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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY July 9, 2020

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, July 9, 2020, via videoconference. All members were in attendance, as were selected staff members.

At 4:30 P.M., the Board held a legislative session, open to the public, at which it deliberated proposed amendments to Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-3-.01, governing hygiene licensing exams; and 270-x-3-.04, governing the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program (ADHP). The Board also deliberated issuing an opinion on Board member compensation, to interpret Ala. Code (1975), § 34-9-41, and Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-1-.08. The legislative session ended at 5:50 P.M.

The regular meeting began at 6:00 P.M. At 6:08 P.M., on the advice of counsel and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the Board entered executive session, to return at 7:00 P.M.

Upon returning from executive session, the Board voted to move forward with the proposed amendment to Rule 270-X-3-.04; to adopt the opinion on Board compensation; and to resume discussion of Rule 270-X-3-.01 at the August 2020 meeting.

The Board then voted to require one applicant to the ADHP, and one hygienist whose license currently is suspended, to submit to wellness evaluations before they may move forward. The Board voted to renew its expiring contract with Windom Galliher Associates, and to rescind its vote from the June 11, 2020 meeting and allow dentists who missed the June 6, 2020 Instructor Certification training session to make it up, so that their assistants may enter the ADHP with the 2020-'21 class.

The Board moved to instruct CITA to use manikins for its upcoming dental hygiene clinical examination, to extend the current acceptance of all-manikin clinical licensing exams to June 30, 2021, and to fund travel for Board members to observe all-manikin clinical examinations in nearby states. Finally, the Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for proctoring online examinations for the ADHP for the 2020-'21 class.

The Board then approved certain license and permit applications, and discussed ongoing enforcement actions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.