

MINUTES
NC STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
Morrisville, North Carolina
November 15, 2024

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 8:30 a.m., Friday, November 15, 2024, 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 except for Dr. Karen Lanier and Mr. Dominic Totman. The members present at the Board office included Dr. William Litaker, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Stan Hardesty, Dr. Catherine Watkins, Dr. Vincent Allison, and Ms. Lori Hendrick, RDH, PhD. Mr. Bobby D. White, Chief Executive Officer, Betty Sines, Assistant Director of Investigations, Jamie Rivera, Investigator/Paralegal, Rick Hetzel, Investigator, Kevin Snead, Investigator and Mr. Douglas Brocker, Legal Counsel for the Board were also present.

C. Declaration of Quorum

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

At 8:32 a.m. the Board remained in open session to conduct a formal hearing involving Dr. Christian Anderson. Dr. Mark Johnson presided over the hearing and all members of the Board were present except for Dr. Karen Lanier and Mr. Dominic Totman. Mr. Douglas Brocker served as legal counsel for the Investigative Panel and Mr. Fred Morelock served as legal counsel for the Hearing Panel. Ms. Carrie Meigs served as legal counsel for Dr. Anderson. A court reporter was present to transcribe the proceedings. The public hearing adjourned at 5:48 p.m. At which time the Board remained in open session to conduct Board business.

II. APPROVAL & ORDER OF AGENDA

Dr. Johnson

Dr. Litaker 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.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of October 18, 2024

[Item #1] Dr. Johnson

Following a review of the October 18, 2024, Minutes, Dr. Watkins 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 (October)

[Item #2]

Following a review of the October 2024 Financial Report, Dr. Litaker moved to accept the report for informational purposes. Dr. Hardesty seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

B. Personnel Matters

Mr. White reminded the Board Members that staff year-end evaluations were approaching. He advised them to speak with him, Ms. Casie Goode or Ms. Mary McCullough if they had any specific comments about a staff member.

Mr. White also reminded the Board that OBEAM utilized the Board Room to host a training on Saturday, November 9, 2024. OBEAM was very appreciative for the support and assistance shown by Board staff, specifically, Tyler Henderson and Jamie Rivera.

C. Miscellaneous

❖ SCDDE Annual Meeting

[Item #3]

Dr. Hardesty moved to approve any expenses, including one travel day before the meeting and one travel day after the meeting, for Board Members and necessary staff to attend the upcoming SCDDE Meeting held on January 24-26, 2025, in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Litaker seconded; motion carried.

❖ February 2025 Board Meeting

The Board determined that the February Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with the ECU Dental Exam. The meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 2024.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee

[No Report]

- B. Finance Committee
 - a. Proposed Budget – 2025 **[Item #4] Dr. Litaker**
Dr. Litaker and Mr. White presented a draft of the 2025 budget for the Board's review. Board members were encouraged to review the proposed budget and be prepared to approve a final version at the December meeting.
- C. Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee
[No Report]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. State of Emergency – Hurricane Helene Relief **Mr. White**
AHEC submitted a request for a CE waiver for licensees who were severely impacted by Hurricane Helene. Dr. Hardesty made a motion for the Secretary-Treasurer to review any individual hardship requests and determine if the individual's CE should be waived. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carrier.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mental Health and Substance Abuse CE **Dr. Hendrick**
Ms. Hendrick, RDH, PhD, requested that the Board clarify the requirements for the new Mental Health and Substance Abuse CE due to confusion amongst licensees. The Board requested that Mr. White and Mr. Brocker research changing the verbiage from "substance abuse" to "substance use disorder". Dr. Hendrick also requested that the Board consider publishing a statement on the Board's website indicating that the training is directed toward potential substance abuse and mental health concerns of dentists and dental staff and not patients.

IX. LICENSURE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Licenses/Permits/Reinstatements **[Item #5] Ms. Rivera**
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. Watkins and passed by general consent.
- B. Examinations
Dr. Litaker reminded the Board Members to make their preferred hotels known.

X. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

- A. Rotation Site Questions **[Item #6] Mr. Brocker/Mr. White
Mr. White**
The Board received a number of questions regarding rotation sites from Dr. Swift. Mr. White drafted a memo answering the questions for the Board to review and approve. The memo was approved to be sent.

XI. INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

- A. Investigative Statistics (October) **[Item #7] Dr. Litaker**
The Board reviewed investigative statistics for the month of October, 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.

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[Item #8] Dr. Watkins

C. Settlement Conferences
[None]

XII. NEXT MEETING

The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will begin on Friday, December 13, 2024, and will be held at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina for the purposes of conducting disciplinary conferences and routine Board business.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Litaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by general consent. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Reported by: Jamie L. Rivera
Jamie L. Rivera

Date of Approval: 12/13/2024

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., Dental Hygiene Member
Mr. Dominic Tolman, Esq., Consumer Member