

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Dennis D. Gaskin, D.D.S.  
(License No. 5986)**

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**CONSENT ORDER**

**THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) as authorized by G.S. § 90-41.1(b) and 150B-38 for consideration of a Consent Order, in lieu of a formal contested case hearing. The parties hereby consent to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out herein and to the entry of the Order of Discipline. Respondent, Dr., Dennis D. Gaskin represented himself. Douglas J. Brocker represented the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the Dental Practice Act) and the Rules and Regulations of the Board.**
- 2. Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina on August 6, 1990 and has held license number 5986 at all times relevant hereto.**
- 3. Respondent is subject to the Dental Practice Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.**
- 4. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent worked as a general dentist in Norfolk Virginia but also holds an active license in this state.**
- 5. On his 2018 licensure renewal application, Respondent disclosed that he had been disciplined by a professional licensing board.**

6. After receiving the renewal application, the Board obtained an Order of the Virginia Board of Dentistry entered on September 13, 2017 (Virginia Order) against Respondent.

7. In the Order, the Virginia Dental Board concluded that Respondent had violated its statutes and regulations governing dental practice in the following respects with regard to two patients that had filed a complaint (Patient A and Patient B):

- a. In December 2015, Respondent failed to document in his records that a bite registration was taken for the fabrication of partial dentures for Patient A;
- b. On January 13, 2016, Respondent failed to document a diagnosis or reason for re-fabricating the partials for Patient A;
- c. On three separate occasions between August 2015 In January 2016, Respondent failed to sign laboratory work orders for Patient A;
- d. Respondent allowed a Dental Assistant I to perform soft relines for Patient B, which is not a delegable duty for a Dental Assistant I in Virginia

8. In the Order, the Virginia Board of Dentistry assessed a \$5,000 monetary penalty and imposed administrative costs of \$2,689.75 on Respondent, and required Respondent to successfully complete a Board-approved continuing education course on the subject of dental recordkeeping within six months from the date of entry of the Order.

9. By its terms and pursuant to Virginia statutes, the Order is a public record.

10. Respondent has no prior disciplinary action by the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and the consent of the parties hereto, the Dental Board enters the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The N.C. State Board of Dental Examiners has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the person of Respondent.

2. The Virginia Board of Dentistry Order entered against Respondent on September 13, 2017 constitutes professional discipline imposed by the dental licensing authority of another state on Respondent.

3. Respondent's conduct and the entry of the Virginia Board of Dentistry Order constitutes unprofessional conduct in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 41(a)(6) and (26) and 21 N.C.A.C. 16V .0101(1).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and with the consent of the parties hereto, it is ORDERED as follows:

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. Respondent, Dennis D. Gaskin, is hereby Reprimanded.

2. Respondent shall fully comply with all the conditions and requirements of the Virginia Board of Dentistry Order entered against Respondent on September 13, 2017, including the requirement to take a Board-approved continuing education course in the subject of dental recordkeeping. No later than April 30, 2018, Respondent shall provide to the Board's Director of Investigation evidence of his full compliance with the Virginia Order, including a communication from the Virginia Board of Dentistry confirming that he has fully complied with the Order's conditions and requirements.

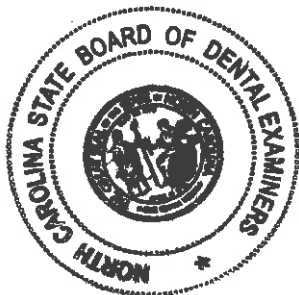
3. If Respondent fails to comply with any provision of this Order or breaches any term or condition thereof, the Board shall promptly schedule a public Show Cause Hearing to

allow Respondent an opportunity to show cause as to why Respondent should not be disciplined for violating a valid order of the Board. If as a result of the Show Cause Hearing, the Board is satisfied that Respondent failed to comply or breached any term or condition of this Order, the Board shall enter such discipline as the evidence warrants. This sanction shall be in addition to this Order and not in lieu of any sanction the Board may impose as a result of future violations of the Dental Practice Act or of the Board's Rules.

This the 2nd day of May, 2018.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS


By: Casip. Hoode  
Deputy Operations Officer



STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Dennis D. Gaskin, D.D.S., do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety. I assent to its terms and conditions set out herein. I freely and voluntarily admit that there is a factual basis for the findings of fact herein, that the findings of fact support the conclusions of law, that I will not contest the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, or the order in any future proceedings before or involving the Dental Board, including if future disciplinary proceedings or action is warranted in this matter. I knowingly waive any right to appeal or otherwise later challenge this Consent Order once entered. I understand that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order will become part of the Board's permanent public record. I further acknowledge that this required reporting may have adverse consequences in other contexts and any potential effects will not be the basis for a reconsideration of this Consent Order. I have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.

This the 16 day of March, 2018

  
Dennis D. Gaskin, D.D.S.