MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
August 7-8, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM — Dr. Litaker

A. Call to Order

Dr. William Litaker, President of the Board, called the business meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. Dr. Litaker 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 the 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. The members present included Dr. William Litaker, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Catherine Watkins, Dr. Edward Clemons, Dr. Vincent Allison, Ms. Lori Hendrick, RDH, PhD, and the Honorable Teresa Vincent. Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Betty Sines, Assistant Director of Investigations, Jamie Rivera, Case Manager/Paralegal, Tyler Henderson, Investigator, Ms. Crystal Carlisle and Mr. Douglas Brocker, Legal Counsel for the Board, were also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

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

D. Oath of Office — **Ms. Rivera**

Dr. Hardesty participated in his official oath of office re-affirming his willingness to execute his duties as a recently re-elected Dental Board Member.

At 8:35 a.m., Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.18(6), in order to conduct a settlement conference. Dr. Hendrick seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The conference concluded at 11:03 at which time Dr. Johnson made the motion to move into open session to resume Board business. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA — Dr. Litaker

Dr. Hardesty moved, which was seconded by Dr. Clemons, to accept the agenda with permission for the President to take items out of order to facilitate business. The motion passed by general consent

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of July 10-11, 2025 **[Item #1]** **Dr. Litaker**

Following a review of the July 10-11, 2025, Minutes, Dr. Hardesty moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Allison seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

Dr. Litaker expressed condolences to Mr. White and his family on the recent passing of his mother.

Dr. Litaker reminded Board Members that meetings are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and everyone should plan accordingly without assuming the meeting will finish in one day. He also reminded Board Members to notify staff as soon as possible if anyone cannot attend a meeting or has a conflict with a matter coming before the Board.

V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER — Mr. White

A. Financial Report (July) **[Item #2]**

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

B. Personnel Matters

Ms. Goode announced that the Board's summer intern, Sarah Manavi, has returned to East Carolina University to begin her junior year. She acknowledged her appreciation for Ms. Manavi and her work for the Board.

C. Miscellaneous

- Election Results and Ethics Committee Approval

  On July 11, 2025, election ballots were counted and Dr. Edward Clemons, Jr. was elected to fill the vacant seat previously held by Dr. Karen Lanier. Dr. W. Stan Hardesty was re-elected

  Dr. Edward Clemons, Jr. was cleared by the ethics commission, and he was sworn into office on Monday, August 4, 2025 at his dental office in Durham, North Carolina.

- ❖ AADB Meeting
  Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve expenses for Board Members and necessary staff to attend the AADB Annual meeting held on October 18-19, 2025, in Grapevine, Texas. Dr. Hendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 12:46 p.m., Mr. Douglas Brocker presented a training session for new and existing Board members as required by G.S. 93B-5(g). Approximately half of the training content was covered. The remaining topics will be covered at a later meeting.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee

a. Request for Statement of Explanation **[Item #3]** **Dr. Litaker**
Dr. Johnson made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's approval of a statement of explanation sent to Dr. Kevin Jasinski in response to his request for a statement explaining why the Board adopted Supervision Rules Changes. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion; the motion carried.

b. Eugene and Mary White Scholarship Fund
Dr. Watkins made a motion to approve a memorial gift to the Eugene and Mary White Scholarship Fund.

B. Finance Committee
[No Report]

C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee
[No Report]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

[None]

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to provide remedial education – HPU **Ms. Sines**
The Board directed staff to get more information on High Point University's remedial education plan prior to considering the facility as a remedial education provider in disciplinary cases.

B. Approve Radiology Course **[Item #4]** **Ms. Sines**
The Radiology Committee presented a recommendation to approve a radiology course that is being offered by Elevate Dental School, LLC and taught by Alexandrea Calcagno. Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the course contingent upon facility completion and manikin purchases. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Radiology Instructor's Course **[Item #5]** **Ms. Goode**

Dr. Hendrick made a motion to approve a radiology educator's workshop course given by DH Methods of Education Inc. as an alternative to the Instructor's course given at the UNC Adam's School of Dentistry. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Coronal Polishing **[Item #6]** **Ms. Goode**

Wendy Creel from the Triangle School of Dental Assisting requested an amendment to the rules about coronal polishing instructions. She specifically requested that qualified dental assistant educators be allowed to teach coronal polishing in proprietary school settings. Dr. Hardesty made a motion to deny the request. Dr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Radiology Committee

Dr. Watkins made a motion to accept the nomination of Dr. Allison to replace Dr. Lanier on the radiology committee. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Clinical Competency Committee

Staff was directed to contact ADEX and find out the process, if any exists, with respect to special time accommodations made for examination candidates with certain disabilities and report findings at the September meeting.

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #7]** **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

[No Report]

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X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL **Mr. Brocker/Mr. White**

A. Potential Injunction - Log #24-399

Mr. Brocker informed the Board of an ongoing investigation into the unlicensed practice of dentistry. Dr. Hardesty made a motion to allow the investigative panel to initiate a lawsuit through the NC Court System. The Honorable Teresa Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Local Anesthetic Courses **[Item #8]**

Following a discussion, the Board determined that the rules allow an approved North Carolina continuing education provider to offer a course on administering local anesthetics to a hygienist licensed in another state if all other statutory qualifications are met.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

A. Investigative Statistics (July) **[Item #9]** **Dr. Hardesty**

The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of July. The statistics were accepted for informational purposes.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(3), in order to receive the advice of legal counsel. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. Following advice from legal counsel, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into open session in order to vote on how to proceed in this matter. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by general consent.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve Mr. Brocker to continue to negotiate a settlement in the Angela DeCarlo matter by approving percentage limits for chemicals, safety precaution requirements, and the removal of the permanent revocation clause in Ms. DeCarlo's Consent Order. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by general consent.

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. Allison and passed by general consent.

a. Log #19-171 **[Item #10] Dr. Litaker**

C. Settlement Conferences

The Board conducted a settlement conference during the meeting. Ms. Crystal Carlisle represented the Investigative Panel. Standard protocol was followed.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Thursday, September 11, 2025, and will be held at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina for the purposes of conducting a rulemaking hearing, disciplinary conferences and to conduct routine Board business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Watkins seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode

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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: September 12, 2025

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
Dr. William Litaker, President
Dr. W. Stan Hardesty, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Mark Johnson, Immediate Past President
Dr. Vincent Allison
Dr. Catherine Watkins
Dr. Edward Clemons
Ms. Lori Hendrick, R.D.H., PhD Dental Hygiene Member
Honorable Teresa H. Vincent, Consumer Member