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Meeting Summary

Saturday May 30, 2020

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 30, 2020, to conduct business. The meeting was conducted virtually, having been announced and noticed per statutory requirements. All board members attended.

The first item of business was consideration of clinical licensing examinations being conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board's appointed Clinical Examination Committee recommended that the Board accept the clinical typodont manikin exams of all of the approved testing agencies from this day through May 31, 2021. Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham so moved, seconded by Dr. Marshall A. Williams, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. The examination components required are listed on the Board's dental and dental hygiene license applications, available at <http://www.dentalboard.org/professionals/state-licensure-applications/>.

The Board then discussed two license applicants who had certain minor problems in their backgrounds. Given the dates and severity of those indiscretions, no serious concern was raised. Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dental Licensure by Regional Exam for the following applicants who graduated from University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in May 2020. Dr. L. Douglas Beckham seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous consent. The graduates are:

- Anissa Bone, DMD
- Ronald Bryant, DMD
- Lauren Cabaniss, EMD
- Kandis Carter, DMD
- William Catanzaro, DMD
- Shequori Clyde, DMD
- Nolin Connell, DMD
- David Condarò,
- 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

Dr. Roberto V. Pischek left the meeting at 2:45 P.M. as a result of unpreventable technical difficulties. The remaining six board members continued to constitute a quorum.

Finally, the Board deliberated in detail an amendment to its Opinion interpreting CDC guidance for practice during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board approved the following amendment to the guidance at Item 4 in the Implementation section:

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.

Dr. Cunningham moved to adopt the amendment, Dr. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent of the remaining board members.

Dr. Beckham then moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Williams, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent of the remaining board members. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.