

# ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES



**Date & Time:**  
**March 15, 2024 | 9 am**

**Meeting Called to Order by:**  
**Dr. Dwight Duckworth, President**

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

Robert Carlisle, DDS (Vice-President)  
Marcia Cook

Dwight Duckworth, DDS (President)  
Allen Williams, DDS

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

Meredith Rogers (Executive Director), Corneshia Harrison (Administrative Analyst) & Michael Bynum (Attorney)

### **Conference with Dr. Burke Soffe**

Dr. Burke Soffe, dean of Lyon College School of Oral Health and Dental Medicine in Little Rock, appeared before the Board to give an update on the school. He reported the following:

- Lyon College has achieved regional accreditation and will be located on the site of Heifer International.
- To lessen the burden of debt for new dental school graduates, the proposed curriculum for the dental program will be for three years.
- Out-of-state tuition will be the same as in-state tuition.

### **Presentation by Dr. Rachel Sizemore**

Dr. Rachel Sizemore, director of the Arkansas Department of Health's Office of Oral Health, updated the Board on the state of oral health in Arkansas.

### **Complaint Committee Report**

Mrs. Harrison reported that the Committee met on March 14, 2024 at 6 pm and reviewed fifteen complaints; all were found to have no apparent violation and were dismissed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2024 at 6 pm.



## Other Business

Dr. Jennifer Hill submitted a letter for the Board to review, requesting permission to be the medical director of an injection (i.e. esthetic facial injections) clinic. The Board office will contact the Arkansas Medical Board and Arkansas Board of Nursing for an opinion on the matter.

## Next Meeting

May 3, 2024 at 9 am in the Cox Conference Room of Main Street Mall (101 E. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas).

Respectfully submitted,

*Meredith Rogers*

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director