

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
SPECIALTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: August 13, 2020

Location: WebEx Meeting

Members Present: Edward Moody, D.D.S.
David Travis, D.D.S.

Staff Present: Dea Smith, Executive Director
Paetria Morgan, Senior Assistant General Counsel

A roll call was taken by Ms. Morgan to confirm that a quorum of the committee members were present to begin the meeting at 3:25 p.m. A second roll call was taken to confirm that all committee members were able to hear the replies of the other members. All board members confirmed that they could hear each other. A third roll call was taken, confirming that all committee members did not have anyone else present at their locations while they were joining the meeting.

Ms. Morgan read the agenda items to be covered:

1. Discuss the requirements of newly recognized specialties.

Due to the current COVID19 pandemic, the meeting was held via WebEx. A motion was made by Dr. Travis to move forward with the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Moody. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed after all committee members confirmed the meeting was necessary and should move forward.

Ms. Morgan reviewed the requirements of an electronic meeting: that the subject matter to be discussed required timely action, the physical presence of all members is not practical given the time frame in which action is required, and the participation of all or some of the members via electronic means is necessary. Dr. Travis made a motion that the meeting did meet all of the requirements necessary for an electronic meeting to be held. Dr. Moody seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Ms. Morgan then turned the meeting over to the committee.

The committee reviewed the information obtained from the websites of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and the American Academy of Oral Medicine. The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards is currently reviewing the definitions for both of the new specialties.

After discussion, Dr. Travis made the motion to wait until the Commission releases specific requirements and definitions and for Ms. Morgan to draft those requirements and definitions into a draft rule for the committee to review at next meeting, which will be scheduled after the National Commission approves the definitions and requirements. Dr. Moody seconded the motion.

Dr. Travis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.