MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
October 10, 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 8:30 a.m., Friday, October 10, 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. Mr. Bobby White, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Casie Goode, Deputy Operations Officer, Betty Sines, Assistant Director of Investigations, Jamie Rivera, Case Manager/Paralegal, Tyler Henderson, Investigator, Kevin Snead, Investigator, Rick Hetzel, Investigator, Kristen Young, Investigator and 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 purpose of conducting the business of the Board.

II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA **Dr. Litaker**

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

At 8:32 a.m., Dr. Allison made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to NCGS §143-318.18(6), in order to conduct a settlement conference involving Dr. Donna Gentry. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The conference concluded at 10:45 at which time Dr. Hardesty made the motion to move into open session to resume Board business. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of September 11-12, 2025 **[Item #1]** **Dr. Litaker**

Following a review of September 11-12, 2025, Minutes, Dr. Hardesty moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

IV. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

Dr. Litaker reminded everyone of the upcoming AADB Meeting in Grapevine, Texas. He also confirmed that the December Board Meeting will be held in Boone, North Carolina, at the Chetola Resort.

Dr. Litaker led a discussion regarding the continued increase in the number of complaints that the Board is receiving. He announced that the North Carolina Dental Society (NCDS) has discontinued its mediation option, which may be contributing to the increase. Dr. Hardesty and Dr. Allison agreed to initiate discussions with the NCDS executives about the possibility of reinstating the remediation process.

V. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER **Mr. White**

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

Following a review of the September 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

[No Report]

C. Miscellaneous

- Hearing Panel Counsel **[Item #3]**

  Mr. Fred Morelock, Esq., who serves as outside legal counsel to the Hearing Panel, notified the Board that he will be retiring at the end of 2025. Mr. Morelock recommended Ned Mangum, Esq. as his replacement. Lane Williamson, Esq. has served the Hearing Panel as outside counsel in the past and may continue to serve when needed.

- SCDDE Registration **[Item #4]**

  Mr. White announced that registration for the SCDDE meeting is now open. All Board members interested in attending can access the registration at https://dentistry.unc.edu/scdde/.

  Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve expenses for Board Members and necessary staff to attend. Dr. Hendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee
[No Report]

B. Finance Committee
Dr. Hardesty and Mr. White are preparing a budget for 2026 and will present a draft at the November Board Meeting.

C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee
[No Report]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Remediation Update – HPU **[Item #5] Ms. Sines**
At the August 8, 2025, Board meeting, staff were directed to get more information on High Point University's (HPU) remedial education plan prior to considering the facility as a remedial education provider in disciplinary cases.

HPU submitted an outline of potential courses and instructors and explained that although their program has not completed the CODA accreditation process, their status is functionally equivalent to a fully accredited dental school.

Following a discussion, the Board will wait until the accreditation process is completed before utilizing HPU as a remedial education provider.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Rotation Sites – Coastal Carolina **[Item #6] Ms. Goode**
Coastal Carolina Community College (CCCC) requested Board approval of Weedon E. Osborne Dental Clinic as a rotation site for dental hygiene students currently enrolled in the dental hygiene program at CCCC. Upon review of the documentation, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the proposed rotation sites. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approve Radiology Course **[Item #7] Ms. Sines**
Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve Coastal Dental Health Staffing's radiology course. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Radiology Instructor Course Guidelines **[Item #8] Ms. Sines**
Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the radiology instructor course guidelines. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The guidelines will be sent to CODA-accredited institutions to guide the facilities that are interested in creating instructor courses for Board approval.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion for legal counsel to draft rules outlining radiology instructor course guidelines. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Approve Radiology Instructor **[Item #9]** **Ms. Goode**

Dr. Hendrick made a motion to approve Susan Smith, RDH as an approved radiology instructor. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approve Extramural Sites – ECU **[Item #10]** **Ms. Goode**

East Carolina School of Dental Medicine (ECU) requested Board approval of ECU satellite clinics, Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic, Jones County Public Schools, Bertie County Public Schools, New Hope Clinic, NCDS Mom Clinics and Schweitzer Fellowships as extramural sites for dental students currently enrolled at ECU. Upon review of the documentation, Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the proposed extramural sites. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Delegable Function Question **[Item #11]** **Ms. Goode**

Dr. Nicole Wright made an inquiry regarding the placement of biologics in conjunction with scaling and root planing. Specifically, she asks if a dental hygienist may place enamel matrix derivatives (Emdogain).

The Board tabled this decision and requested that staff get more information on this procedure and report back at a future meeting.

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #12]** **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. Johnson and passed by general consent.

B. Examinations

Dr. Litaker reminded everyone that exam assignments will be posted soon, and he encouraged everyone to continue to participate in the examination process.

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

A. Sedation Rules – 16Q .0105 and 16Q .0301 **[Item #13]**

Dr. Hardesty made a motion regarding 16Q. 0105 to amend language in response to comments to require the IV sedation update course to every three years instead of every two, have a delayed start requirement, remove the live patient component, and retain a simulation component. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion the motion carried.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to refer to the pediatric sedation subcommittee to address issues about IV assessments and whether all pediatric permit holders should be permitted to administer IV sedation if they did not complete an IV assessment for their permit. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve 16Q .0301 as drafted, for permanent adoption. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Periodic Rule Review **[Item #14]**

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to allow staff to conduct the initial periodic rule review and present a report for Board approval. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. HB926

Mr. White informed the Board of HB926 and discussed potential impacts. The Board accepted his report for informational purposes.

D. Teeth Whitening Inquiry **[Item #15]**

Tricia Edwards, RDH requested guidance regarding providing professional teeth whitening services outside of a dental setting. Dr. Hardesty made a motion for staff to draft a statement based on the recent DeCarlo case. Judge Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Rulemaking Petition **[Item #16]**

Judge Vincent made a motion to table this discussion until the November Board Meeting. Dr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Potential Injunction - Log #25-098

[moved to closed session with Hearing Panel Decisions]

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. Judge Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Once back in open session, Judge Vincent made a motion to settle cases, when possible, involving the unlicensed practice of dentistry by consent and consistent with the language required by the FTC's Order. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

G. Licensure Question

Dr. Hardesty made a motion directing staff to draft rule amendments to remove the restriction disallowing time spent in residencies or internships toward the five year practice requirement for licensure eligibility for foreign-trained dentists who complete a CODA-accredited postgraduate specialty degree and pass the ADEX examination. Judge Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H. Consent Order Language

Dr. Hardesty made a motion to approve adding language to the statement of consent to all Consent Orders moving forward to include releasing the Board and its representatives from liability associated with the execution of the action. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion. The motion carried.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

A. Investigative Statistics (September) **[Item #17] Dr. Hardesty**

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

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. Bobby White and Mr. Douglas Brocker resumed the training session for new and existing Board members as required by G.S. 93B-5(g). Approximately half of the training content was covered at the August 8, 2025 meeting. The remaining topics covered included ethical duties, public meetings, public records, liability and lobbying.

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. Clemons and passed by general consent.

a. Log #23-224 **[Item #18] Dr. Watkins**

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

C. Settlement Conferences

The Board conducted a settlement conference involving Dr. Donna Gentry 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 Friday, November 7, 2025, and will be held at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina for the purpose 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 3:49 p.m.

Casie S Goode

Reported by: _____

Casie S. Goode
Deputy Operations Officer

Date of Approval: November 7, 2025

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
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