

MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
March 13-15, 2025

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners convened at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Board's offices in Morrisville for the purposes of conducting a public Rule Making Hearing involving proposed amendments to 21 NCAC 16B .1101, 16C .0601, 16H .0205, 16I .0206, 16Q .0701, 16R .0206 AND 16W .0101 and adoption of 21 NCAC 16T .0104. A copy of the proposed rules is attached to the Minutes. The public hearing was transcribed by a court reporter and concluded at 6:36 p.m., at which time the Rule Making Hearing was adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 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 8:31 a.m., Friday, March 14, 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, Dr. Dominic Totman, Esq. 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, Rick Hetzel, Investigator, Tyler Henderson, 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 February 7, 2025

[Item #1] Dr. Johnson

Following a review of the February 7, 2025, Minutes, Dr. Hardesty moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Litaker 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 (February)

[Item #2]

Following a review of the February 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

❖ SCDDE 2026 – Save the Date

The 2026 meeting of the Southern Conference of Deans and Dental Examiners will be held on January 23-25, 2026, and hosted in North Carolina at the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry.

❖ Database Update

Mr. White announced that our new database is live for license renewal and will soon be available for applicants. The investigative portion of the program is not yet complete.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee

[No Report]

B. Finance Committee

[No Report]

C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee

[No Report]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board Meetings

Dr. Litaker reminded all Members of the Board that Board Meetings are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays and everyone should be prepared and anticipate being at the meeting on Saturdays.

B. Sleep Medicine update

Dr Hardesty is still researching current trends related to sleep medicine and will report back soon. Dr. Litaker reminded everyone that the current policy is still in effect until or unless the Board modifies it at a later date.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Nitrous Oxide Course

[Item #3] Ms. Sines

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Course given by Erika Spring, RDH and titled, "Nitrous Oxide for the Dental Professional." Dr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 reminded everyone that the ADEX dental examination was being held at the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry next week, beginning, Friday, March 21, 2025. Dr. Litaker commended Mr. White for his letter requesting that current Board Members serve as examiners at North Carolina examinations.

C. NCDS Legislative Meeting

Dr. Litaker gave an update regarding the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Dental Society. The committee is currently discussing statutory amendments to make limited supervision dental hygiene and public health dental hygiene requirements equivalent.

X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Brocker/Mr. White

A. Rules for Publication

[Item #5] Mr. Brocker

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve 21 NCAC 16V .0103, 16F .0111 and 16A .0101 for publication. The rules address supervision, designated responsible practice managers, and practice owners. Dr. Litaker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 9:25 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. Litaker seconded the motion. The motion carried. The conference concluded at 3:12 p.m., at which time Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into open session to resume Board business. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

- B. Log #23-292
Mr. Brocker updated the Board regarding pending litigation.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

- A. Investigative Statistics (February) **[Item #6] Dr. Litaker**
The Board reviewed investigative statistics for February, as well as the 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 during the meeting. Mr. Douglas Brocker and Ms. Crystal Carlisle represented the Investigative Panel. Standard protocol was followed.

At 3:53 p.m., Dr. Johnson recessed the meeting for the day.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

At 10:01 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. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried. The conference concluded at 11:17 a.m. at which time Dr. Hardesty made a motion to move into open session to resume Board business. Dr. Lanier seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Friday, April 4, 2025, and will be held at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina to conduct routine Board business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Totman seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Reported by: Casie S. Goode
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Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: April 4, 2025

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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

Mr. Dominic Totman, Esq., Consumer Member