

**MINUTES**  
**NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Morrisville, North Carolina**  
**February 9-10, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Dr. Lanier**

A. Call to Order

Dr. Karen Lanier, President of the Board, called the business meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. Dr. Lanier read the following statement regarding conflicts of interest as a reminder to all Board members:

In accordance with General Statute 138A-15(e), it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict.

Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today?

If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

If, during the discussion, any Board member learns of a conflict or appearance of a conflict, he or she should notify the Chair and take appropriate action to recuse himself or herself.

B. Roll Call

All members of the Board were present at the meeting except for Mr. Dominic Totman, Esq. The members present at the Board office included Dr. Edward Clemons, Dr. Stan Hardesty, Dr. William Litaker, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Karen Lanier, Dr. Catherine Watkins, and Ms. Nancy St. Onge, RDH. Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Dirk German, Investigator, Tyler Henderson, Investigator, Rick Hetzel, Investigator/Inspector, Betty Sines, Assistant Director of Investigations, Jamie Rivera, Investigator/Paralegal, and Mr. Douglas Bocker, Legal Counsel for the Board was also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

With seven members of the Board present, Dr. Lanier declared a quorum for the purposes of conducting a disciplinary hearing and the business of the Board.

**II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA**

**Dr. Lanier**

Dr. Litaker moved, which was seconded by Ms. St. Onge, to accept the agenda with permission for the President to add items as necessary and take items out of order to facilitate business. The motion passed by general consent.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of January 19-22, 2023

[Item #1] Dr. Lanier

Following a review of the January 19-22, 2023, Minutes, Dr. Hardesty moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Litaker seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

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At 8:34 a.m. the Board remained in open session at which time Dr. William Donigan presented "Oral Health Strategies Success – SMART restorations," in favor of allowing dental hygienists to place SMART restorations. Dr. Donigan finished his presentation at 8:58 a.m. at which time Dr. Michael Ignelzi presented a counter argument that placing SMART restorations should not be allowed through teledentistry and should require direct supervision. Crystal Adams, RDH addressed the Board in support of dental hygienists placing SMART restorations. The discussion concluded at 9:22 a.m. The Board received these presentations for informational purposes.

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### **IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT**

[None]

### **V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Mr. White

A. Financial Report (January)

[Item #2]

Following a review of the January Financial Report, Dr. Johnson moved to accept the report for informational purposes. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

B. Personnel Matters

[None]

C. Miscellaneous

❖ Controlled Substance Reporting System [Item #3]

Secretary Kody Kinsley, of the Department of Health and Human Services, informed the Board that the CSRS' required annual report will be delayed.

### **VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Executive Committee

[No Report]

B. Finance Committee

[No Report]

C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee

Dr. Lanier informed the Board that draft language of an interpretive statement regarding the administration of anxiolysis is forthcoming.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. CDT Code D9130

[Item #4] Mr. White

Board staff will continue to research the origins of this new code and to whom the function may be delegated and report back at a future meeting.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve Rotation Sites – ABTech **[Item #5] Ms. Goode**  
ABTech Community College requested Board approval to participate in “Recovered Smiles,” and outreach non-profit organization dedicated to providing free preventative, restorative, and reconstructive dental care to those struggling with drug addiction and chemical dependency. The clinic location is Dr. Scott Miller Dentistry in Candler, North Carolina. The participants include dental hygiene students currently enrolled in the dental hygiene program at ABTech. Upon review of the documentation, Dr. Litaker made a motion to approve the proposed rotation site. Ms. St. Onge seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. SCDDE Annual Meeting Update **Dr. Litaker DSOs**  
Dr. Litaker reported on the recent Southern Conference of Dental And Dental Examiners Meeting held on January 27-29, 2023, at Lincoln Memorial University in Knoxville, Tennessee. There was no quorum at the meeting, therefore no official action was taken. Next year’s meeting will be held January 26-28, 2024, and hosted by the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina.

## **IX. LICENSURE MATTERS**

- A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #6] Ms. Goode**  
Dr. Hardesty moved to approve all provisional licenses, licenses issued by credentials, intern permits, sedation permits, CE waivers and reinstatements issued since the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Watkins and passed by general consent.
- B. Examinations  
a. CDCA-WREB-CITA Annual Meeting **Dr. Litaker**  
Dr. Litaker reported on the recent CDCA-WREB-CITA Annual Meeting held on January 5-7, 2023, in Grapevine, Texas.  
  
Following the discussion, Mr. White was instructed to draft a letter to CDCA-WREB-CITA requesting that current Board Members be assigned to North Carolina examinations when possible.

## **X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL** **Mr. Bocker** [None]

## **XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS**

- A. Investigative Statistics (January) **[Item #7] Dr. Watkins**  
The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of January. The statistics were accepted for informational purposes.

B. Hearing Panel Decisions

During open session, and without conducting other business, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.18(6) and §90-41(g), in order to rule on Hearing Panel Decisions and other investigative matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Watkins and passed by general consent.

a. Log #20-095 [Item #8] Dr. Watkins

b. Log #22-130 [Item #9] Dr. Lanier

C. Settlement Conferences  
[None]

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Friday, March 10, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina for the consideration of routine Board business.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode  
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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: March 10, 2023

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Dr. Karen Lanier., President  
Dr. Catherine Watkins, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Edward Clemons, Jr., Immediate Past President  
Dr. William Litaker  
Dr. Mark Johnson  
Dr. W. Stan Hardesty  
Ms. Nancy St. Onge, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member  
Mr. Dominic Totman, Esq., Consumer Member