

**MINUTES**  
**NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**ZOOM MEETING**  
**Morrisville, North Carolina**  
**July 10, 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 8:30 a.m., Friday, July 10, 2020, at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. The meeting was a Zoom meeting streamed live on FaceBook so the public could watch. 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 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. 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, Amanda Carver, Investigator, and Mr. Douglas Brocker, Legal Counsel for the Board was 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. The motion passed by general consent.

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At 8:35 a.m., Dr. Wester made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.18(6), in order to conduct two settlement conferences. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion which passed by general consent. The conferences concluded at 11:30 a.m. at which time Dr. Wester made the motion to move into open session to resume Board business. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of June 12, 2020 **[Item #1] Dr. Young**  
Following a review of the June 12, 2020 Minutes, Dr. Watkins moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Dr. Wester seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

**IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT**  
[None]

**Dr. Young**

**V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Mr. White**

- A. Financial Report (June) **[Item #2]**  
Following a review of the June 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  
[None]

- C. Miscellaneous

✚ AADB Memberships  
Dr. Wester moved that the Board pay for the Board membership as well as the renewal of individual memberships for current Board Members and necessary staff, to the American Association of Dental Boards. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion passed by general consent.

✚ August Settlement Conference  
The Board took judicial notice that Dr. Watkins will remain involved as the Case Officer in August for the settlement conference and September for the Formal Hearing.

**VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Executive Committee  
[None]

- B. Finance Committee  
[None]

- C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee  
Dr. Lanier reported that the sedation committee met Thursday evening, July 11, 2020 to discuss its recommendations for a position statement regarding the use of Ketamine. The committee recommended that since Ketamine is a general anesthesia drug, only licensees with a general anesthesia permit should be allowed to administer. Dr. Wester made a motion to approve the recommendation of the sedation advisory committee. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Dentist to Dental Hygienist Ratio **Dr. Young**  
Requests to waive the 2:1 ratio for the supervision of dental hygienists by dentists was tabled and will be revisited at a future Dental Board meeting if North Carolina remains in a state of emergency.
- B. Radiology Course Requirements **[Item #3] Ms. St. Onge**  
Ms. St. Onge and Dr. Lanier will make additional changes to the radiology course requirements and submit revised changes to the policies regarding criteria for approved radiology courses at the August 14, 2020 meeting.
- C. Temporary Dental Hygiene Licensure  
Following a discussion, the Board determined that if a temporary permit holder fails an ADEX exam, the temporary license becomes null and void upon notification of the failure.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elections **Mr. Totman**  
Mr. Totman announced the results of the dental election. He reported that Dr. Mark Johnson and Dr. William Litaker won the open seats as the new Dental Board members. He announced that Ms. Nancy St. Onge, RDH is the uncontested winner of the Dental Hygiene seat.
- B. Licensure Question **[Item #4] Mr. White**  
A candidate for the upcoming ADEX Compedont Restorative exam inquired about licensure eligibility if she completes the manikin restorative exam but does not elect to apply for a license until she completes her orthodontic residency in 2023.

Once the state of emergency ends, the Board no longer has discretionary authority to waive the human subject requirement and therefore would not be able to accept the ADEX manikin examination for licensure.

- C. Election of Officers **Dr. Young**  
Dr. Young, representing the Executive Committee, presented the following nominations as officers to the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners for the upcoming 2020-2021 term: Dr. Buddy Wester as President and Dr. Edward Clemons as Secretary-Treasurer. As there were no other nominations put forward, Dr. Lanier made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Dr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #5] Ms. Goode**  
Dr. Wester 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. Lanier and passed by general consent.

- B. Examinations  
Dr. Wester announced that the Manikin Periodontal Typodont ADEX scoring committee will be meeting Monday, July 13, 2020 to discuss grading criteria. He reported that candidate feedback has been positive.

**X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL**

**Mr. Brocker/Mr. White**

- A. Rules for Permanent Adoption **[Item #6]**  
Amendments to 21 NCAC 16B .1101, 21 NCAC 16C .0303, 21 NCAC 16C .0601, 21 NCAC 16F .0104, 21 NCAC 16F .0105, 21 NCAC 16G .0103, 21 NCAC 16H .0104, 21 NCAC 16I .0101, 21 NCAC 16N .0403, 21 NCAC 16R .0101, 21 NCAC 16R .0102 and 21 NCAC 16R .0108 were placed before the Board to consider for potential permanent adoption. A hearing was held for public comment on this rule on June 11, 2020. Dr. Watkins made a motion to approve these amendments for permanent adoption. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. Background Checks **[Item #7]**  
Dr. Lanier made a motion to approve the Order waiving SBI fingerprint card requirements and utilizing alternative background checks during the state of emergency. Dr. Wester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS**

- A. Investigative Statistics (June) **[Item #8] Dr. Watkins**  
The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of June as well as year to date. The statistics were accepted for informational purposes.
- B. Hearing Panel Decisions  
[None]
- C. Settlement Conferences  
The Board conducted two (2) settlement conferences throughout the meeting. Mr. Brocker represented the Investigative Panel at both conferences. Standard protocol was followed.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. and will be conducted via Zoom and will be live streamed via Facebook for the consideration of routine business.

Dr. Young recognized Dr. Watkins for her outstanding service and commitment for her 2017-2020 term.

Dr. Wester thanked Dr. Young for his service.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. St. Onge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode  
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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: August 14, 2020

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

*Dr. Merlyn 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*