MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
July 10-11, 2025

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

A. Call to Order

Dr. Mark Johnson, President of the Board, called the business meeting to order at 8:34 a.m., Friday, July 11, 2025, at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. Dr. Johnson 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 with the exception of the Hon. Teresa Vincent. The members present included Dr. William Litaker, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Catherine Watkins, Dr. Karen Lanier, Dr. Vincent Allison, and Ms. Lori Hendrick, RDH, PhD. Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Betty Sines, Assistant Director of Investigations, Jamie Rivera, Investigator/Paralegal, Tyler Henderson, Investigator, Rick Hetzel, Investigator, Kristen Young, Investigator, and Kevin Snead, Investigator. Mr. Douglas Brocker, Legal Counsel for the Board, was also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

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

II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA — Dr. Johnson

Dr. Hendrick moved, which was seconded by Dr. Litaker, 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 June 20-21, 2025 **[Item #1]** **Dr. Johnson**

Following a review of the June 20, 2025, Minutes, Dr. Hardesty moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Hendrick seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

[No Report]

V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER — Mr. White

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

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

B. Personnel Matters

[No Report]

C. Miscellaneous

[No Report]

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee

a. Election of Officers — **Dr. Johnson**

Dr. Johnson, representing the Executive Committee, presented the following nominations as officers to the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners for the upcoming 2025-2026 term: Dr. William Litaker as President; Dr. Stan Hardesty as Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. Mark Johnson as Past-President. Dr. Watkins moved that the nominations be closed. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried. As there were no other nominations, the nominees put forth by the Executive Committee were affirmed. The term for each office will begin on August 1, 2025.

B. Finance Committee

[No Report]

C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee

Dr. Lanier nominated Dr. Johnson to be the chair of the committee effective August 1, 2025. Dr. Litaker seconded the motion. The motion caried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

[None]

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Suicide Prevention Training **[Item #3]** **Ms. Goode**

The North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals (NCCDP) requested approval of an upcoming continuing education course addressing suicide prevention and being presented by Dr. Rebecca Mathews. The course will be held at the next NCCDP Board Meeting scheduled for December 5, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. The NCCDP also extended an invitation to all Board Members and Board Staff to attend.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the course and allow interested staff and board members to attend. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hendrick will inquire about streaming the presentation and/or recording it for Board members that cannot attend.

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #4]** **Ms. Goode**

Dr. Litaker 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. Hardesty and passed by general consent

B. Examinations

Dr. Litaker informed the Board that the periodontal section of the ADEX dental examination is no longer optional and successful completion of the periodontal portion of the examination is required to achieve ADEX status.

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

A. Update of Log #23-292

At 8:54 a.m., Dr. Litaker made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) and §90-41(g), in order to consult with legal counsel. Dr. Hendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Stephen Feldman, who is currently representing the Board, gave Board members an update on the strategy and status of the case. The discussion concluded at 10:10 a.m. Following the discussion, Dr. Hardesty made the motion to move into open session. Dr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed by general consent.

B. Rules for Adoption **[Item #5]** **Mr. Brocker**

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve new rules 16F .0111 and 16V .0103, as well as amendments to 16A .0101 for permanent adoption. These rules are related to supervisory responsibility in group practices. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Foreign Trained Dentists **[Item #6]** **Mr. White**

The Board received an inquiry from Durga Sakthivel, a foreign-trained dentist, requesting the Board to consider adopting a pathway for foreign-trained dentists to become licensed as dental hygienists in North Carolina. Since the current North Carolina General Statutes will not allow this pathway, Mr. White will respond accordingly.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

A. Investigative Statistics (June) **[Item #7]** **Dr. Litaker**

The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of June, as well as the year to date. The statistics were accepted for informational purposes.

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. Litaker and passed by general consent.

a. Log # 22-146 **[Item #8]** **Dr. Hardesty**

b. Log #23-292

Following Hearing Panel deliberations, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into open session. Dr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Settlement Conferences

[None]

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Friday, August 8, 2025, and will be held at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina for the purposes of conducting 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 11:25 a.m.

Casie S Goode

Reported by: _____

Casie S. Goode
Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: August 8, 2025

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

Honorable Teresa H. Vincent, Consumer Member