



ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time:
November 8, 2024 | 9 am

Meeting Called to Order by:
Dr. Robert Carlisle, President

Board Members in Attendance:

Robert Carlisle, DDS (President)
Marcia Cook
Dwight Duckworth, DDS
Cara Jones, DDS (Vice-President)

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 Michael Bynum (Attorney)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 20, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following names were reviewed by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST	BOARD DECISION
<i>Natural State Endodontics</i>	Dr. Michael Blanscet	Approved
<i>Capitol Oral Surgery & Implant Center</i>	Dr. John Batson	Approved
<i>Murfreesboro Dental Care</i>	Dr. Audra Rhodes	Approved
<i>Heights Family and Cosmetic Dentistry</i>	Dr. Joshua Gaines	Approved



Complaint Committee Report

Corneshia Harrison reported that the Committee met on November 7, 2024 at 6 pm and reviewed twelve complaints; eleven complaints were dismissed and one was tabled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025 at 6 pm.

Presentation: Heather Mercer

Heather Mercer of *Immunize Arkansas* appeared before the Board to advocate for more HPV (human papillomavirus) continuing education for dental professionals, and requested that the Board amend its rules to require licensees to report continuing education on HPV. A motion was made, seconded and passed to refer the Rules and Regulations Committee for further review.

Email From Bridget Fitzhugh, RDH

The Board reviewed an email from Bridget Fitzhugh, inquiring if it is permissible for a dental hygienist or dentist to hold a medical cannabis card, provided they are not practicing under the influence. After some discussion and advisement from Mr. Bynum, the Board responded that having a medical cannabis card is viewed the same as a dental professional having a prescription for a controlled substance; there shouldn't be an issue if the dental professional is not practicing while impaired in any way.

Request For Approval of IV Sedation Course

The Board reviewed an email from April Thomas of the Vesper Institute, requesting a temporary license for dentists and assistants who wish to take the Vesper Institute IV Sedation course and are currently licensed out of state. No action was taken on her request, and Ms. Rogers will convey to her that the Board does not pre-approve courses and cannot issue temporary licenses to dentists and assistants wanting to take her course.

Other Business

Dr. Wisener asked the Board staff if a database can be created to track complaints so that the Complaint Committee meetings will know if dentists on the agenda have prior complaints and/or disciplinary actions. A motion was made, seconded and passed to create said database.



Next Meeting

January 10, 2025 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Rogers

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director

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