



MINUTES

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Date | Time 9/16/2022 at 9 AM | Meeting called to order by Dr. C. Garrett Taylor

In Attendance

Board Members

Dr. Robert Carlisle
Dr. Dwight Duckworth
Dr. Charles Garrett Taylor

Ms. Erika Thomas, RDH
Dr. Jeffrey Wisener

Board Staff

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director)
Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst)
Sara Farris (Attorney)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2022 meeting.

Dr. Chad Jensen: Review of Sedation Report

The Board reviewed the final report from Dr. S. Thikkurissy on his review of Dr. Chad Jensen's sedation practices from May 7, 2022 to June 15, 2022, and found it to be satisfactory.

Hearings

Tiffany Ward, RDH

Tiffany Ward did not appear in response to an Order and Notice of Hearing for failure to respond to the last continuing education audit, and for failure to verify the continuing education hours that she reported when she renewed her dental hygiene license for 2022-2023.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept that the allegations and findings of fact have been proven.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to issue an Order to Ms. Ward with the following stipulations:

1. Her Arkansas dental hygiene license will be suspended for 90 days.
2. Her Arkansas dental hygiene license will be placed on probation for 18 months following suspension.
3. Ms. Ward shall pay of fine of \$750 for each violation (\$1500 total).
4. Ms. Ward shall provide proof of the courses that she submitted for renewal.
5. Ms. Ward shall provide proof that she has taken an additional 40 hours of continuing education, with the hours not counting toward the renewal of her dental hygiene license for 2024-2025.
6. The continuing education hours that Ms. Ward will report to renew her dental hygiene license for 2024-2025 will be audited.

7. If Ms. Ward fails to respond to the Order, she will be set for a hearing and possible revocation of her Arkansas dental hygiene license.

Note: Dr. Taylor abstained from the hearing.

Jennifer Pierce, RDH

Jennifer Pierce appeared in response to an Order and Notice of Hearing for failure to respond to the last continuing education hours audit, and for failure to verify the continuing education hours that she reported when she renewed her dental hygiene license for 2022-2023. Ms. Pierce presented to the Board proof of twenty-two of the forty hours that she claimed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept that the allegations and findings of fact have been proven.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to issue an Order to Ms. Pierce with the following stipulations:

1. Ms. Pierce shall have until October 31, 2022 to submit proof of the remaining eighteen continuing education hours asserted on her renewal. If she cannot provide proof of those hours, she will need to provide proof of the completion of eighteen new hours, and said hours cannot count toward the next renewal period.
2. Her Arkansas dental hygiene license is placed on probation until March 17, 2023.
3. The continuing education hours that Ms. Pierce will report to renew her dental hygiene license for 2024-2025 will be audited.

Presentations

Rebecca Gaston (Arkansas Medical Foundation)

Ms. Gaston appeared before the Board to give information on the function of the foundation. The foundation is in existence to provide for the identification and treatment recommendations of healthcare professionals who suffer from impairment. Currently four dentists are being monitored. A total of forty-nine dentists have been monitored since its inception.

Dr. Mark Edwards (Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.)

Dr. Edwards appeared before the Board to give an update on exam development, and to request that the Board join CRDTS as a member state.

Dr. Mark Muncy (Southern Regional Testing Agency)

Dr. Muncy appeared before the Board to give information on the current state of SRTA. Per Dr. Muncy, SRTA is accepted in 36 states, and Arkansas is a charter member.

Fictitious Name Requests

Dentist	Requested Name	Board Decision
Valley Family Dental	Dr. Beau Sparkman	Approved
Smile Doctors of Arkansas	Dr. Gregory Goggans	Approved
Vilonia Family Dental	Dr. Zachary Dixon	Denied
Refresh Dental	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Approved

O-ZZZ-Ark Dental Group	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Denied
Good Night Dental	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Denied
Doze-Ark Dental Group	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Denied
Twilight Dental	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Denied
Dream Dental Solutions	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Denied
ReNew Dental	Dr. Kristian C. Dietz	Approved

Reports

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met at 6:00 pm on September 15, 2022 and reviewed twenty-one complaints. Twenty complaints were dismissed, and for one complaint the dentist was found to be in violation of the Dental Practice Act. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6 pm.

Rules & Regulations Committee Report

The Committee met on September 14, 2022 and discussed revising Article XVII. The Committee will send a draft out to the Board for review. The next Rules & Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022 at 6 pm via zoom.

Board Office Update

Meredith Rogers reported that the office is getting ready for registered dental assistant renewals to begin October 1st.

She also asked if the Board would continue to accept clinical examinations conducted via both live patient and manikin. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the satisfactory completion of a clinical dental or dental hygiene examination administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Western Regional Examining Board, the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, or the Central Regional Dental Testing Service that is conducted via live patient or manikin (including the periodontal portion).

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Dr. Wisener reported that the PDMP committee met on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, and handed out information that was discussed at that meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2022 at 3 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Rogers, Executive Director