In Attendance

Board Members
Robert Carter, DDS  Carl S. Plyler, DDS
Drew Toole, DDS  Jennifer Lamb, RDH
L. Frederick Church, Jr., DDS  Donna White
C.W. Dill, DDS

Board Staff
Donna, Cobb (Executive Director), Meredith Rogers (Investigator), Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst), and Kevin O’Dwyer (Attorney)

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the January 20, 2017 minutes.

Acceptance of Other Clinical Examinations

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the following clinical examinations for dentists and hygienists (provided that a clinical patient based component of the examination is administered and successfully completed by the applicant): Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) and the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS). Acceptance by the Board will be retroactive to January 1, 2012 (clinical examination scores are good for five years from the date of successful passage).

Public Hearing: Article XIV

A Public Hearing was held on Article XIV concerning the minimum continuing education for dentists and dental hygienists. With no one speaking for or against, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed changes. Per Jennifer Lamb, the changes will go into effect in January 2018.

Interviews for Dental Licensure by Credentials

Drs. Alan Newman, Sarah Yarnell, and Bracy Haynie each appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental license by credentials. After some discussion, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to issue each dentist a license.
**Attendances Per Board Order**

**Drs. Christopher Larson** and **Nancy Malcolm** each appeared before the Board with Dr. Brad Diner of the Arkansas Medical Foundation. Dr. Diner reported that Dr. Larson remains compliant with his contract and will revisit the Board in September. Dr. Diner also reported that Dr. Malcolm is compliant and will revisit the Board in May. The Board will approve her employment once she decides where she plans to work.

**Review of Candidates for the Board Attorney Position**

**Verona Swanigan, Kevin O’Dwyer, and Jennifer Montgomery** each appeared before the Board for an interview for the Board Attorney position. After some discussion with each candidate, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to retain Kevin O’Dwyer as the Board’s legal counsel.

**Approval of Laser Certification Course**

The Board reviewed and approved the laser certification course taken by **Drs. Angela Broomfield and Kristen Beavers**, and their hygienists **Kristina King, Megan Hatfield, Lindsey Cove, Hannah O’Meara, and Lindsay Gullet**.

**Fictitious Name Request**

The Board reviewed and approved **Forest Heights Dental** requested by Dr. Julia Gildon.

**Email from AADB**

The Board reviewed an email from Richard Ketke, executive director of the American Association of Dental Boards. In his email, he requested to appear before the Board to inform the Board of the AADB’s Assessment Services Program. The Board instructed Donna Cobb to invite him.

**Reports**

**Board Office Report**

Donna Cobb reported that financial reports were available for review.

**Rules & Regulations Committee Report**

The Committee met the previous evening and Article XIV Minimum Continuing Education for Dentist and Dental Hygienists was again discussed.

**ASDA Report**
Billy Tarpley, executive director of the Arkansas State Dental Association, updated the Board on some legislative changes. He informed the Board of Senate Bill 339 (known as the “PDMP Bill”) which will require prescribers to check the prescription and drug monitoring database before prescribing to patients. Senate Bill 339 was passed by the Senate and is on its way to the House.

He also reported that House Bill 1250 has passed both houses and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2017 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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