

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date & Time:
May 3, 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)

Cara Jones, DDS (Secretary/Treasurer)
Allen Williams, DDS
Jeffrey Wisener, DDS

Board Staff in Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 12, 2024 and March 15, 2024 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Presentation by Arkansas Medical Foundation

Rebecca Gaston with the Arkansas Medical Foundation appeared before the Board to introduce herself and to give information on the workings of the Foundation. She stated that four dentists are currently enrolled in the Foundation. She requested permission to have information on the Foundation posted on the Board's website; the Board granted her permission to do so and thanked her for coming.

Request to be a Board-approved Nitrous Oxide Instructor – Dr. Ryan Henry

The Board reviewed Dr. Ryan Henry's nitrous oxide course syllabus for dental assistants, and a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve him as a nitrous oxide instructor.

Request For Board Approval – Moderate Sedation Course

The Board reviewed information from Dr. Brian McGue of "Stay-In-The-Box Sedation", requesting that the Board recognizes his course as a Board-approved moderate sedation course. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table his request until he or a representative from his organization can appear in person at the next available board meeting for more discussion.



CRDTS Membership Agreement

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to become a member of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following names were reviewed by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST	BOARD DECISION
<i>Quitman Dental</i>	Dr. Todd Wyatt	Approved
<i>Affordable Dentures & Implants-Searcy</i>	Dr. Olajumoke Adedoyin	Approved
<i>TMJ & Snoring</i>	Dr. B. Kyle Benton	Approved

Michael Bynum discussed fictitious names, giving the following points:

- The Dental Corporation Act and the Arkansas Business Corporation Act both apply to dental practices. When they conflict, the Dental Corporation Act will be followed.
- All fictitious names must be registered with the Secretary of State first. While registration alone does not give a company the exclusive right to use the fictitious name (trademark rights), the Secretary of State will not accept a filing unless it is distinguishable from other registered names. Any claims, disputes, or arguments about trademark violations are private civil matters that are not within the jurisdiction of Board.
- The Dental Practice Act requires dental practices to obtain a certificate of registration from the ASBDE. This should be done after the fictitious name is registered with the Secretary of State. The Board must consider whether (1) the appropriate corporate officers, directors, shareholders, and incorporators are properly licensed, (2) if disciplinary action is pending before the board with such persons, and (3) if it appears that the corporation will be conducted in compliance with board laws and rules.

Complaint Committee Report

Mrs. Harrison reported that the Committee met on May 2, 2024 at 6 pm and reviewed seventeen complaints; all were dismissed. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024 at 6 pm.

Other Business

Dr. Duckworth reported that he has been chosen by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to participate in the site visit for Lyon College. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay for his travel expenses and per diem.



Don Berry, representing MOAA Arkansas – an organization that advocates for military families, appeared before the Board to request that Article IX of the Dental Practice Act be repealed in its entirety and to establish a new Article concerning licensure of uniformed service members, veterans and spouses. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table this matter.

Next Meeting

June 7, 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