



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING January 18, 2008

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2008, Dr. John Ross, President, called the meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to order. The following members were present:

John W. Ross, D.D.S.  
Marc Muncy, D.D.S.  
Robert L. Jolly, Sr., D.D.S.  
David Walker, D.D.S.  
E. Wayne Looney, D.D.S.  
H. Warren Whitis, D.D.S.  
Jan Blancett, R.D.H.  
Ruby Falconer  
Barbara Fletcher

Executive Director Donna Cobb and Attorney William Trice were also present.

Dr. Ross requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from November 16, 2007. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes. The motion passed.

Dr. John Michael Burrows appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental license by credentials. With all paperwork submitted, a motion was made and seconded to grant him an Arkansas dental license by credentials. The motion passed.

Dr. Wendi Nichols-Gregory appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental license by credentials. With all paperwork submitted, a motion was made and seconded to grant her an Arkansas dental license by credentials. The motion passed.

Alisha McCuller appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental hygiene license by examination. A motion was made and seconded to issue a dental hygiene license to Ms. McCuller. The motion passed.

Stacie Cruz appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental hygiene license by credentials. With most paperwork in, a motion was made and seconded to issue a dental hygiene license to Ms. Cruz upon receipt of her official transcript by the Board office. The motion passed.

The following licensees appeared before the Board per Board Order or request:

- Nora Breedlove, RDH – Dr. Diner of the Arkansas Medical Foundation reported that Ms. Breedlove remains in compliance with her Medical Foundation contract. The Board wished her well.
- Bryan C. Childress, DDS – Dr. Diner reported that Dr. Childress has been compliant with his Medical Foundation contract and his contract ends January 28, 2008. A motion was made and seconded to release Dr. Childress from his Order; the motion passed and the Board wished him well.
- G. Clifford Hays, DDS – Dr. Hays reported that the record-keeping course he attended at Case Western University was valuable to his practice. The Board wished him well and he will revisit the Board on May 9, 2008.
- Kimberle Langston, RDH – Ms. Langston reported that she is practicing dental hygiene 2-3 days per week and is compliant with her Medical Foundation contract and Board Order. She continues to be monitored by the Board as well as the Arkansas Nursing Board and Union County Drug Court. The Board wished her well and she will revisit the Board on February 29, 2008.
- Billy R. Machen, DDS – Dr. Machen has been compliant with his Medical Foundation contract, per Dr. Diner. The Board wished him well and he will revisit the Board on February 29, 2008.
- Deana Priest, RDH – Ms. Priest has been complaint with her Medical Foundation contract and Board Order and will revisit the Board on June 27, 2008.
- Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS – Dr. Smith reported that she remains in compliance with her Medical Foundation contract and Board Order and continues to teach at the University of Tennessee. The Board wished her well and she will revisit the Board on June 27, 2008.
- Cami Smith, RDH – Ms. Smith reported that she remains complaint with her Medical Foundation contract and has completed one year of her three year contract. The Board wished her well and she will revisit the Board on June 27, 2008.

- John Hargett, DDS – Dr. Hargett remains complaint with his Medical Foundation contract and Board Order. The Board wished him well and he will revisit the Board in January 2009.

Provisional licensee, Dr. Jose Turcios, appeared before the Board with his sponsor, Dr. Bevans, to give an update on his progress. Both reported doing well and will return in February.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Act 1211 of 1995 which states that the Board may authorize payment to its members of a stipend not to exceed \$110 per meeting, examination, evaluation or inspection attended or for any day while performing any proper business of the Board.

The Board discussed a letter from Dr. Laurence Howe. In his letter, Dr. Howe wanted to know what the Board's position was on dentists prescribing a medication called Chantix to aid in the cessation of smoking. The Board's position is that it is within the scope of practicing dentistry for a dentist to prescribe smoking cessation medication to a patient.

Next, the Board reviewed a letter from Jamey D. Wright who wanted to know if full licensure was required for a dentist licensed in another state who consults with a licensed dentist in the state of Arkansas. The Board instructed Ms. Cobb to invite Jamey Wright to a future Board meeting to discuss the matter in detail.

The Board discussed a letter from Heath White who questioned the legality of a mobile dentistry unit. Mr. Trice agreed to correspond with Mr. White concerning this matter.

A letter from Kasey Sorters, RDH was the next item of discussion. In her letter, Ms. Sorters wanted to know if the Board would temporarily grant her a CPR exemption until she returns to Arkansas and resumes practicing dental hygiene because she is currently in London, England. A motion was made and seconded to grant her an exemption until May 2008; the motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to grant a temporary CPR exemption to Dr. Joel Hamilton due to health reasons until June 2008; the motion passed. A letter will also be sent to Dr. Hamilton instructing him to send proof of other CPR-certified persons in his dental office.

The Board reviewed Facility Permit applications from Drs. Darron Cooper and W. Gene Jines. Motions were made and seconded to table each application. The Board also instructed Donna Cobb to ask Drs. Cooper and Jines about the level of anesthesia that will be conducted in their offices.

In his Attorney's Report, Mr. Trice informed the Board of the latest draft of the article on dispensing. He also informed the Board that Dr. Lowell Williams would like to appear at the next Board meeting to discuss his advertising.

In her Board office update, Ms. Cobb:

- Provided the Board with the latest financial reports and asked for questions.
- Asked for the number of Board members who plan to attend the AADE Meeting in Chicago, Illinois in March 2008; six Board members will attend.
- Informed the Board members that their Statement of Financial Interest was in their packets.
- Asked the Board if it accepts online CPR courses. A motion was made and seconded to not accept any CPR courses taken online.
- Gave the Board an update on the number of dentists and hygienists who have renewed their licenses.
- Asked Mr. Trice how to go about doing away with the thirty day grace period for licensees to renew their licenses.
- Asked Mr. Trice how to address the number of complaints that the Board office has received concerning unlicensed persons doing laser teeth whitening. Mr. Trice replied by saying that he would do a position paper upon receiving input from the Board.

Dr. Marc Muncy gave the Complaint Committee Report. The Committee met the previous evening and reviewed seven complaints. Four complaints were found to have no apparent violation. No action was taken on one complaint. The Committee recommended that charges be voted against Dr. Donald Sitzes for poor record-keeping. In lieu of a Hearing, the Committee would like to give Mr. Trice the authority to offer a Consent Order to Dr. Sitzes to take the "Medical Record Keeping" course at Case Western University and to pay all investigative costs. The Committee also recommended that charges be voted against Drs. Stephen and Rachel Deal for use of an unapproved fictitious name. Lastly, the Committee wanted Dr. Lowell Williams to appear at the next Board meeting and bring copies of all forms of advertising placed within the last two years.

The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2008, at 6 pm.

The report from the Rules and Regulations Committee was given to the Board members for their review. The Committee recommended that the Board continue to table all applications for all levels of anesthesia and facility permits until after Article XIII revisions are completed and enacted. The next Rules and Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2008.

In the report on SRTA business, Dr. Looney announced that examinations will begin next weekend and that examiners will begin using their PDAs (personal

digital assistants) for the dental and dental hygiene exams. He also announced that there is a new candidate's manual, SRTA has started accepting applications online, and that the search continues for a new executive director.

Ms. Barbara Fletcher reported the minutes of the Oral Health Coalition meetings were in the Board packets for review and that the Governor's Oral Health Summit would be held on February 15, 2008, at Pulaski Technical College.

The Board reviewed and approved the following fictitious names:

*Lakeside Family Dental* (Dr. William Perkins)

*New Smile Dental* (Dr. Gilberto Lopez)

*Rock Creek Dental Group* (Drs. Lindsey Dolan & Russell Cooper)

The next meeting of the Board will be held Friday, February 29, 2008. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robt L. Jolly, Sr." in a cursive style.

Robert L. Jolly, Sr., D.D.S.  
Secretary/Treasurer