

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Dentistry  
Business Meeting, Presentation, Application Hearing, and Disciplinary Hearing  
April 27, 2012  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Board members present:

Charles F. Wade, D.M.D., Vice President  
John M. Whittington, D.M.D., Secretary  
Douglas J. Alterman, D.M.D.  
Thomas M. Dixon, D.M.D.  
Felicia L. Goins, D.D.S.  
Z. Vance Morgan, IV, D.M.D.  
Sherie Williams Barbare, R.D.H.  
Eric C. Schweitzer, Esquire, Public Member

Board member with excused absence:

David W. Jones, D.M.D., President

Staff and others present were:

Carolyn Coats, LLR Administrative Assistant  
Julie Cole, Recovering Professional Program (RPP)  
Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator  
Lorie Graham, Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE)  
Alexia Hall, OIE  
Suzanne Hawkins, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of General Counsel (OGC)  
Kathy Meadows, OIE  
Jerry Merritt, OIE  
Holly G. Pisarik, LLR Director  
Mark Sanders, OIE  
Robin Spaniel, Thompson Court Reporter  
Sheridon H. Spoon, Esquire, LLR Advice Attorney  
Terri Stephens, OIE  
Rick Wilson, RPP

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CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Dentistry was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER AND ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Dr. Wade, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted. One excused absence was noted.

These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website:

[www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Alterman to approve the Agenda and Minutes as presented. Dr. Goins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Dixon to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2012 Board meeting and Minutes of the March 20, 2012 teleconference Board meeting. Sherie Barbare seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES REPORTS:

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report:

The IRC report was presented.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Dixon to approve the IRC report authorizing eleven (11) dismissals with one (1) Order to Cease and Desist. Dr. Alterman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Goins to approve the IRC report authorizing six (6) Formal Complaints Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Whittington to approve the IRC report authorizing three (3) Letters of Caution. Dr. Alterman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and OGC Management Reports:

The OIE and OGC Management Reports were presented and accepted as information. \*

PRESENTATION: Midlands Technical College

A presentation regarding externships supervised by dental hygienists or dentists for dental hygiene students at Midlands Technical College was presented by Dr. Martha Hanks, Dr. Catherine Mileyzak and Ms. Becky Marchi. Discussion followed regarding accountability of all involved based on review of the Dentistry Practice Act; and regarding the need to have a preceptor manual developed. A future review was suggested.

NEW DIRECTOR:

Director Holly G. Pisarik was introduced and spoke to the Board.

\* OGC Report Continued:

Suzanne Hawkins notified Board of Court of Appeals Order on case on Dr. R. Charles Hurst, Jr. No copy of the Order was given at this time.

APPLICATION HEARING: Monica D. Dawson, D.D.S.

Dr. Dawson appeared without counsel to request a license to practice dentistry. Mr. Spoon advised the Board and a court reporter was present. The application hearing proceeded. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** Dr. Whittington made a motion to go into executive session. Dr. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Whittington made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Schweitzer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Dixon made a motion to license Dr. Dawson by examination with the stipulation that she be on probation in the state of South Carolina until her date in September when she is removed from probation in the state of Georgia. Dr. Goins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING WITH MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: Nicole R. Lawrence, R.D.H.  
A disciplinary hearing was held with a Memorandum of Agreement presented. Ms. Lawrence chose not to be represented. The Board was represented by Suzanne Hawkins, Sheridan Spoon advised the Board, and a court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present and the hearing proceeded.

**Motion:** Dr. Goins made a motion to go into executive session. Dr. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Mr. Schweitzer made a motion to return to public session. Dr. Goins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Whittington made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and issue a Letter of Caution. Dr. Goins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

##### Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given by Mrs. Cox to include: the staffing report for the Board; the announcement of Mrs. Coats retirement; the statistical report on number of licensees and licensing actions; the biennial renewal notification to begin in mid October; the update of the "Clean-up" Bill 4232 ; the status of Bill 1127 for District 7 membership; announcement of the next Board meetings to be July 13th and October 12<sup>th</sup> ; reminder of past due for filing of Economic Interests; and update on the Board elections which are still postponed by the Governor's office.

##### Financial Report:

Financial Report of the Board was given as information by Mrs. Cox.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Groupon Usage Inquiry:

The Board discussed Groupon usage and the ADA opinion on Groupon that clarified the issues of using them. The Board asked for a letter to be sent to the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) to thank them for the ADA Advisory opinion on Groupon; and the Board will refer inquirers and licensees to that opinion and to the Board's regulation on split fees.

##### Anesthesia and Sedation Committee Report:

Dr. Wade reported on the Committee's initial findings and draft report. Discussion followed on many points to include evaluating offices, putting together evaluation teams, designing forms to be used, checking states' procedures, and reviewing Board of Dentistry laws on anesthesia and sedation and what might be needed in

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legislation. Legislation was discussed for the future. The Board asked for a letter to be written to the SCDA to advise them that the Board is working by committee on an anesthesia and sedation study at this time.

Ratification of Licenses and Registrations:

Newly issued licenses and registrations were presented to the Board for ratification for the dates January 9, 2012 through April 22, 2012. (Attached)

**Motion:** Dr. Dixon made a motion to ratify the lists of licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, and registered dental technicians. Ms. Barbare seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

Teeth whitening and the FTC with teeth whitening issue in North Carolina were discussed. Dr. Whittington said he will make the presentation regarding the Board in Charleston at the SCDA meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Dr. Wade asked for adjournment.

**Motion:** Dr. Whittington made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator