The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, January 14, 2021 via video conference.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, President; Dr. Kevin M. Sims, Vice President; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Marshall A. Williams; Dr. Roberto V. Pischek; Dr. Melodie A. Jones; and Ms. Sandra Kay Alexander, RDH. Also in attendance were Bradley W. Edmonds, Esq., Executive Director; Dr. Donna L. Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Counsel; Blake Strickland, Investigator; Kevin Lane, Compliance Director; Gina Latham, RDH, ADHP Coordinator; Sonya Lankford, Business Manager; and Linda Dlugosz, Licensing Clerk.

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 President asked for review of the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting. Dr. McIlwain noted the omission of the name of the Board Member-elect, Ms. Alexander. Dr. Jones moved to approve the minutes with the name added to the minutes. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham presented the Financial Report. Members accepted the report as presented.

Mr. Ragan Ingram and Mr. Steve Windom presented the Legislative Report. Mr. Windom complimented Dr. McIlwain and Mr. Edmonds for their performance at the Sunset Hearing. Dr. Cunningham complimented all the members.

Members discussed appointing a committee to review architects’ qualifications received. Dr. Williams moved to appoint the committee. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. The Committee will include Dr. Williams, Mr. Edmonds, and Dan Woods, Building Commission project architect.

Dr. Cunningham moved to continue to pay for Ms. Campbell’s AADB membership through the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Latham petitioned members to approve ADHP class absence for a student who was present for the weekend exam but asked to be excused to go out-of-town to see her elderly grandmother who was very ill.
The student provided an excuse from the attending physician. Ms. Alexander moved to approve the absence. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham has resigned from the CITA Board and suggested appointing Ms. Alexander to represent the Board in that position. Dr. Williams moved to appoint Ms. Alexander. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham has passed his duty to review applications to Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams will divide the duty with Dr. Pischek. Ms. Alexander will review dental hygiene applications.

Dr. Pischek moved to approve Dental Licensure by Regional Exam after successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicants. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Audrey Carter, DDS
- Valencia Jackson, DDS
- Young Kim, DDS
- Vincent Lloyd, DMD
- Timari Schweizer, DMD
- Zhewu Xu, DMD

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

- Sherea Rachal, DMD
- Angel Vasquez, DMD
- Symone Webley, DDS

Dr. Williams moved to approve Dental Hygiene Licensure by Regional Exam based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicants. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

- Megan Eubank, RDH
- Arminda Hollowell, RDH
- Kaeley Sargent, RDH
- Jessica Smith, RDH
- Evelyn Wells, RDH

Dr. Sims moved to approve Dental Hygiene Licensure by Credentials based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for Robyn Wilbanks, RDH. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Williams moved to approve Dental Hygiene Licensure by State Board Administered by CITA for Gabrielle Reedy, RDH. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.
Dr. Pischek moved to approve Hygiene Infiltration/Anesthesia permit with UAB CE for the following applicants. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

- Brandie Simpson, RDH
- Taunnya Goosby, RDH
- Cassandra Morrison, RDH
- Karla Tolbert, RDH
- Brooke Armstrong, RDH
- Melissa Coffman, RDH
- Kristin Horsley, RDH
- Caitlyn Berry, RDH
- Lindsey Strickland, RDH
- Starla Davis, RDH
- Bambi Murphy, RDH,
- Tiffany Hill, RDH
- Cheryl Kendrick, RDH
- Margarita Lockett, RDH
- Abbie Clayton, RDH
- Patricia Socorro, RDH

Dr. Pischek moved to approve Hygiene Infiltration/Anesthesia permit for the following applicants with Out-of-State CE. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

- Vian Babiry, RDH
- Paula Houghton, RDH

Mr. Lane presented the Wellness Report provided by Dr. Mike Garver.

Mr. Strickland presented the Inspection Report. There were no inspections conducted this past month. A few clinics have informed Mr. Strickland that they plan to open this year.

Mr. Edmonds presented the Executive Director Report. He is currently composing a letter of support for grant funding for the ADPH.

Dr. Cunningham moved to add one count to a previous notice to the Respondent of case #2021-001 as specified by Dr. Dixon. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Sims moved that case 2020-078 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Sims moved that case 2020-084 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Cunningham moved to dismiss cases 2019-054, 2018-068, and 2020-073. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Members confirmed that Dr. Jones is now the Board’s CITA dental representative; Ms. Alexander is the hygiene representative.

At 6:49 p.m. Dr. Pischek moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.
Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce E. Cunningham

Dr. Bruce Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer
Approved: February 11, 2021
Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz