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MINUTES BOARD MEETING October 2, 2020

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Friday, October 2, 2020 at the Alabama Pharmacy Board Building in Hoover, Alabama.

The President called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, President; Ms. Sherry S. Campbell, RDH, Vice President; Dr. Kevin M. Sims, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. L. Douglas Beckham; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham; Dr. Marshall A. Williams; and Dr. Roberto V. Pischek. 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, 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 September 3, 2020 meeting. Dr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes with one typo corrected. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Sims presented the Financial Report for August 2020. There were no objections to the report; it was accepted as presented.

Ms. Campbell moved to approve all applicants for dental hygiene licensure who qualified from the 2019-2020 ADHP graduating class by State Board examination administered by CITA. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. See the list of applicants on a separate page.

Dr. Stevens presented the ADHP Report.

He recommended various changes to the ADHP going forward, providing explanations. After discussion and questions, Dr. Cunningham moved to establish an ADHP Pre-admission Test Committee to study the possibility of requiring a pre-admission exam for candidates of the ADHP. Dr. McIlwain added review of options for the comprehensive exams. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. This concluded Dr. Stevens' report.

Dr. Melodie Jones, who ran unopposed for dental board member, won the election for the 2020-2025 term. There were 4 candidates for hygiene member; none received a majority of the vote so there will be a runoff for the top two candidates: Sandra Kay Alexander, RDH, and Skyler Graham, RDH. Ms. Campbell will remain as board member until the new member has been elected.

Ms. Campbell presented a report on the CITA exam given to ADHP graduates. Although the applicants could not use ultrasonic scalers because of UAB restrictions, they had no issue removing calculus. There were 10 failures, which is a typical failure rate. They consistently had issues with calculus detection; only a handful passed this portion of the exam. Ms. Campbell reported also that grading issues had made it possible for a student to pass the exam when the same performance would have constituted failure in a live-patient exam.

Appointment of a new CITA representative will be determined when the “newly elected” members are both present.

There was discussion about allowing dentists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Sims moved to allow dentists to administer a vaccine to patients when it becomes available. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by general consent, with Dr. Pischek voting against.

Members discussed UAB SOD’s request to allow a single permit that would allow any of the full-time faculty to cover sedations in the OMS clinic, as long as they have a sedation permit at another recognized UAB facility. Dr. Sims moved to deny the request. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Members discussed allowing dentists to perform PDO Thread lifts. After offering opinions and possible statements the subject was postponed pending further research.

Dr. Sims moved to approve a Radiation Safety CE presented by Dr. Dean Brandon, Alabama Pediatric Dental Associates and Orthodontics. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Members reviewed a 2-hour OSHA course submitted for approval by Lynette Weber, RDH, MS. Ms. Campbell moved to approve the course for infection control CE requirements. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion. After discussion, Ms. Campbell rescinded the motion because the course does not comply with the 14-points guidelines to be presented by Dr. Pischek and Dr. Williams.

Members discussed allowing CE credit for reading articles on the Alabama Department of Public Health web page, “Understanding the Opioid Crisis.” This will be postponed pending further research.

Dr. Pischek and Dr. Williams presented their 14-point suggestions for any 2-hour infection control CE for dental office licensed and non-licensed personnel. Dr. Williams moved to approve the guidelines. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. Mr. Edmonds will draft a statement for the Board’s opinion on training dental office staff. It was noted that Rule 270-X-2.15 states:

It is the responsibility of all currently licensed dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and all other personnel who are utilized by a licensed dentist and who assist in a dental practice and may be exposed to body fluids such as blood or saliva to maintain familiarity with these recommendations and guidelines.

At 9:36 A.M. the President announced a break; the meeting resumed at 10:03 A.M.

Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dental License by Regional Exam applications based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicants. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

- Melisa Adams, DMD
- Ankita Aggarwal, DDS
- Daniel Brumley, DDS
- Matthew Fay, DDS
- Devante Josephs, DDS
- Carl Provenzano, DDS
- Jacqueline Powell, DMD
- Matthew Rurka, DMD
- Tonya Saikaly, DMD
- Rae Sesanto, DDS
- Christian Silveira, DDS
- Nancy Singh, DMD

Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dental License by Credentials for Ashraf Fouad, DDS based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dental Special Purpose-3yrs application based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for Kathryn Hawn, DDS. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

At 10:07 A.M., Ms. Campbell moved to enter executive session for the discussion of the general reputation, character and/or professional competence of individual members of the public and to return to public session at 10:25 A.M. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and the President called for the vote: Dr. Sims, yea, Dr. Cunningham, yea, Dr. Williams, yea, Dr. McIlwain, yea, Ms. Campbell, yea, Dr. Beckham, yea, Dr. Pischek, yea. The motion carried. At 10:23 A.M. the Board retired from executive session and returned to public session.

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

- Janet Campbell, RDH
- Christina Carpenter, RDH
- Whitney Ealy, RDH
- Zoiee Gobbell, RDH
- Aria Jackson, RHD
- Ashley Lamprecht, RDH
- Jaecy Nicholson, RDH
- Sandra Parr, RDH
- Emily Peters, RDH
- Kaela Smyth, RDH
- Tabitha Terry, RDH
- Savannah Thompson, RDH
- Marly Warren, RDH

Ms. Campbell moved to approve Hygiene Infiltration/Anesthesia permits for the following licensed hygienists. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

- Amy Cooper, RDH
- Kallie Mixon, RDH
- Kayla Webb, RDH
- Macie Menesses, RDH
- Lizabeth Mitchell, RDH

Dr. Cunningham moved for administrative closure of case 2018-21. 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. Sims moved that case 2020-59 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Beckham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. Williams moved that case 2019-77 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Latham presented a report on the ADHP.

She discussed this year's administrations of licensing exams, and made recommendations for the future. Dr. Sims moved to appoint a committee consisting of Dr. Stevens, Dr. Cunningham, Ms. Latham, and Ms. Campbell, to research proctoring of ADHP exams. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent. After discussion, the board's general consensus is for Ms. Latham to administer the 4th comprehensive exam after the CITA retakes are administered.

At 11:00 A.M., Dr. Lisa Beckham and Mike Campbell joined the meeting.

Blake Strickland presented the Inspection Report.

The annual clinic inspections for educational institutions began in September and will continue into October. There are currently 35 clinics to be inspected statewide. As of this report, Mr. Strickland has inspected 22 clinics. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, more than 10 clinics opted not to participate this year in hosting UAB dental students.

Mr. Strickland discussed the continuing education course that he presented in September for the UAB-School of Dentistry on behalf of the Board. The course covered OCS/PA/GA permits, as well as the applicable state and federal laws. Mr. Strickland presented this course via Zoom. He was asked by course participants to develop similar training for the non-licensed staff that assist OCS/PA/GA permit holders. This concluded the report.

Dr. Cunningham commended staff for the extra work done to process and add ADHP graduates' license applications to this meeting's agenda for board approval. He recommended a monetary bonus for certain staff members. Dr. Pischek moved to award a \$250.00 bonus. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham moved to appoint the new officers for the 2020-2021 board term: Dr. McIlwain, President; Dr. Sims, Vice President; Dr. Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Sims suggested moving meetings back to the board office. The Governor's current social distancing order has been set through Nov. 8. After discussion the decision was made to start moving staff back to "normal" at-office work. Mr. Edmonds will price out the cost of adding the elevator and using the larger upstairs room for meetings in order to comply with OSHA restrictions.

Dr. Pischek said he wants to have a meeting with certain staff to discuss the changes that could be made to make the renewal process more user friendly and less work for staff.

Mr. Edmonds read a congratulatory note sent by Dr. Garver to Ms. Campbell and Dr. Beckham as they rotate off the board. Dr. McIlwain presented plaques to both retiring members. Dr. Beckham thanked members and staff in a farewell speech. Ms. Campbell also gave a farewell speech although she will remain on "board" until after the runoff election for dental hygiene member is concluded.

Dental Hygiene License by Exam Administered by CITA

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Bailey, Sherry	Kimbrell, Lorinda	Tolbert, Sierra
Barnes, Hannah	Landry, Rochele	Tomlinson, Deven
Barnes, Summer	Lankford, Brooklyn	Towl, Kendall
Bencko, Madison	Lindsay, Amanda	Turvin, Katelyn
Bigbee, Courtney	Lloyd, Shelbie	Underwood, Leah
Bishop, Anna	Maples, Jeri	Watkins, Summer
Blevins, Amber	Martinez, Wendy Franco	Watts, Breanna
Brackin, Madison	Mason, Tanner	Wilson, Leah
Brown, Kara	Mayfield, Cassidy	Woodham, Christie
Burke, Brittany	McCants, Mia	Yarbrough, Jennifer
Chase, Heather	McClain, Tequila	Lambard, Jordan
Choy, Judy	McCurdy, Mallory	Kent, Haley
Cole, Hannah	McGraw, Tiffany	Thomas, April
Coleman, Rebeka	McLeary, Evelyn	
Collins, Megan	Moore, Gabrielle	
Cordero, Allison	Mosley, Krista	
Cortes, Clarissa	Mott, Jade	
Costin, Lynsey	Murphy, Karoline	
Crawford, Kayla	Nicholas, Melissa	
Crouch, Lauren	Olds, Mason	
Culp, Haydyn	Osbourn, Kelsey	
Culver, Reagan	Parks, Brooke	
Davis, Amber	Parvin, Chelsea	
Davis, Chelsie	Peavy, Jennifer	
Denny, Erica	Phillips, Catarina	
Denton, Elise	Pitts, Victoria	
Denton, Hannah	Quillin, Anna	
Emmons, Kayla	Rape, Emily	
Erwin, Dekayla	Reed, Rachael	
Esco, Lauren	Reid, Monica	
Estefany, Angel Rosas	Ridge, Crystal	
Freeman, Carmen	Roberts, Elizabeth	
Green, Kim	Rogers, Katilin	
Grobe, Lauren	Sanderson, Toysanya	
Gurley, Yousha	Schwartz, Brooke	
Hadley, Stevie	Sheffield, Marissa	
Hancock, Kenzi	Shorrosh, Laurie	
Hardy, Jordan	Sims, Glenda	
Haynes, Karah	Sizemore, Jordan	
Haynie, Vanessa	Stafford, Baylee	
Henderson, Morgan	Stevens, Brandi	
Henderson, Sidnie	Stevens, Whitney	
Holmes, Alyssa	Stewart, Evelyn	
Hudson, Sarah	Suddith, Mary Beth	
Jones, Carley	Teer, Lindsey	

At 11:38 A.M., Dr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Michael Sims, DMD, MS". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kevin Michael Sims, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: Nov. 5, 2020

Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz