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## BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF ALABAMA

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### MINUTES BOARD MEETING March 4, 2021

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, March 4, 2021 via video conference.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark R. McIlwain, President; Dr. Kevin M. Sims, Vice President; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Marshall A. Williams; Dr. Roberto V. Pischek; Dr. Melodie A. Jones; and Ms. Sandra Kay Alexander, RDH. Also in attendance were Bradley W. Edmonds, Esq., Executive Director; Dr. Donna L. Dixon, Esq., Prosecuting Counsel; Blake Strickland, Investigator; Gina Latham, RDH, ADHP Coordinator; Sonya Lankford, Business Manager; Linda Dlugosz, Licensing Clerk, Dr. Alvin Stevens, ADPH Director, and Steve Windom were also in attendance.

The President determined that a quorum was present; counsel orally confirmed.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, [www.dentalboard.org](http://www.dentalboard.org), and on the Secretary of State's website, [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov), in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The President asked for review of the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting. Dr. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cunningham presented the Financial Report. There were no objections; the report was accepted as presented.

Steve Windom presented the Legislative Report.

He updated members on activities in Montgomery including actions taken by Governor Ivey, and on bills that are in process. This concluded the report, and Mr. Windom left the meeting.

At 6:10 P.M. Dr. Jones moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the general reputation, character, and/or professional competence of licensees and to return to Public Session at 6:25 P.M. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and the President called for the vote: Dr. Jones, yea, Dr. Pischek, yea, Dr. Cunningham, yea, Ms. Alexander, yea, Dr. Sims, yea, Dr. Williams, yea, Dr. McIlwain, yea. The motion carried. At 6:18 P.M. the board retired from Executive Session and returned to Public Session.

Dr. Cunningham reminded members that the Board voted last year to accept manikin exams through June 30, 2021. After discussion, Dr. Cunningham moved to accept manikin exams for dental and dental hygiene initial licensure through December 31, 2022. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

After reviewing a past *Board Opinion on Approving Continuing Education Offerings*, Dr. Pischek moved to rescind the opinion because the Rule speaks for itself. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

After considering a proposal to use a third-party CE auditor, Dr. McIlwain suggested declining to utilize a third-party CE auditor. Members agreed; no action was taken.

Dr. Red Stevens and Gina Latham presented the ADHP Report.

After much discussion and in response to CITA’s request to state a preference for either manikin or live exams for ADHP graduates, Ms. Alexander moved to require the manikin exam through 2022 for ADHP graduates. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Latham and Dr. Stevens agreed to host an Instructor Certification class at the ALDA June 2021 meeting. If the ALDA meeting is cancelled they will still host a virtual class in June. Dr. Jones moved to inform ALDA that the Board will host the Instructor course at their physical or virtual meeting in June with the caveat that a dentist could attend that meeting in June and be qualified as Instructor for the 2022-2023 ADHP, and not for the incoming 2021-2022 class. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Alexander volunteered to attend a 3rd 2021 CODA site visit April 28-29. Dr. Cunningham moved to appoint Ms. Alexander as representative to CODA’s site visit on that date. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Lisbet Diaz-Linares, DMD  
Virginia Lucas, DMD  
Amanda Przekora, DMD

Kayla Ramplin, DDS  
Kanecia Tolbert, DDS

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

Cody Christensen, DDS  
John Lovell, DMD  
Ronald Moore, DDS

Rodrigo Robles, DDS  
Russell Taichman, DMD  
Barrett Tolley DMD

Ms. Alexander recommended approval of Dental Hygiene License by Regional Exam based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicants. Dr. Williams moved to approve the applications. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Courtney Reed, RDH

Trekale Hatfield, RDH

Ms. Alexander recommended approval of Dental Hygiene License by Credentials based on successful completion of the jurisprudence exam for the following applicant. Dr. Jones moved to approve the application. Dr. Sims seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Regina Harper, RDH

Ms. Alexander recommended approval of Dental Hygiene License by Exam Administered by CITA. This applicant had already passed the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Jones moved to approve the application. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Amanda Hand, RDH

Dr. Williams moved that cases 2020-087 and 2020-082 have no evidence to sustain. 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. Williams moved to assess a non-disciplinary fine against the Respondent of case 2021-011 and to also notice the Respondent for a hearing. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. McIlwain mentioned that because Governor Ivey proposes to rescind the mask order on April 9 and roll back a number of restrictions; the Board needs to be ready to revise COVID protocol for licensees. He and Dr. Sims will communicate with the ADPH to decide how the Board's protocol will need to be changed. Since the next meeting is scheduled for April 1 there may need to be an emergency meeting to establish a revised protocol.

Mr. Edmonds read the Wellness Report provided by Dr. Mike Garver. The report detailed activities of participants in the program.

The President called on Ms. Sonya Lankford for a report of her inspection of the building with the architect. An elevator would open on the 2nd floor for the public, but extensive testing would have to be done to see what type of elevator the building could sustain. Another option would be to just enlarge the current board room on the first floor. Mr. Edmonds will ask the architect to price 2 options separately: install an elevator; enlarge the current 1st-floor boardroom.

At 7:10 P.M., Dr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Bruce Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: April 1, 2021

Submitted by: Linda Dlugosz

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	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Oct '20 - Jan 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
501 · Annual Dental Registration	1,425.00	0.00	671,970.00	708,675.00	708,675.00	
502 · Annual Hygiene Registration	520.00	0.00	269,365.00	284,375.00	284,375.00	
503 · Controlled Substance Fee	730.00	0.00	248,820.00	246,100.00	246,100.00	
504 · Annual Teaching Permits	200.00	0.00	5,600.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
505 · ADHP Certification	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	
508 · ADHP	0.00	0.00	-675.00	0.00	135,000.00	
509 · Dental Exam Fee	500.00	750.00	1,100.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	
510 · Original License Fee	250.00	322.92	650.00	1,291.68	3,875.00	
511 · Licenses Reprint Fee	50.00	41.66	225.00	166.64	500.00	
512 · Dental Hygiene Exam Fee	1,125.00	416.66	3,150.00	1,666.64	5,000.00	
515 · Penalty Fee	1,300.00	583.33	2,050.00	2,333.32	7,000.00	
516 · Privilege License Money	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	
517 · Interest Inc - checking	6.65	16.67	26.39	66.68	200.00	
518 · Parental Sedation Permit Fee	0.00	1,166.66	10,200.00	4,666.64	14,000.00	
519 · Anesthesia Permit	0.00	4,354.16	50,300.00	17,416.64	52,250.00	
521 · Other Income	0.00	41.67	1,269.42	166.68	500.00	
525 · Dent Hyg Bd Appl	0.00	625.00	9,525.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	
526 · ADHP Materials	0.00	0.00	-325.00	0.00	65,000.00	
527-1 · Administrative Costs	7,950.00	625.00	8,905.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	
527-3 · Administrative Fines	160.00	0.00	320.00	0.00	0.00	
527 · Disciplinary Fines (Prior)	15,800.00	0.00	16,850.00	0.00	0.00	
528 · Initial Anesthesia Evaluation	0.00	2,083.33	2,050.00	8,333.32	25,000.00	
529 · OCS Annual Reg. Fee	100.00	0.00	18,900.00	19,850.00	19,850.00	
530 · Licensure By Credentials	11,000.00	4,166.67	19,800.00	16,666.68	50,000.00	
531 · RETURNED CHECK CHARGES	75.00	41.67	225.00	166.68	500.00	
532 · OCS Initial App. Fee	0.00		100.00			
533 · Dental Lic. Bd Exam Application	1,875.00	1,666.66	4,125.00	6,666.64	20,000.00	
540 · Special Purpose Dental Lic Fee	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
545 · Special Purpose Hygiene Lic Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
617 · MDF Permits	0.00	541.67	3,000.00	2,166.68	6,500.00	

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620 · Hygiene Infiltration Permit	500.00	462.50	5,950.00	1,850.00	5,550.00	
800 · 800-OVERPAYMENTS	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,566.65</b>	<b>17,906.23</b>	<b>1,353,475.81</b>	<b>1,337,624.92</b>	<b>1,715,875.00</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>43,566.65</b>	<b>17,906.23</b>	<b>1,353,475.81</b>	<b>1,337,624.92</b>	<b>1,715,875.00</b>	
<b>Expense</b>						
0100-0 · Personnel Costs	49,072.76	50,833.33	196,291.04	203,333.32	610,000.00	
0114-0 · Board Member Compensation	2,700.00	8,333.33	14,800.00	33,333.32	100,000.00	
0198-0 · Bonus	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
0201-0 · Payroll Expenses	3,960.59	5,083.33	17,484.68	20,333.32	61,000.00	
0202-0 · Pension Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90,000.00	
0203-0 · Medical Insurance	8,272.13	9,166.66	32,006.53	36,666.64	110,000.00	
0204-0 · Workman Comp. Ins.	0.00	0.00	-11,448.00	0.00	6,000.00	
0300-0 · Travel - In-State	0.00	2,083.33	2,162.10	8,333.32	25,000.00	
0400-0 · Travel - Out-of-State	0.00	2,333.33	555.00	9,333.32	28,000.00	
0500-0 · Repairs & Maintenance	8,659.76	1,666.66	11,575.44	6,666.64	20,000.00	
0600-1 · Rentals & Leases/Offsite Meetin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
0600-2 · NEW OFFICE SPACE	0.00	347.91	0.00	1,391.64	4,175.00	
0602-1 · Rent on Building	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
0700-0 · Utilities & Communications						
0700-1 · Utilities - Telephone	216.47	535.00	1,545.26	2,140.00	6,420.00	
0700-3 · Utilities - Power	1,655.92	1,000.00	3,728.54	4,000.00	12,000.00	
0700-4 · Utilities - Internet	399.00	400.00	1,596.00	1,600.00	4,800.00	
0700-5 · Utilities - Water/Sewer	547.89	333.33	1,244.94	1,333.32	4,000.00	
<b>Total 0700-0 · Utilities &amp; Communications</b>	<b>2,819.28</b>	<b>2,268.33</b>	<b>8,114.74</b>	<b>9,073.32</b>	<b>27,220.00</b>	
0800-0 · Professional Services	23,744.66	15,833.33	61,315.39	63,333.32	190,000.00	
0800-1 · Membership Dues & Subscriptions	2,206.00	1,666.66	6,253.00	6,666.64	20,000.00	
0801-0 · Board Attorney Fees						
0801-1 · Attorney General's Office	0.00	416.66	0.00	1,666.64	5,000.00	
0801-0 · Board Attorney Fees - Other	0.00	11,666.66	17,246.12	46,666.64	140,000.00	
<b>Total 0801-0 · Board Attorney Fees</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,083.32</b>	<b>17,246.12</b>	<b>48,333.28</b>	<b>145,000.00</b>	
0840-0 · CONSULTANTS	6,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	72,000.00	
0899-1 · Evaluator Fees	0.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	4,000.00	12,000.00	

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0899-2 · Hearing Officer Fees	0.00	166.66	0.00	666.64	2,000.00	
0899-6 · A.D.H.P. Materials & Supplies	0.00	250.00	0.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	
0900-0 · Office Expense	690.34	1,458.33	4,995.64	5,833.32	17,500.00	
0900-1 · Recycle / Paper Disposal	107.51	54.16	209.02	216.64	650.00	
0902-0 · NPDB HIPDB License Background	40.00	15.00	42.00	60.00	180.00	
0906-0 · Printing & Supplies	0.00	166.67	60.00	666.68	2,000.00	
0910-0 · Postage	0.00	416.67	1,000.00	1,666.68	5,000.00	
0924-0 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	11,429.00	0.00	11,000.00	
0944 · Computer Expenses						
0944-0 · Computer Updates	9,573.78	2,083.33	9,573.78	8,333.32	25,000.00	
0944-1 · Computer Support	6,554.80	6,250.00	22,428.78	25,000.00	75,000.00	
0944 · Computer Expenses - Other	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 0944 · Computer Expenses</b>	<b>16,128.58</b>	<b>8,333.33</b>	<b>32,002.56</b>	<b>33,333.32</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	
0951-0 · NSF	0.00	8.33	252.00	33.32	100.00	
0999-0 · MISC.	0.00	291.67	0.00	1,166.68	3,500.00	
1000-1 · Vehicle Repairs & Maint.	0.00	416.67	115.70	1,666.68	5,000.00	
1000-2 · Vehicle Fuel	0.00	375.00	730.62	1,500.00	4,500.00	
1400-0 · Equipment						
0600-3 · Equipment Rental/Lease	3,392.44	2,916.67	12,397.00	11,666.68	35,000.00	
1400-0 · Equipment - Other	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 1400-0 · Equipment</b>	<b>3,392.44</b>	<b>2,916.67</b>	<b>12,397.00</b>	<b>11,666.68</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	
6950 · Bank & CC Service Fees	172.89	170.83	727.75	683.32	2,050.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>127,966.94</b>	<b>133,739.51</b>	<b>449,917.33</b>	<b>538,958.04</b>	<b>1,715,875.00</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-84,400.29</b>	<b>-115,833.28</b>	<b>903,558.48</b>	<b>798,666.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Other Income</b>						
527-2 · ADPWC - Monitoring Fee	4,650.00	0.00	9,200.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,650.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>4,650.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>-79,750.29</u></b>	<b><u>-115,833.28</u></b>	<b><u>912,758.48</u></b>	<b><u>798,666.88</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	