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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY December 3, 2020

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, December 3, 2020, via videoconference. All members were in attendance, as were selected staff members.

The meeting came to order at 6:01 P.M. The Board then took the following actions:

The Board agreed to make changes to the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program, to include requiring graduates to take the ADEX OSCE for licensure, to raise certain fees to help sustain the program, and to raise instructor pay after many years of stagnation.

The Board briefly entered into executive session to discuss issues for which executive sessions are permissible under the Open Meetings Act.

The Board approved certain continuing education for its Investigator, Blake Strickland, and approved attendance for members and certain staff at the February conference of the American Association of Dental Boards.

The Board then approved several license and permit applications, agreed on dispositions of certain disciplinary actions, and heard the Inspection Report given by Mr. Strickland.

The Board also determined to issue a statement reaffirming that dental care remains essential during the pandemic, which statement will be posted on the Board website and otherwise disseminated; and approved the appointment of Dr. Melodie Jones to be the Board's representative to the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies.

Finally, the Board welcomed, and commissioned by swearing-in, its new hygiene representative, Ms. Kay Alexander, RDH. The Board unanimously thanked Ms. Sherry S. Campbell, RDH, CDHC, for her five years of exemplary service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.