MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
June 20-21, 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 8:33 a.m., Friday, June 20, 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. The members present included Dr. William Litaker, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Catherine Watkins, Dr. Karen Lanier, Dr. Vincent Allison, Hon. Teresa Vincent 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 all 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. Litaker moved, which was seconded by Dr. Hardesty, 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 May 15, 2025 **[Item #1]** **Dr. Johnson**

Following a review of the May 15, 2025, Minutes, Dr. Hendrick moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Hardesty 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 (May) **[Item #2]**

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

B. Personnel Matters

[None]

C. Miscellaneous

a. NC Dental Society Inquiries **[Item #3]**

Following a review of several requests from the North Carolina Dental Society, the Board instructed Mr. White to respond to Ms. Shelly Dates, letting her know the following:

1. Dr. Johnson will serve as the Board liaison to the Society's Committee on Dental Education.
2. The Board will provide monthly lists of all licensed dentists to the Dental Society.
3. The Board will provide an annual list of licensees that fail to renew their dental licenses.
4. The Board will not allow outside organizations to "retarget" people who visit the NCSBDE website.
5. The Board will provide a link to the NC Dental Society website in a more conspicuous location on the Board's website.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee

a. Helene Relief Update — **Mr. White**

The Executive Committee recently approved a free clinic in Asheville as a Volunteer Site. The Executive Committee, acting on authority granted by the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency, waived the prohibition that prevented those with past disciplinary infractions from serving as long as they were currently in "good standing" with their dental board.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to endorse the Executive Committee's decision. Judge Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Finance Committee

[No Report]

C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee

[No Report]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Stay in the Box Sedation Course Approval **[Item #4] Dr. Lanier**

Dr. Lanier made a motion to approve the Stay in the Box Sedation Course for moderate conscious sedation. Dr. Litaker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Lanier made a motion to suspend the approval of moderate sedation courses until the rules and criteria are amended. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Sleep Medicine Update

Dr. Hardesty reported that he is continuing to research the current standards regarding dental sleep medicine. He will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Radiology Course **[Item #5] Ms. Sines**

Dr. Litaker made a motion to approve Halifax Community College's radiology course and Lisa Santiago and Dorcas Eason as instructors. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approve Radiology Course **[Item #6] Ms. Sines**

Dr. Litaker made a motion to approve Brunswick Community College's radiology course and Denise Joyal as the instructor. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Approve Volunteer Site **[Item #7] Mr. White**

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve AMEN free dental clinics as volunteer sites. The AMEN clinics have standing approval and should provide the Board with a list of locations where the dental services are offered. Dr. Litaker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Question Regarding CE credit **[Item #8] Ms. Goode**

The Board received an inquiry from Erich Byrd regarding his approved medical emergency course. Specifically, Mr. Byrd requested approval to incorporate the 1-hour substance use/mental health continuing education requirement. Following a discussion, the Board ruled that the courses must stand alone. The medical emergency course must meet the 6-hour requirement, and the substance use/mental health must be a separate 1-hour course.

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #9] 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. Litaker and passed by general consent

B. Examinations

a. ADEX Mid-Testing Dental Hygiene Meeting **Dr. Hendrick**

Dr. Hendrick gave a report highlighting changes to the ADEX dental hygiene examination. The biggest change being that examiners must calibrate within seven days of his/her test assignment. The Board accepted her report for information purposes.

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

A. Overview/Update of Log #23-292 **[Item #10]**

At 9:50 a.m., Dr. Hardesty 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. Matt Sawchak and Mr. Stephen Feldman, who are currently representing the Board, gave Board members an update on the strategy and status of the pending case. Following the discussion, Dr. Litaker made the motion to move into open session. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion passed by general consent.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to allow Mr. White to employ additional outside counsel as deemed appropriate. Dr. Hendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Proposed Sedation Rules & Amendments **[Item #11]** **Mr. Brocker**

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve amendments to 21 NCAC 16Q .0301 and the new rule 21 NCAC 16Q .0105 for publication. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

A. Investigative Statistics (May) **[Item #12]** **Dr. Litaker**

The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of May, 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. Lanier and passed by general consent.

a. Log # 24-173 **[Item #13]** **Dr. Lanier**

b. Log #22-008 **[Item #14]** **Dr. Lanier**

c. Log #25-192 **[Item #15]** **Dr. Litaker**

C. Settlement Conferences

[None]

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Friday, July 11, 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. Lanier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode

Casie S. Goode
Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: July 11, 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
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