

**MINUTES**  
**NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL**  
**Morrisville, North Carolina**  
**April 20, 2020**

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

**Dr. Young**

A. Call to Order at 12:05

Dr. Merlin Young, President of the Board, called the business meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2020, at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. Dr. Young 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 this afternoon?

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 except for Dr. Edward Clemons. The members included Dr. Merlin W. Young, Dr. Millard Wester, III, Dr. Catherine Watkins, Dr. Karen Lanier, Dr. Raleigh Wright, III, Ms. Nancy St. Onge, RDH and Mr. Dominic Totman. Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Betty Sines, Investigations Coordinator, Dirk German, Investigator, Amanda Carver, Investigator, Tyler Henderson, Investigator, Jamie Rivcra, Paralegal, and Mr. Douglas Brocker Legal Counsel for the Board were also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

With seven members of the Board present, Dr. Young declared a quorum for the purposes of conducting the business of the Board.

**II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA**

**Dr. Young**

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

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Brocker/Mr. White**

A. Background Checks

Pursuant to North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 130, the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has been authorized to waive or modify regulatory licensure requirements temporarily for persons that meet certain qualifications.

Therefore, the Board has agreed to waive the requirement to have applicants submit fingerprint cards as part of their applications. The Board will utilize Castle Branch, Inc. to perform background as an alternative. This modification is effective until June 7, 2020, unless Executive Order No. 130 is rescinded, replaced, or extended with a superseding Executive Order. Dr. Wester made a motion to approve the above referenced modification. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion, which passed by general consent.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Wester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode  
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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: May 13, 2020

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

*Dr. Merlin W. Young, President*  
*Dr. Catherine Watkins, Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Dr. Millard W. Wester, III, Past-President*  
*Dr. Edward Clemons, Jr.*  
*Dr. Karen Lanier*  
*Dr. Raleigh Wright, III*  
*Ms. Nancy St. Onge, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member*  
*Mr. Dominic Totman, Esq., Consumer Member*