

MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL
Morrisville, North Carolina
April 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Young

A. Call to Order

Dr. Merlin Young, President of the Board, called the business meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 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. The members included Dr. Merlin W. Young, Dr. Millard Wester, III, Dr. Catherine Watkins, Dr. Edward Clemons, 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 Rivera, Paralegal, and Mr. Douglas Brocker Legal Counsel for the Board were also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

With all eight 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. Wester moved, which was seconded by Dr. Lanier, to accept the agenda as presented and to allow the President of the Board to determine the order of business. The motion passed by general consent.

At 6:05 p.m., Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill addressed the Board regarding students that are unable to meet current licensure requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following Dr. De Rossi's remarks, Dr. Gregory Chadwick, Dean of the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine addressed the Board and the impact on the students graduating from ECU.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of March 13, 2020 **[Item #1] Dr. Young**
Following a review of the March 13, 2020 Minutes, Dr. Watkins moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion which passed by general consent.


IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

Dr. Young

[None]

V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. White

- A. Financial Report (March) **[Item #2]**
Following a review of the March Financial Report, Dr. Watkins moved to accept the report for informational purposes. Dr. Wester seconded the motion which passed by general consent.
- B. Personnel Matters
Mr. White reported that staff are generally telecommuting. However, staff are at the office for limited times each day to cover essential "office-based" functions. Licensing and investigations are ongoing.
- C. Miscellaneous
 Mr. White announced that the NCDS Myrtle Beach meeting has been cancelled.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Executive Committee
[None]
- B. Finance Committee
[None]
- C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee
Dr. Lanier informed the Board that the sedation/general anesthesia advisory committee is continuing to investigate the use of Ketamine for moderate sedation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Intern Permit Questions **[Item #3] Mr. White**
[Tabled]

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Release of JCNDE's DLOSCE **[Item #4] Mr. White**
The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) announced the official release of the JCNDE's Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE). The announcement was accepted for informational purposes.

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #5] Ms. Goode**
Dr. Wright 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
Dr. Wester announced that CITA is working diligently with dental and dental hygiene schools to schedule alternate exam dates.

X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Brocker/Mr. White

- A. Background Checks and Licensure for New Graduates
Dr. Wester made a motion for staff to investigate alternative routes other than SBI fingerprinting for background checks. Dr. Wright seconded the motion, which passed by general consent.
- B. Ratio of Dental Hygienists to Dentists **[Item #6]**
The Board received several requests to waive the requirement that allows each dentist to supervise no more than two dental hygienists. The Board does not have authority to grant a request for even a temporary waiver of the 2 -1 hygienist to dentist ratio in private practices since the designated ratio is a statutory requirement. Mr. White will respond to inquiries of this nature accordingly.
- C. Temporarily Extend CPR/ACLS Certifications **[Item #7]**
The Board received a request regarding staff (dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants) with CPR certifications through the American Heart Association (AHA) that will be expiring. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the request was for the Board to consider extending certifications. In response to this issue, the AHA extended certifications for 120 days beyond the recommended renewal date. Therefore, no Board action is needed at this time.
- D. Request from UNC for Temporary Waivers **[Item #8]**
On March 23, 2020, the Board received a request from Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dean of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, regarding provisional licensure for students unable to take clinical examinations due to exam cancellations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following a legal review of this request, the Board was unable to find any authority for the Board or the Governor to accomplish his objections without applicants passing an approved clinical examination.

- E. Request for Temporary Waiver of Monthly Community Service
Dr. Wright made a motion to allow the Case Officer the discretion to waive probationary terms on a case by case basis. Ms. St. Onge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

- A. Investigative Statistics (March) **[Item #9] Dr. Watkins**
The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of March. The statistics were accepted for informational purposes.
- B. Hearing Panel Decisions
At 7:45 p.m., and during open session, and without conducting other business, Dr. Watkins 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. Wester and passed by general consent.
- a. Log #18-103 **[Item #10] Dr. Lanier**
- C. Settlement Conferences
[None]

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 and will be held via conference call for the consideration of routine business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Reported by: _____

Casie S. Goode

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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: _____

May 13, 2020

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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Dr. Catherine Watkins, Secretary-Treasurer

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