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MINUTES BOARD MEETING November 5, 2020

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, November 5, 2020 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 Michael Sims, Vice President; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Marshall A. Williams; Dr. Roberto Victor Pischek; Dr. Melodie Anderson Jones; and Ms. Sherry S. Campbell, RDH, CDHC. 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 October 2, 2020 meeting. Dr. Pischek moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham presented the Financial Report for September 2020. There were no objections to the report.

The Board received a favorable hearing and report from the Sunset Committee. There were just a few small issues noted.

Ragan Ingram presented the Legislative Report, and then left the meeting.

Dr. Sims presented the ADHP Committee Report.

The topics discussed included class size, entrance exams, the course fees, possible exam proctoring, deadlines for instructor certification, and the amount instructors are paid.

Ms. Campbell presented a report on having attended the CDCA Hygiene Exam Webinar. She and Dr. Cunningham also presented a report on the CITA Board of Directors' Meeting. Dr. Cunningham said he has been able to get CITA to allow the ADHP graduates to take the OSCE exam which consists of 100 written questions. More research will be done.

Mr. Edmonds stated that since there were no objections to, or public comments on, proposed amendments to Rule 270-X-3.04, *Dental Hygiene Program Requirements*, he will certify the previously approved draft to the Legislative Services Agency.

Members reviewed a proposed Board Statement on the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) Opioid web page. Dr. Sims moved to approve the Board's statement. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. The statement reads:

The Board approves as continuing education for dentists and dental hygienists those materials linked from the Alabama Department of Mental Health page, "Understanding the Opioid Crisis, available at <https://mh.alabama.gov/understanding-the-opioid-crisis/>, that are ADA/CERP or AGD/PACE approved, or that are presented as health professional continuing education by a federal or state agency.

Dr. Sims moved to approve Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy CE courses on opioids. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. Mr. Edmonds will notify course providers.

Members reviewed the draft *Board Opinion on Infection Control Continuing Education* and added the term, "airborne." Dr. Jones moved to approve the Opinion. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. The opinion states:

It is the opinion of the Board that any Continuing Education provider who wishes to have a course in infection control approved by the Board must cover all of the following topics in the course:

1. Review of Science Related to Dental Infection control
2. Preventing Transmission of Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogens
3. Hand Hygiene
4. Personal Protective Equipment
5. Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient Care Items
6. Environmental Infection Control
7. Dental Unit Waterlines, Biofilms, and Water Quality
8. Dental Handpieces and Other Devices Attached to Air and Waterlines
9. Dental Radiology
10. Single Use or Disposable Devices
11. Preprocedural Mouth Rinse
12. Handling of Extracted Teeth
13. Dental Laboratory
14. Program Evaluation

Mr. Edmonds presented and explained the revised license applications that will use B&B Reporting instead of PBIS for background reports. The new applications are the same for in-state as well as out-of-state applicants in each category. B&B will send the completed background report to the Board as well as to the applicant. Dr. Pischek moved to approve the new applications. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Members discussed allowing dentists to perform PDO thread lifts which are resorbable type suture fed through the face that eventually dissolve. If infection should set in, a serious problem would occur. Dr. Cunningham moved that this procedure is not within the scope of dentistry. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. The opinion states:

It is the opinion of the Board that PDO thread lifts are NOT within the scope of dentistry.

The Board discussed general anesthesia inspections.

Mr. Edmonds asked for approval to program the office phone system to allow pressing a number to take the caller directly to the right staff, or leave a message for that person if necessary. Members concurred that this would be good for the staff as well as for the callers. Mr. Edmonds will implement this on the Board phones.

Three members, Ms. Campbell, Dr. Cunningham, and Dr. Jones will have a virtual meeting November 16 to announce the Hygiene Board member who wins the run-off election. The results will be posted on the Board's website.

Gina Latham gave the ADHP report.

Dr. Pischek moved to approve Dental License by Regional Exam based on 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.

- Kevin Duque, DMD
- Ethan Dutton, DMD
- Ingy Elkomary, DMD
- Gloria Hensley, DMD
- Andrew Schweizer, DMD
- Katie Smith, DDS
- Jamila Riley, DDS

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

- Sandra Alexander, RDH
- Vian Babiry, RDH
- Caitlin Barnett, RDH
- Ivey Hampton, RDH
- Amanda Morgan, RDH
- Danielle Parten, RDH
- Skye Schick, RDH
- Madison Smalley, RDH
- Hayley Winsman, RDH
- Ja'Nequa Wise, RDH

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

Dr. Jones moved to approve Hygiene Infiltration/Anesthesia permit for the following Alabama licensed hygienists. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

- Amanda Roberson, RDH
- Carmen Hernandez, RDH
- Kayla Davis, RDH

At 7:15 P.M., the President announced a break; the meeting resumed at 7:27 P.M.

Members discussed easing staff back into working at the board office.

Ms. Campbell moved to approve Dental Hygiene License by State Board Exam Administered by CITA for the following applicants. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ayala, Maria	Hardaway, Mariah	Rodriguez, Lizbeth Arias
Banks, McKenzie	Hughen, Kelly	Rodriguez, Maria Paz
Barton, Jade	Martin, Katie	Rhodes, Tanea
Clark, Doris	Nichols, Hannah	Shunnarah, Mia
Crousillac, Ashley	Perkins, Tish	Spencer, Jennifer
Eaton, Kelsi	Pugh, Abigail	Summerlin, Kimberly
Ellison, Madelyn	Riley, Allison	Vickrey, Sara
Fomby, Stacy	Roberts, Whitley	Yu, JongHae
Frazier, Megan	Robertson-Barnhart,	Zaricor, Tina
Gantt, Lauren	Shannon	

Dr. Cunningham moved to notice the Respondent of case 2020-66 for a hearing. Dr. Sims 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 notice the Respondent of case 2020-49 for a hearing. 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 to notice the Respondent of case 2020-62 for a hearing. 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 2020-55 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Pischek moved to notice the Respondent of case 2020-65 for a hearing. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Pischek moved to issue the following opinion. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. The opinion states:

Board Rule, Ala. Admin. Code. r. 270-X-2-.15, requires dental personnel to observe CDC guidelines for infection control in dental clinics. It is the opinion of the board that those guidelines clearly require that animals other than service animals not be allowed into dental patient care areas.

Blake Strickland presented the Inspection Report.


He has completed a total of 31 inspections of clinics for the UAB-School of Dentistry and 1 clinic inspection for The Foundry, all of which passed. These inspections allow the clinics to host students/residents from educational institutions. The number of clinics inspected was down from 2019, as several host clinics opted not to have students/residents this year. Those clinics not participating asked to be contacted for the 2021 inspection cycle (16 sites).

Mr. Edmonds presented the Wellness Report provided by Dr. Garver. He updated members on participants who had any actions in the past month.

Members discussed making some improvements to the board's building. Mr. Edmonds will work with the state building commission to put together an RFQ for an architect/engineer.

At 8:25 P.M., Dr. McIlwain moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce E. Cunningham".

Dr. Bruce Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: December 3, 2020

Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz