

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**MINUTES**

**Dates:** October 25 & 26, 2024

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn  
150 Suncrest Towne Centre Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26505

**Members Present:** William A. Klenk, DDS, President  
Terry L. Coatney, Citizen Member, Secretary  
John E. Bogers, DDS  
David G. Edwards, DDS  
C. Richard Gerber, DDS  
Gina M. Sharps, MPH, BSDH  
Don E. Skaff, DDS

**Staff Present:** Susan M. Combs, Executive Director  
Christina M. Lesko, Administrative Assistant

**Counsel Present:** Joanne M. Vella, Assistant Attorney General (10/25)

**Members Absent:** Kimberly A. Lowe, RDA

**Friday, October 25, 2024**

The Complaint Committees met to review complaints and disciplinary matters with no decisions or votes being made.

The Board President, Dr. Klenk, determined this meeting was properly noticed with the Secretary of State's Office and a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum. The quorum was determined by the presence of eight of the nine Board members. Therefore, the meeting of the WV Board of Dentistry was called to order.

The next order of business was the minutes from the July meeting. Upon motion by Dr. David G. Edwards, and properly seconded by Dr. John E. Bogers, and unanimously passing, the minutes were approved.

The next order of business was a general legislative discussion. The Board reviewed a proposed modified rule for both 5CSR11 and 5CSR14. The Board agreed to add The American Association of Dental Boards as an approved CE provider in 5CSR11. After discussion a modification was made to section 5.1.9 and 5.2.6 in 5CSR14 by removing the language "appropriate for the classification of permit the operator holds" in each section. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion these amendments be approved by the Board. Dr. John E. Bogers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A working draft of 5CSR13 was reviewed with modifications in sections 3.1.2.a. and 6.2.5. Section 3.1.2.a. was changed back to its original language and adding the word systemic to that section to read as follows: Diagnosis, treatment planning and prescription (including

prescriptions for systemic drugs and medicaments), or authorizations for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances). Section 6.2.5. was corrected by removing dental hygiene scope of practice to now read as follows: The dental hygienist may supervise up to three dental assistants. Supervised allowable tasks must fall within the dental assistant scope of practice and the supervising dental hygienist must evaluate the treatment provided by the dental auxiliary personnel. Dr. John E. Bogers made a motion to approve the modification to the working draft. Dr. David G. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board will continue discussions with the West Virginia Dental and Dental Hygiene Associations before making any decision on putting this rule out for comment.

A question concerning a faculty dentist in a clinical setting for dental hygiene programs was reviewed by the Board. After a short discussion, the Board recommended referring the program back to the Board's rule 5CSR16.

The Board reviewed their past statements concerning the two Dental and Dental Hygiene Compacts. After discussion a new statement will be drafted for review during tomorrow's meeting.

The Board reviewed the North Carolina statement concerning the two Dental and Dental Hygiene compacts and took the same for information purposes only.

The Board reviewed §30-4-10 in regards to dental hygiene licensure with no actions or requests at this time.

The next order of business was Board appointments and Regional Board Reports and Representation. Dr. Don E. Skaff was appointed by the Governor to the Board. The Board discussed generally regional board issues, Re-appointed Dr. Stan Kaczowski to the American Board of Dental Examiners, House of Delegates, recognized the notification of the merger of the Central Regional Dental Testing Service and the Southern Regional Testing Agency, and reviewed the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, Western Regional Examining Board, Council of Interstate Testing Agencies annual meeting summary.

The next order of business was a letter from the American Association of Dental Boards to Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) concerning the composition of CDEL, which was taken for information purposes only.

The next order of business was a response from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry concerning the National Toxicology Program's Fluoride Report, which was taken for information purposes only.

The next order of business was a review of information from the Commission on Dental Accreditation concerning the American Dental Association's resolutions 401 and 411, which was taken for information purposes only.

The next order of business was the financial and PCard reports with all members having the opportunity to review the PCard logs and receipts. Dr. John E. Bogers made a motion to approve the reports as distributed. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the WV Dental Recovery Network quarterly performance measures report, which was taken for information purposes only.

The next order of business was an update on the licensing software development contract with GL Solutions and discussion of an escalated project for the verification pages of the Board's website with a cost of \$6,149.13 for the project. Dr. David G. Edwards made a

motion to approve the costs of the project. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next order of business were the Board of Risk and Insurance Management related safety requirements, safety committee meeting minutes and inspection checklist, which were reviewed and taken for information purposes.

The next order of business was a review of newsletters and publications including those from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Association for Dental Safety, National Practitioner Data Bank, the Board's Fall newsletter, and the WV Dental Association. These newsletters and publications were taken for information purposes only.

The next order of business was future meetings, which included the WV Dental Association meeting in January as well as the Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners. The Board reviewed their meeting calendar and scheduled the Spring meeting for March 28 & 29, 2025, and directed the Executive Director to reserve meeting space at Oglebay in Wheeling, WV.

The next order of business was a discussion on mobile in-office anesthesia services for pediatric dental practices. After discussion more research will be done. The Board took this discussion for information purposes only at this time.

The Board recessed at this time until tomorrow's meeting.

#### **Saturday, October 26, 2024**

The meeting began with a quorum of eight of the Board members in attendance. At this time the President announced the need for an Executive Session to consider matters under provisions contained in Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4, not limited to, but primarily for those contained in Subsections (4) and (6), specifically to review complaints, and investigations. Dr. S. Vincent Veltri made a motion to go into Executive Session. Dr. John E. Bogers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Thereafter the Board went back into General Session. Dr. David G. Edwards made a motion to go back into General Session. Dr. C. Richard Gerber seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

The next order of business was the consideration of all other Complaint Committee recommendations. Dr. David G. Edwards made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Complaint Committees. Dr. John E. Bogers seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

The next order of business was to read the draft of the Board's new position statement on the Dental and Dental Hygiene Compacts, which reads as follows:

The West Virginia Board of Dentistry has reviewed information concerning compacts of both, the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the American Association of Dental Boards Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact (IDDLC). The Board has two primary concerns as it pertains to those individuals seeking licensure in West Virginia. The Board feels strongly that the authority to regulate the profession in West Virginia falls squarely on the shoulders of the West Virginia Board of Dentistry as mandated by Legislature and appointed by the Governor. Secondly, through years of experience, we strongly feel a hands-on skill component through a national clinical board exam should be required for initial licensure.

The West Virginia Board of Dentistry favors the IDDLC compact because we feel it best addresses our two primary concerns.

Dr. John E. Bogers made a motion to approve the Statement. Dr. Don E. Skaff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At this time the Board adjourned. The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 23 & 24, 2025, at the Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV.