD
- Markit Magkalas, DMD
- Wilkerson Mahone, DMD
- Gilbert Meadows, DMD
- Lauren Miele, DMD
- Shannon Morey, DMD
- Neel Patel, DMD
- Kyle Penland, DMD
- Hayden Rathel, DMD
- Robert Spruiell, DMD
- Brandon Veach, DMD
- Ivy Watts, DMD

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Dr. Pischek left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

After much discussion to detail an amendment to the Board’s Opinion interpreting CDC guidance for practice during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Cunningham moved to approve the following amendment. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

4. Hygiene: Proper PPE and evacuation are required for all aerosol-generating procedures. An ultrasonic scaler should be limited to necessary use only as prescribed by the supervising dentist. If aerosol-generating procedures are necessary, the clinic shall use four-handed dentistry, high-evacuation suction, or isolation systems to minimize droplet spatter and aerosols. The patient shall rinse with a solution of 1/2 3% hydrogen peroxide and 1/2 mouthwash for 30 seconds before and after hygiene procedures. If a hygienist cannot safely use high volume aerosol evacuation working alone, an assistant must be utilized. Alternative methods of intra- and extra-oral evacuation may make an assistant unnecessary. The lowest safe level of coolant/irrigant is to be used with ultrasonic scalers. Since ultrasonic scalers create aerosol, attention to the dental office’s environment of care must be closely monitored by the attending dentist. Saliva ejectors are not considered to be high-volume evacuation.

At 3:08 p.m. Dr. Beckham moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Kevin Michael Sims, Secretary/Treasurer
Approved: June 11, 2020
Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz