

**MINUTES**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Date: January 7, 2021

Location: Tennessee Department of Health  
665 Mainstream Dr.  
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Dan Meadows, DDS- President  
Robert Caldwell, DMD  
Phillip Kemp, DDS  
Thao Kinsey, RDH  
Airica Brooke Puckett, RDH  
Naomi Martin, RDA  
Edward Moody, DDS  
Maricela Rodriguez, DDS  
Bettye Lynn Richert  
Jayson Tabor, DDS  
Steven Zambrano, DDS

Staff Present: Dea Smith, Executive Director  
Ailene Macias, Administrative Manager  
Paetria Morgan, Senior Associate General Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Dr. Meadows introduced the two new board members, Dr. Steven Zambrano and Dr. Jayson Tabor.

Ms. Paetria Morgan began the meeting with a roll call of all board members to ensure everyone was present. There was no reply from Ms. Kinsey or Ms. Richert. Ms. Morgan then took a roll call to verify that each board member could hear each other during the last roll call. Everyone confirmed they could hear each other, but no reply was given from Ms. Kinsey or Ms. Richert. Another roll call was taken to verify that all board members were alone at the location they were joining the web meeting from.

Ms. Morgan stated the purpose of the meeting was to ratify approvals of licenses, reinstatements, renewals, courses, waiver, ratify orders, and to consider other time sensitive matters. The electronic meeting was deemed necessary due to the COVID19 pandemic and the CDC guidelines recommending social distancing. A motion was made by Ms. Puckett to continue with the meeting for the stated purpose. Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Kinsey or Ms. Richert during the roll call.

Dr. Meadows made a motion that the meeting was necessary and met the requirements for an electronic meeting. Dr. Moody seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Kinsey or Ms. Richert during the roll call. Ms. Morgan then took a roll call to confirm that all board members had received all necessary materials to be discussed at the meeting. No reply was received from Ms. Richert or Ms. Kinsey, all other board members confirmed the materials had been received.

Ms. Richert was able to join the meeting at 9:29 a.m. Ms. Kinsey had joined but was having technical difficulties.

All board members were reminded of the Conflict of Interest policies, along with the duties of the board, before the meeting proceeded.

Mr. George Darden, the new Director of Health Related Boards, was introduced at the meeting.

## **MINUTES**

Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 8, 2020 Board of Dentistry Meeting. Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Kinsey.

Dr. Meadows made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Board of Dentistry Anesthesia Committee meeting. Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call.

## **INTERVIEWS/REQUESTS**

Masterson, Alexis, RDA- Ms. Masterson did not attend the meeting, after not attending 2-3 previous meetings she had been invited to. The board staff had sent letters and emails regarding the need to appear at the meeting, as well as calling all available phone numbers that were on Ms. Masterson's application. No reply has been received from Ms. Masterson regarding her application or attendance at the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Kemp to give Ms. Masterson the option to withdraw her application, and to reapply for her license. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried a roll call vote.

## **RATIFICATIONS**

Dr. Zambrano made a motion to approve all new licenses, reinstatements/reactivations, and retirements. Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Dr. Moody made a motion to approve all specialties, certifications, and permits. Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, and the motion carried a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Kinsey during the roll call vote.

Ms. Kinsey made a motion to approve all administrative revocations, and Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion. The motion carried following a roll call vote.

## **APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS**

Dr. Zambrano made a motion to approve all of the following waivers:

1. Baker, Scott DDS
2. Cole, Rhonda RDH
3. Corley, Shirita RDA
4. Demps, Andrea RDH
5. Greer, Sidney RDH
6. Harriss, Deanna DH Reinstate
7. Hartman, David DDS
8. Hilgert, Chelsea RDA
9. Hutcherson, Kimberly RDH
10. Hutchins, Keonte' RDA
11. Ivory, Kyterria RDA
12. King, Donna RDA

13. Levy, Carolin RDH
14. Liske, Julie RDH- Reactivation
15. Martin, Stacie, RDH
16. Mohammadu, Sarat DDS
17. Morris, Celeste RDA
18. Parr, Kemaly RDH
19. Peaks, Anne DDS
20. Porter, Steven DDS

21. Roller, Brandon DDS
22. Seal, Segan RDA
23. Staples, Randall DDS
24. Towbin, Norman DDS
25. Turner, Amanda RDH
26. Wilson, Terri RDA
27. Woodard, Marcie RDA

Dr. Moody seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Kinsey.

### **APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, CPR COURSES AND/OR COURSES SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS**

1. *Mid South Dental Lab, Inc.- “Crucial Laboratory Skills for the Dental Assistant” (approved)*- Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the course. Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Kinsey.
2. *Reflections Orthodontics- “Reflections Ortho’s Wine Down CE Event” (denied)*- Dr. Zambrano made a motion to uphold the denial of the course. Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

### **DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM**

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the following programs:

1. Accelerated Dental Assisting Program of Tennessee
2. Dental Learning Center- Blountville
3. Dental Learning Center- Cookeville
4. Dental Learning Center- Maryville
5. Concorde Career- Memphis- new delivery method
6. Mountain Empire Community College

Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

### **PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATION COURSES**

It was brought to the attention to the board that the certification courses approved by the board consultant for Basic Dentistry Done Better was accidentally been left off the agenda. The application documents were emailed to the board members for review during a brief break, so the initial approval of the certification courses could be ratified at the meeting.

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the following courses:

1. *Administering and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide*
  - a. Basic Dentistry Done Better
  - b. Chattanooga State Community College
  - c. Dent-Ed-Online
  - d. Excel Dental Training Institute
  - e. South College

Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following the roll call vote.

Dr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the following courses:

2. *Coronal Polishing*

- a. Basic Dentistry Done Better
- b. Competitive Edge Dental Assisting Academy, LLC
- c. Dent-Ed-Online
- d. Excel Dental Training Institute
- e. South College

Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Ms. Kinsey made a motion to approve the following courses:

3. *Dental Radiology*

- a. Basic Dentistry Done Better
- b. Dental Certificate Training Foundation
- c. Dent-Ed-Online
- d. Excel Dental Training Institute
- e. Jackson Area Dental Certifications
- f. South College

Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Dr. Zambrano made a motion to approve the following courses:

4. *Sealant Application*

- a. Basic Dentistry Done Better
- b. Competitive Edge Dental Assisting Academy, LLC
- c. Dent-Ed-Online
- d. Excel Dental Training Institute
- e. South College

Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Ms. Puckett made a motion to approve the following courses:

5. *Nitrous Oxide Monitoring*

- a. Basic Dentistry Done Better
- b. Competitive Edge Dental Assisting Academy, LLC
- c. Dent-Ed-Online
- d. Excel Dental Training Institute
- e. South College

Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

## **EQUIVALENCY COURSES**

Dr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the following courses as equivalent for the licensees who requested acceptance of courses completed in other states:

1. *Local Anesthesia*

- a. Eibert, Lindsey- CE Course- Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- b. Sisenstein, Heidi- University of CO
- c. Ward, Charmane- University of MN Continuing Dental Education

Dr. Kemp seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Ms. Kinsey made a motion to approve the following courses as equivalent for the licensees who requested acceptance of courses completed in other states:

2. *Administering and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide*

- a. Bronson, Erin- Weber State University
- b. Cecil, Bethany- Western KY University
- c. Daneil, Hannah- University of AR of Medical Science
- d. Ebert, Lindsey- CE Course- Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- e. Estes, Hasty- College of Southern Nevada
- f. Husman, Brook- Western KY University
- g. Kingston, Sarah- University of New England
- h. Louden, Kayla- Flint Hills Technical College
- i. Mitchell, Jessica- Delta College
- j. Russell, Linda- Mohave Community College
- k. Sisenstein, Heidi- University of CO
- l. Torossian, Jennifer- Fresno City College
- m. Ward, Charmane- University of MN Continuing Education Course

Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Dr. Zambrano made a motion to approve the following courses as equivalent for the licensees who requested acceptance of courses completed in other states:

3. *Radiology*

- a. Estefania, Resendiz- Little Rock School of Dental Assisting
- b. Ferguson, Julie- Greensboro Area Health Education Center
- c. Hazel, Marisa- The Medical Institute of Kentucky
- d. Hazel, Sydni- The Medical Institute of Kentucky
- e. Knight, Tara- Madison Area Technical College
- f. Mazza, Samantha- Parkway Dental Assisting Courses
- g. Stinnett, Kesey- North Georgia School of Dental Assisting

Dr. Tabor seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the following courses as equivalent for the licensees who requested acceptance of courses completed in other states:

4. *Multiple Courses*

- a. Cervantes, Alicia- Concorde Career College, CA- Coronal Polishing and Sealants
- b. Couture, Britney- Grand Rapids Community College- Nitrous Oxide Monitoring, Coronal Polishing, and Sealants
- c. Gooch, Megan- Concorde Career College, Dental Hygiene Program- Coronal Polishing and Sealants.

Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Ms. Martin made a motion to uphold the denial of the following courses as equivalent for the licensees who requested acceptance of courses completed in other states:

5. Couture, Britney- Grand Rapids Community College- Restorative and Prosthetic Functions
6. Quinn, Taylor- Metro Denver Dental Society- Radiology
7. Smith, Taryn- In Dental Office
8. Stinnett, Kelsey- North Georgia School of Dental Assisting

Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

AADB Mid-Year Registration Notice- The AADB meeting will be held virtually this year due to the pandemic and will take place on February 27-28, 2021. Dr. Rodriguez let Ms. Smith know she will be unable to attend the meeting due to prior obligations, but the fees had already been paid for the previous meeting in 2020 which had been canceled. Dr. Zambrano, Ms. Puckett, Dr. Kemp, and Dr. Caldwell said they would like to attend the AADB Mid-Year Meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Office of Investigations- Ms. Lori Leonard joined the meeting to give the Office of Investigations report. During 2020, a total of 206 new complaints were opened on dentists, 13 were opened on dental hygienists, and 25 were opened on dental assistants. No new complaints had been opened for any dental professionals since the start of 2021.

Executive Director's Report- The remaining board meeting dates for 2021 are April 8-9, July 8-9, and October 7-8. In 2020 there were 297 new license applications submitted for dentists, 285 for dental hygienists, 1330 for dental assistants, and 178 for facilities. The majority of all license holders are renewing their licenses online. As of December 31, 2020, there are a total of 19, 971 active licenses in the dental profession. In 2020, there were 78 dentists, 87 hygienists, and 145 assistants who retired their licenses.

OGC Report- There will be 7 Consent Orders presented at the meeting. On December 29, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order #73 which extended the suspension of live patient examinations for dentistry applicants through February 27, 2021.

Board members discussed drafting a letter to send to the Governor's Office requesting that Executive Order #73 be extended to allow non-live patient exams for dentist applicants. Dr. Meadows brought up the topic to possibly submit a request for a rule change for the dentist exams to allow for non-live patient or live patient options going forward. Dr. Tabor mentioned that it would be beneficial for the dental students to have the option for a non-live patient for the exams, since dental students automatically fail their exam if their patient doesn't show up. Having a non-live patient option will allow the students to take the test even if their patient doesn't show up for the work to be done. Dr. Kemp made a motion to draft a letter to send to the Governor's Office to request the executive order allowing for a non-live patient option for the exam, be extended through 2021. Ms. Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried following a roll call vote. Dr. Kemp offered to draft the letter for this request and send it to Ms. Morgan for review and revision before she would send the draft to all of the board members. Ms. Morgan reminded the board members of the rules against them discussing board business outside of the meeting, which would include discussing the letter draft. The board members were reminded they would need to communicate the requested changes to the draft with Ms. Morgan only, and not amongst themselves even via email. The board also wished to begin the process to have a rule change for 0460-02-.05 (1)(a) regarding the restorative portion of the exam, to update the wording to remove the "live patient" component, to allow for a non-live patient option for the

dental students going forward. Ms. Morgan informed the board members there are 18 steps in the rule making process, so it will take some time to be completed.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to move forward with the rule change process during the current meeting, to remove the wording “live patient” for the exam and allow the option for students to use a mannequin during their restorative exam. Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion. Dr. Regan, the Dean of UT School of Dentistry, spoke in response to the proposed rule change drafting and supported the change to allow for non-live patient options for the exam. The motion carried following a roll call vote. After more discussion amongst the board members concerning the wording of the rule, Ms. Morgan verified the amended rule would say “and a live human patient or mannequin non-patient based anterior and posterior component.” Dr. Kemp made a motion to accept the proposed wording of the rule change, as read by Ms. Morgan. Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Tennessee Wellness Foundation Update- Dr. Sain joined the meeting to give an update on the Wellness Foundation. During the pandemic the number of relapses and overdoses nationwide have risen. The Wellness Foundation did not have any overdoses or overdose deaths to report. Dr. Sain gave a presentation dealing with stress management to the Meharry School of Dentistry students, and he received good feedback after the presentation. Dr. Sain requested that the Tennessee Wellness Foundation be added the list of approved organizations to be a continuing education provider. He also asked that the board of dentistry send out an email to licensees to inform them of the available continuing education course available on the Wellness Foundation website. Dr. Kemp made a motion to change the rule to add the Wellness Foundation to the list of approved continuing education providers. Dr. Caldwell seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Updates from Schools of Dentistry- Dr. Ragain and Dr. McKinney joined the meeting to give the update for the UT School of Dentistry. All lectures and examinations at the school of dentistry are being held online due to the pandemic. Dr. McKinney spoke about the challenges concerning proper PPE being available for students and staff during the pandemic, and keep required PPE in stock to ensure everyone is as safe as possible. The school has come close to having to shut down due to lack of access to disinfectants and PPE that are needed to safely run the school. They have started sterilizing N-95 masks so that they can be re-used. UT School of Dentistry has received a large donation from a dentist in Knoxville, to allow the school to open a D4 clinic in Knoxville for the D4 student rotations. The school is hoping to open additional D4 clinics around the state as well in the future. Dr. McKinney spoke about the challenges of holding the EDFDA courses during the pandemic in 2020. They are moving forward with a revamped EFDA course that has enhanced COVID protocols to ensure safety, and all students must test negative for COVID before attending the class. EFDA class size has gone down from 35 to 10 students, and they are now going to hold 4 classes per year to attempt to get more students through the course while practicing social distancing and safety measures in place during the pandemic.

CE Broker Update- As of January 1, 2021 there were 5,739 basic accounts registered in CE Broker by dental professionals licensed in Tennessee. There were over 700 active professional subscription accounts, and 52 active concierge subscriptions as of January 1, 2021. The use of CE Broker is not mandatory, but is recommended.

## **OTHER BUSINESS, RULE CHANGES AND/OR POLICY CHANGES**

Presentation by Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Center for Advanced Mobile Healthcare Learning: Dr. Bonnie Miller and Dr. Kim Garvey joined the meeting to give their presentation. The QuizTime format for continuing education from Vanderbilt has been very popular. QuizTime delivers one question per day via email or text. At the end of the course, continuing credit will be granted to those who complete 80% of the total number of questions available for that course. Surveys have shown that those who have completed this course have shown a positive impact in regard to prescribing by practitioners. In 2020, 296 dentists took Vanderbilt’s course through QuizTime. Dr. Garvey requested from the board that the board office may

be able to help advertise this free course from Vanderbilt on opioids that are available for dental professionals to take. Dr. Meadows suggested an email be sent by the board office to tell licensees about the CE opportunity. Dr. Zambrano made a motion to have the email sent out, and Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried following a roll call vote.

## **COMMITTEE AND TASKFORCE UPDATES**

Update from the Anesthesia Committee- During the last meeting, Anesthesia Committee requested changes to several rules and the facility inspection form. The rule change would only be to the emergency management section.

Under the Conscious Sedation Section, the board requested to have the rule read as follows:

**6(ii)** Training to familiarize the operating team with these protocols must be periodic and current. Regular staff education programs and training sessions shall be provided and documented which include sessions on emergencies, life saving measures, medical equipment, and utility systems.”

A motion was made by Dr. Meadows to approve the rule change, and was seconded by Dr. Zambrano. The motion carried following a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Zambrano to accept the change to the following rule under the section of Conscious Sedation:

**6(i)** Written protocols must be established by the dentist to manage emergencies related to conscious sedation including but not limited to laryngospasm, bronchospasm, emesis and aspiration, airway occlusion by foreign body, angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, hypertension, hypotension, allergic and toxic reactions, convulsions, hyperventilation and hypoventilation. Written protocols must be kept with the emergency equipment and drugs.

Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Rodriguez to leave the AED requirement on both the Emergency Management and Equipment sections of the facility inspection form. Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Under the section for Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia, the board approved the following changes:

**6(i)** Written protocols must be established by the dentist to manage emergencies related to deep sedation/general anesthesia including but not limited to laryngospasm, bronchospasm, emesis and aspiration, airway occlusion by foreign body, angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, hypertension, hypotension, allergic and toxic reactions, convulsions, hyperventilation. Written protocols must be kept with emergency equipment and drugs.

**6(ii)** If anesthetic agents implicated in the etiology of malignant hyperthermia are used, written protocols to treat the malignant hyperthermia must be established.

**6(iii)** Training to familiarize the operating team with these protocols must be periodic and current. Regular staff education programs and training sessions shall be provided and documented which include sessions on emergencies, life saving measures, medical equipment, and utility systems.

A motion was made by Dr. Zambrano to accept the above changes to the deep sedation/general anesthesia rule. The motion was seconded by Dr. Moody, and the motion carried following the roll call vote.



Dr. Zambrano made a motion to accept the requested changes to the equipment and drug list, and to update the policy posted on the board website to reflect those changes. Dr. Kemp seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Dr. Zambrano made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Anesthesia Committee to approve a DOCS course taught in affiliation with Meharry Medical College and Idaho State University as an acceptable comprehensive conscious sedation course. Dr. Kemp seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

## **AGREED CITATIONS**

Dr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the following Continuing Education agreed citations:

1. Adams, Shavonn RDA
2. Eubank, Suzanne RDH
3. Risher, Devin RDH

Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call.

Ms. Kinsey made a motion to approve the following Lapsed License agreed citations:

1. Black, Jennifer RDA
2. Green, Brani RDH
3. Phillips, Ashley RDA

Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call.

## **CONSENT ORDERS/AGREED ORDERS**

1. Brooks, C. Edward DDS- Dr. Moody was recused from hearing this order. Dr. Brooks was audited as part of the requirements for his deep sedation/general anesthesia permit for the 2017-2018 continuing education cycle. He was found to be non-compliant with the audit due to being unable to show proof of ACLS certification from January 2017 through April 2017. As part of the consent order Dr. Brooks will be required to pay a total of \$400 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Dr. Meadows made a motion to approve the consent order, and Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion. No reply was heard from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.
2. Fordjour, Isaac DDS- Dr. Meadows and Ms. Kinsey recused themselves from hearing this order. Dr. Fordjour was audited as part of the renewal process for his deep sedation/general anesthesia permit requirements, for the 2017- 2018 continuing education cycle. He was unable to provide proof of ACLS from January 2017-December 2018, and was found to be non-compliant with the audit. He was also unable to provide proof of the required 4 hours of continuing education in the subject of sedation/anesthesia required to maintain his sedation permit. As part of the consent order Dr. Fordjour will be required to pay a total of \$2,800 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action taken against his license will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Dr. Zambrano made a motion to accept the consent order, and Dr. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried following a roll call vote.
3. Read, Daniel DDS- Dr. Moody was recused from this order. Dr. Read has his license previously disciplined for non-compliance with a continuing education audit for his deep sedation/general

anesthesia permit, in 2016 for failure to show proof of ACLS certification for the entire audit period. He was again audited for his 2017-2018 continuing education as part of the requirements for his sedation permit. Dr. Read failed to provide proof of ACLS certification from February 2017 through April 2017, resulting in his non-compliance with the audit. As part of the consent order, Dr. Read will be required to pay a total of \$600 in civil penalties, his license will be placed on probation for 1 year, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the consent order, and Dr. Meadows seconded the motion. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.

4. Price- Terry, Ella RDH- Dr. Caldwell was recused from this order. Ms. Price-Terry submitted a reinstatement application and was found to have been working on an expired dental hygienist license for a total of 10 months. As part of the consent order, she will be required to pay a total of \$2,400 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Dr. Meadows made a motion to accept the consent order, and Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.
5. Scruggs IV, Oscar DDS- Dr. Caldwell and Dr. Rodriguez were recused from this order. Dr. Scruggs allowed a dental hygienist to work on an expired license for a total of 10 months. As part of the consent order, he will be required to pay a total of \$800 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the consent order, and Ms. Kinsey seconded the motion. The motion carried following a roll call vote.
6. Heberle, Destiny RDH- Dr. Caldwell was recused from this order. Ms. Heberle submitted a reinstatement application for her dental hygienist license and was found to have been performing all duties of a registered dental hygienist, including exposing x-rays, monitoring nitrous oxide, and administering local anesthesia for a total of 10 months on an expired license. As part of the consent order, Ms. Heberle will be required to pay a total of \$2,400 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Ms. Kinsey made a motion to accept the consent order, and Ms. Martin seconded the motion. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.
7. Jackson, Ronald DDS- Dr. Caldwell was recused from this order. Dr. Jackson allowed a dental hygienist to work on an expired registered dental hygienist license for a total of 10 months. As part of the consent order, he will be required to pay a total of \$800 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the consent order, and Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.
8. Eilers Jr., Carl DDS- Dr. Moody was recused from this order. Dr. Eilers took an online ACLS course that did not have an in person skills evaluation. He will have to pay a total of \$200 in civil penalties as part of the order, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. Dr. Zambrano made a motion to accept the order, and Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried following a roll call vote.
9. Nixon, Ralph M. DDS- Dr. Nixon was audited as part of his comprehensive conscious sedation permit for 2017-2018. He failed to provide proof of 2 hours of continuing education in the subject of sedation as part of the requirements to maintain his sedation permit. As part of the order he will be required pay a total of \$200 in civil penalties, and the disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioners Databank. A motion was made by Dr. Zambrano and Ms. Kinsey seconded the order. The motion carried following a roll call vote.

Dr. Meadows brought up the topic of the COVID vaccine regarding dental professionals. Dr. Tabor said he has already received the first dose of the vaccine, but there appears to be confusion concerning getting the second dose. He said it has been unclear where to get information from the Department of Health or the county health departments for the second dose. Ms. Morgan reminded everyone to contact their local county

health department for information for the vaccines. Ms. Morgan gave contact information about vaccines as follows: 877-857-2945 or 833-556-2476, and the website is <https://covid19.tn.gov/>.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dr. Kemp nominated Dr. Caldwell to be the Vice President of the board. Ms. Puckett seconded the motion. Dr. Caldwell said he would accept the nomination. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.

Dr. Meadows nominated Ms. Martin to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the board. Dr. Kemp seconded the motion. Ms. Martin said she would accept the nomination. No reply was received from Ms. Richert during the roll call vote. The motion carried.

Dr. Caldwell nominated Dr. Kemp as President of the board. Dr. Meadows seconded the motion. The motion carried following the roll call vote.

Dr. Meadows' appointment to the board is set to expire on March 31, 2021.

Dr. Caldwell agreed to continue serving as the board consultant, while serving as Vice President of the board as well.

The meeting was adjourned.