



Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING July 27, 2023

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, July 27, 2023, at the Board office to conduct business.

The President called the board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Marshall A. Williams, President; Dr. Bruce E. Cunningham, Vice President; Dr. Roberto Pischek, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Melodie A. Jones; Dr. Kevin M. Sims; and Dr. Mark R. McIlwain. Also in attendance were W. Blake Strickland, Executive Director; Aaron Dettling, Esq., General Counsel; Shannon Youngblood, Investigator; Dr. Mary Beth Finn, Financial Services Manager.

The President determined a quorum was present, and the Executive Director 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.

Director Strickland discussed the recent increase in Public Records Requests received by staff. In order to ensure appropriate responses, Director Strickland requested the Board move to utilizing board-issued email addresses (e.g., membername@dentalboard.org) for official board business. Dr. Sims made a motion to approve setting up board-issued email addresses for all board members, both current and future. Dr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Due to recent miscommunications with leadership from the Alabama Dental Association (ALDA), Director Strickland suggested the Board redefine the joint legislative committee between the two groups. He suggested the Board appoint up to 3 current board members to serve on the legislative committee, as directed by the Board President. Dr. Cunningham made a motion to adopt the new recommendation of up to 3 current board members, as appointed by the Board President to serve on the joint legislative committee with the state association. Dr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Williams called a break at 6:20 p.m. The Board returned at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session "to deliberate and discuss evidence or testimony presented during a public or contested case hearing and vote upon the outcome of the proceeding or hearing," as permitted by Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(9) and not to return to the public session. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called: Dr. Williams, yes; Dr. Cunningham, yes; Dr. Pischek, yes; Dr. Jones, yes; Dr. McIlwain, yes; Dr. Sims, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Roberto V. Pischek, DMO in cursive script.

Dr. Roberto V. Pischek, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: _____

Submitted by: Steve Hancock