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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

April 9, 2021

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama held an emergency meeting Friday, April 9, 2021, via videoconference. All members were in attendance, as were selected staff members.

The meeting came to order at 3:32 P.M., and the Board discussed its Return to Practice Opinion on CDC Guidance, originally issued April 29, 2020, and amended 3 times before the most recent amendments of February 11, 2021. The Board agreed upon various specific amendments to the Opinion, which will be posted on the Board's website, www.dentalboard.org, within 12 hours of the meeting's adjournment, and emailed to all dentists and hygienists licensed in Alabama.

The Board also determined the following: The amended Opinion is now the Board's recommendation, in light of the changing circumstances and statewide orders; in light of the fact that it remains each dentist's responsibility to protect him/herself, staff, and patients from infectious diseases; and in light of the fact that it remains the Board's requirement under Board Rule, Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-2-.15, that dentists follow current CDC guidelines. Dentists must also be aware of local requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M.