

MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
January 14-16, 2021

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Clemons

A. Call to Order

Dr. Edward Clemons, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2021, at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. Dr. Clemons 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 Board office. The members present at the Board office included Dr. Millard Wester, III, Dr. Edward Clemons, Dr. William Litaker, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Raleigh Wright, III, Dr. Karen Lanier, Ms. Nancy St. Onge, RDH and Mr. Dominic Totman, Esq. Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Amanda Carver, Investigator, Betty Sines, Investigations Coordinator and Mr. Douglas Bocker and Ms. Dauna Bartley, Legal Counsel for the Board were also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

With all eight members of the Board present, Dr. Clemons declared a quorum for the purposes of conducting the business of the Board.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board remained in open session to conduct a formal hearing involving Dr. Stephen Wallace. Mr. Douglas Bocker and Ms. Dauna Bartley served as legal counsel for the Investigative Panel and Mr. Fred Morelock served as legal counsel for the Hearing Panel. Mr. Kenny Jones served as legal counsel for Dr. Wallace. A court reporter was present to transcribe the proceedings. The public hearing recessed for the day at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners reconvened at 8:10 a.m., Friday, January 15, 2021, at the Board's office in Morrisville, North Carolina in order to continue the formal hearing involving Dr. Stephen Wallace. Dr. Clemons presided over the hearing and all members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mr. Dominic Totman. Mr. Totman joined the hearing at 8:30 a.m. Also present were Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Betty Sines, Investigations Coordinator, Ms. Amanda Carver, Investigator and Dirk German, Investigator. Mr. Douglas Bocker and Ms. Dauna Bartley served as legal counsel for the Investigative Panel and Mr. Fred Morelock served as legal counsel for the Hearing Panel. Mr. Kenny Jones served as legal counsel for Dr. Wallace. A court reporter was present to transcribe the proceedings. The hearing recessed for the day at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, January 16, 2021, at the Board's office in Morrisville, North Carolina in order to continue the formal hearing involving Dr. Stephen Wallace. Dr. Clemons presided over the hearing and all members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mr. Dominic Totman. Mr. Totman joined the hearing at 8:30 a.m. Also present were Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Betty Sines, Investigations Coordinator, and Ms. Amanda Carver, Investigator. Mr. Douglas Bocker and Ms. Dauna Bartley served as legal counsel for the Investigative Panel and Mr. Fred Morelock served as legal counsel for the Hearing Panel. Mr. Kenny Jones served as legal counsel for Dr. Wallace. A court reporter was present to transcribe the proceedings. The hearing recessed at 5:00 p.m. in order to conduct Board business.

II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA

Dr. Wester

Dr. Lanier moved, which was seconded by Dr. Litaker, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed by general consent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of December 11, 2020

[Item #1] Dr. Wester

Following a review of the December 11, 2020 Minutes, Dr. Litaker moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

Dr. Wester

A. Professional Relations Meeting
[Postponed]

V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. White

A. Financial Report (December)
[Postponed]

[Item #2]

B. Personnel Matter
[None]

C. Miscellaneous



COVID-19 – Vaccine Prioritization Plan **[Item #3]**

An Executive Order executed by Governor Roy Cooper may be released next week allowing dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccinations during the state of emergency. If this Order is executed, the Board may need to adopt emergency rules to determine the necessary educational requirements that a dentist must meet in order to safely administer COVID-19 vaccinations.



Insurance Audit

Sentinel Risk Advisors completed a risk assessment of the Board's current insurance policies and submitted a proposal for additional coverage to meet the Board's current needs. Following the assessment, it was recommended that the Board add additional coverage to include Errors and Omissions coverage, Management Liability coverage and Cyber Liability coverage. Dr. Wright made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Executive Committee
[None]
- B. Finance Committee
[None]
- C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee
[None]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ratio of Dental Hygienists to Dentists **Dr. Wester**
[Postponed]
- B. Approve Radiology Instructor **[Item #4] Ms. Goode**
[Postponed]

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Radiology Instructors **[Item #5] Ms. Goode**
[Postponed]
- B. Approve Radiology Course **[Item #6] Ms. Goode**
[Postponed]

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #7] Ms. Goode**
[Postponed]

- B. Examinations
[None]

X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Bocker/Mr. White

- A. Proposed Order Extending Use of Manikin Exams **[Item #8]**
In the public interest due to the impacts of the coronavirus and as authorized by the COVID-19 Relief Act, the Order further modifies the Board's examination requirements and waives any human subject requirement in its statutes and regulations and allows the Board to accept the results of an ADEX manikin examination administered up to 120 days after the state of emergency. Dr. Litaker made a motion to approve the Order as amended. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The formal hearing involving Dr. Stephen Wallace resumed at 5:45 p.m. Following closing arguments, the hearing adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

- B. Petition for a Hearing **[Item #9]**
[Postponed]

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

- A. Investigative Statistics (December) **[Item #10]** **Dr. Clemons**
[Postponed]
- B. Hearing Panel Decisions
[None]
- C. Settlement Conferences
[None]

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Thursday, February 11, 2021 and will be held at the Board office, in Morrisville, for the purposes of conducting a rule making hearing, several disciplinary proceedings and to consider routine business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Litaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode
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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: February 12, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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Ms. Nancy St. Onge, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
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