

# ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES



**Date & Time:**  
**September 15, 2023 | 9 am**

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

### Board Members in Attendance:

Robert Carlisle, DDS (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Marcia Cook  
Dwight Duckworth, DDS (Vice-President)

Cara Jones, DDS  
C. Garrett Taylor, DDS (President)  
Allen Williams, DDS

### Board Staff in Attendance:

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

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Fictitious Name Requests

The following names were reviewed by the Board:

REQUESTED FICTITIOUS NAME(S)	DENTIST	BOARD DECISION
<i>NWA Dental Care</i>	Dr. Clayton Sorrells	Approved
<i>Matthews and Johnson Dentistry</i>	Dr. Evan Johnson	Approved
<i>Sharp Smiles: Modern Dentistry and Implants</i>	Dr. Kyle Sharp	Approved
<i>Brace Yourself Pediatric Dentistry &amp; Braces</i>	Dr. Clemmisa Harris	Denied

### Committee Reports

- **Complaint Committee (Corneshia Harrison)**  
The Committee met on September 14, 2023 at 6 pm in the Board office and reviewed twenty-four complaints; all were found to have no apparent violation and were dismissed. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 6 pm via Zoom.
- **Clinical Examinations Report (Dr. Dwight Duckworth)**  
Dr. Duckworth reported that the SRTA is working with Kilgore to develop a hygiene/perio model.



## **CRDTS Presentation**

Richard Cobler and Dr. Mark Edwards with the Central Regional Dental Testing Service appeared before the Board to give information on the clinical dental/hygiene testing service, and to discuss the benefits of membership. Although the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners accepts the CRDTS examination for licensure, it is an affiliate member with no voting seat. Per Ms. Cobler and Dr. Edwards, being a member means that the Board will have input in clinical examinations. CRDTS is accepted in forty states.

## **ASDA Presentation**

Billy Tarpley and Dr. Werner Schneider appeared before the Board to give an update on the Arkansas State Dental Association's plan to assist dentists with fulfilling the DEA's new requirement. Beginning with DEA initial registrations or renewals starting June 27, 2023, DEA-registered practitioners are required to complete eight hours of one-time training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. The ASDA plans to have continuing education courses available at the ASDA spring meeting to be held March 1-2, 2024.

## **Patient Abandonment Complaints**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to withdraw the notices of hearing and dismiss the complaints filed against Drs. Justin Bethel, Robert Dalby and David Hiebert because the doctors have ensured that patients have received their requested records (Dr. Dalby and Dr. Hiebert) and Dr. Bethel's former patient is receiving continued orthodontic treatment.

## **Review of Articles IX and IV**

To comply with recent legislation, the Board must amend its Rules. Article IX had to be updated to include additional language per Act 137 of 2023, and Article IV had to be repealed per Act 42 of 2023. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed changes.

## **Next Meeting**

November 3, 2023 – 9 am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Meredith Rogers'.

Meredith Rogers, Executive Director