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### MINUTES EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING April 9, 2021

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, April 9, 2021 via video conference.

The President called the meeting to order at 3:31 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; 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](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.

In light of the lifting of the mask mandate at 5:00 P.M. today by Governor Ivey, members discussed changes to the Board's existing Return to Practice opinion. Some of the requirements have been modified although the Governor recommends social distancing 6 feet from others than family group. Licensees are currently operating under the Board's last update on COVID-19 protocol for the dental office. The new document will be titled, "Alabama Board of Dental Examiners' Amended Practice Recommendations after the Governor's Order of April 10, 2021." It will be posted on the Board's website, and emailed to all licensees shortly after business hours today.

Brad Edmonds read the suggested amendments. Dr. Bruce Cunningham moved for the amended language. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

At 4:23 P.M. Dr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Bruce Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer  
Approved: May 13, 2021

Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz