# ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date & Time:

March 7, 2025 | 9 am

**Meeting Called to Order by:** 

Dr. Robert Carlisle, President

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Robert Carlisle, DDS (President) Marcia Cook Dwight Duckworth, DDS David Keith Jones, DDS Allen Williams, DDS Jeffrey Wisener, DDS (Secretary/Treasurer)

#### **Board Staff in Attendance:**

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director), Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst), and Doralee Chandler (Attorney)

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the January 10, 2025 meeting was reviewed and approved.

## **Fictitious Name Requests**

The following names were reviewed by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST	BOARD DECISION
Integrated Dentistry	Dr. Robert Mongrain	Approved
Seark Smiles Family Dentistry	Dr. Summer Lowery	Approved
Rock Hill Family Dental Care	Dr. Garrett Webb	Approved
Saline Dental	Dr. Sam Wright	Approved
Stewart Orthodontic Studio	Dr. Savanah Stewart	Approved
Northwest Dental Care	Dr. Abbey Brumley	Approved
Fulton Family Dental	Dr. Megan Fulton	Approved



#### Conference with Dr. Phillip Freeman

Dr. Phillip Freeman appeared before the Board concerning his application for an Arkansas dental license by credentials because of his past disciplinary issues with the Texas State Medical Board. Dr. Freeman stated that he plans to work with Rock Dental in El Dorado, Arkansas. After some discussion, the Board expressed that it was concerned about patients not having access to follow up care if he will not reside in Arkansas. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table Dr. Freeman's application to allow him time to submit plans on post operative care arrangements for patients.

#### **Discussion on Access to Dental Care for Special Needs Patients**

Teresa Dodson, Katrina Robertson, and Treasa Ray appeared before the Board to discuss the difficulties they have faced with getting their children with special needs treated. Dr. Laurence Howe aided in the discussion. The parents were encouraged to contact their state representatives and senators.

#### **Complaint Committee Report**

Dr. Wisener reported that the Committee met on March 6, 2025 at 6 pm and reviewed seventeen complaints; eleven complaints were dismissed and six were tabled. The Committee recommended that charges be voted against John Longinotti, RDH for practicing dental hygiene without a license. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2025 at 6 pm. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Committee's recommendation and to vote charges against Mr. Longinotti.

#### **Rules & Regulations Committee Report**

Dr. Williams reported that the Committee met on February 6, 2025 at 6 pm and discussed some changes to be made to the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, Articles VII and XI.

The Committee agreed that Article VII ("Announcement of Specialization and Limitation of Practice") needs to be cleaned up to remove the listings and definitions of specialties, and to include verbiage sating that the Board accepts specialties that are recognized by the American Dental Association. This will ensure that as specialties are added in the future, a Rule change will not be necessary. The Committee also discussed a minor clerical change that should be made to Article XI ("Dental Hygienists Functions") concerning the length of time that a hygienist can treat patients while the supervising dentist is absent from the office. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Committee's recommendation to move forward with the proposed changes.



#### **Other Business**

Doralee Chandler announced that she will serve as legal counsel for the Board.

# **Next Meeting**

May 2, 2025 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director

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