

**STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
MINUTES**

**March 26, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Dr. Mara Catey-Williams called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. through virtual video and audio conferencing. Dr. Mara Catey-Williams declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

**Board Members Present:**

Mara Catey-Williams, D.M.D., President  
Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S., Vice President  
Gregory A. Berger, D.D.S.  
Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.  
Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S.  
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S. (present at 8:10 a.m.)  
Jennifer K. Bartek, L.D.H.  
Ted M. Reese, D.D.S., Secretary/Designee  
Mark R. Stetzel, D.D.S.  
Robert D. Findley, D.D.S.

**Board Members Not Present:**

R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S. (not present at 8:00 a.m.)  
Consumer Member, Vacant

**State Officials Present:**

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency  
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency  
Leif Johnson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

STEZEL/FINDLEY  
Motion carried 10-0-0

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 2, 2020; December 4, 2020; and February 5, 2021 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

- A. Blake Aaron Taylor, D.M.D., License No. 12010644A**  
Administrative Cause No. 2020 ISBD 0006  
Re: Administrative Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement

**Parties Present:**

Respondent not present  
Counsel of Respondent Anthony Churchward present  
Erika Steuerwald, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Catey-Williams, DMD (Hearing Officer)  
Dr. Nowakowski, DDS  
Dr. Sheline, DDS  
Dr. Williamson, DDS  
Dr. Findley, DDS  
Dr. Reese, DDS  
Dr. Berger, DDS  
Dr. Snoddy, DDS  
Ms. Bartek, LDH  
Dr. Stetzel, DDS

**Case Summary:** On or about July 9, 2020 an Administrative Complaint was filed against Dr. Taylor’s Indiana dental license. On or about March 8, 2021 a Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed with the following terms:

- Complete within one (1) year of the Board’s Final Order a total of six (6) hours of Continued Education Units in Management and Record Keeping.
- Respondent shall receive a Letter of Reprimand.
- Within ninety days (90) of the Final Order, Respondent shall pay a fine of \$500.00 dollars to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.
- Any Violation of the Final Order or noncompliance of Indiana’s statute and rules could lead the Respondent to receive further disciplinary action against their license.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposed Settlement Agreement in the matter of Dr. Taylor.

CATEY-WILLIAMS/NOWAKOWSKI  
Motion carried 10-0-0

**B. Dwane Richard Bruick, D.D.S., License No. 12008370A**

Administrative Cause No.2020 ISBD 0010  
Re: Petition on Release From Probation

**Parties Present:**

Respondent present with Counsel Mark Smith  
Carey Rochester, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

**Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Catey-Williams, DMD (Hearing Officer)  
Dr. Nowakowski, DDS  
Dr. Sheline, DDS  
Dr. Williamson, DDS

Dr. Findley, DDS  
Dr. Reese, DDS  
Dr. Berger, DDS  
Dr. Snoddy, DDS  
Ms. Bartek, LDH

**Not Participating Board Members:**

Dr. Stetzel, DDS

**Case Summary:** Please note that Dr. Stetzel recused himself for this hearing. On or about February 21, 2020 Dr. Bruick was placed on Probation based upon the malpractice reports he disclosed on his dental license renewal. He was required to complete the following terms:

- To have a practice monitor report to the Board every three months regarding clinical and chart reviews of Dr. Bruick.
- Submit four (4) quarterly report on Dr. Bruick's status
- Appearance before the Board

The Board has received all of Dr. Bruick's quarterly reports and he appeared before the Board on February 5, 2021. Dr. Bruick stated that he has met all the terms of his probation and currently the probation status is hurting his practice. The State asked if he has obtained any new medical malpractice suits since he has been on probation. Dr. Bruick stated that a new claim was filed against him in 2020 that has not been resolved at this time. He informed the Board that he included that information in his 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly report. Mr. Smith informed the Board that based upon what he can release regarding the claim is that the claimant has a history of suing dentists despite the nature of the claim. The Board informed Dr. Bruick and his counsel that once the suit has been concluded, Dr. Bruick will want to submit a report on his next license renewal. The State concluded that based upon what Dr. Bruick has provided that he has met all probation requirements. It is noted that Dr. Bruick does have a claim that has not been adjudicated so the State will leave this to the discretion of the Board for their final decision.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Bruick's petition to withdraw probation.

FINDLEY/BARTEK  
Motion carried 8-0-1 (NOWKOWSKI abstained)

**V. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

There were no settlement agreements.

**VI. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT**

There were no notices of proposed default.

**VII. APPEARANCE**

- A. Dr. Joseph Crowley**, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure (CMDL)  
**Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan**, Chair of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDL)  
**Dr. David Waldschmidt**, Director of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDL)

Dr. Crowley, Dr. Ragunathan, and Dr. Waldschmidt appeared to discuss the new modernization processes to ensure professional mobility. The JCNCE is a coalition that is reviewing the new examinations and have developed their own clinical examination. Dr. Ragunathan is the current chair of the coalition and has been in practice for thirty years. His focus is clinical judgement, continuance of care issues, and reviewing the exam modernization process. His goal is to help the public but also protect the Board. Dr. Ragunathan went over how the exam is conducted, what it covered, how it was developed and the validity of the exam. The exam will cover the areas of restorative, prosthetics, periodontics, oral surgery, endodontics, orthodontics, medical emergency procedures, prescriptions, and pain management. Dr. Ragunathan stated that the intent of the coalition is to try to place the ownership of passing the exam back onto the universities. The Board inquired on the validity of their exam over others. Dr. Ragunathan stated that the development of their exam and research started in 2016; however, due to the pandemic their process was sped up. The JCNCE has had more information and surveys to compare it to the other exams to ensure that their exam will be considered comparable. There is still more data that is undergoing review; however, their current data has been evaluated by AERA, APA, NCME, and other agencies. Currently in order to take the JCNCE exam the Dean of the University must sign off for the students to take the exam in a similar process that the students must take when they sign up for the current clinical exams. Currently the exam cost to the applicant is \$800 and there are 4 testing windows in order for students to take the exam. The exam is only administered in the United States.

## **VIII. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

### **A. REINSTATEMENT**

#### **1. David Guthrie, D.D.S., License No. 12011936A**

Dr. Guthrie appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of his license that expired in 2014. Dr. Guthrie stated that he has been completing a Dental Residency focused on anesthetic training. He let his Indiana license lapse as he had gained employment in the state of Kentucky. Currently his intention is to retain his Kentucky and New York licenses. Dr. Guthrie stated that when he works in Indiana, his main focus will be in the Southern Indiana area. The Board inquired into his Residency, and Dr. Guthrie explained that the program focused on three (3) major patient groups: pediatrics, special needs, and adults. He stated that his specialty will be in pediatrics with children aged 2 to 8. The case load during his residency have been 800 cases, 250 of those cases are in pediatrics.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Guthrie application for reinstatement of his dental license pending completion of the Indiana jurisprudence exam.

NOWAKOWSKI/STETZEL  
Motion carried 10-0-0

### **B. PROBATION**

#### **1. Ronald Deckard, D.D.S., License No. 12007982A** Cause No. 2015 ISBD 0005

Dr. Deckard appeared as requested to discuss his probation that was placed on his license on February 18, 2016. Dr. Deckard did not appear at the December or February Board meetings. He informed the Board that he was unable to appear as he had contracted COVID. He stated that he has not been doing any volunteer or clinic work as they have been closed. He also stated he has not submitted any prescription logs as his last place of work did not require him to write any

prescriptions. He stated that if he did have patients that required prescriptions, he would refer them out. Currently he resides in the Bloomington area and informed the Board that his DEA has been reinstated. He informed the Board that he has completed the CE requirements and paid all fines./ The Board reminded him that should he wish to come off probation he will have to make a formal request in writing.

**2. Melissa Ann Lyght, L.D.H., License No. 13005878A**  
Cause No. 2013 ISBD 0001

Ms. Lyght appeared as requested to discuss her probation that was placed on her license on March 16, 2017. Ms. Lyght has submitted a list of the medications she has been prescribed for the Board to review and stated that she is still going to her meetings. She informed the Board that her meetings have been going well. Her current workload is three (3) days of work with Dr. Miller. She has had no relapses and is seeing a pain management specialist regarding her neck and back issues. She has completed a continuing education courses both in the office, and some recommended local anesthetic courses at University of Southern Indiana.

**3. Kurt Nathan Richeson, D.D.S., License No. 12010186A**  
Cause No. 2012 ISBD 0016

Dr. Richeson appeared as requested to discuss his probation that was placed on his license on May 18, 2012. Candance Backer, Well Being Program, appeared with him. Dr. Richeson stated that he completed an inpatient recovery program with a duration of ten (10) weeks. He stated there was some delay in finishing the program as he had some family and marital issues. He has attended AA meetings and is currently separated from his wife. He volunteers at a hospital two times a week and administers COVID vaccines at hospitals. He found that the Pine Grove Professional Enhancement program a good fit for him and has signed a new contract with the Indiana Well Being Program. Dr. Richeson stated that he talked with Ms. Backer and she was in agreement that based upon his evaluation the program at Pine Grove was more intense and longer. Currently he has had no relapses. As he was in treatment last year, he was unable to make his annual appearance before the Board. The Board stated that he will be required to appear twice this year with this March appearance as one appearance, and an appearance in December.

**C. RENEWALS**

There were no renewals for discussion.

**D. APPLICATION**

**1. Rodney Willey, D.M.D**

Dr. Willey appeared as requested to discuss his yes response to question number one (1) "Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration, or permit that you hold or have held" on his application. Dr. Willey submitted a statement and supporting documents regarding the previous action. He stated that he was reprimanded and was required to pay a fine to the Illinois State Board; however, the action has been resolved. The Board asked for clarification on why he had answered yes, and then no on question number seven (7) "Have you ever had a malpractice judgement against you or settled any malpractice action?" on his application. Dr. Willey clarified that there was a claim against him, but it was not a malpractice incident. He stated that on his NPDB report it reflects as a reprimand. He stated that was the only incident on his license record and that he followed the advice of his counsel at that time. Dr. Willey stated that in retrospect he would have fought the issue a bit more.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Willey application for dental licensure pending completion of the Indiana Jurisprudence examination.

BARTEK/NOWAKOWSKI  
Motion carried 10-0-0

**IX. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

**A. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**1. Derby Dental Lab**

Derby Dental Lab has been approved through other agencies and meets Indiana requirements. The Board stated that while more information on the seminars would be preferred, the CE Provider has submitted all requirements.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Derby Dental Lab as a CE provider.

STEZEL/BARTEK  
Motion carried 9-1-0 (REESE opposed.)

**X. DISCUSSION**

**A. Examination Rules**

The Board reviewed the current administrative rules for licensure by examination for both dentist and dental hygienist. They made several changes and updated the list of examinations accepted by the Board. The Board requested an Administrative Rules Committee meeting be scheduled in order to review the proposed rule. A meeting has been scheduled for April 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. standards.

**B. House Bill 1079**

HB 1079 is a bill to define of dentistry in the State of Indiana, allows dentists to administer COVID vaccines and to address virtual claim payments. The definition language of the bill reflects the ADA definition. The bill also will allow a dentist to administer the COVID vaccine to patients, provided they have completed a CE training course on COVID vaccinee administration. The virtual claim portion will allow virtual payments as an alternative option of reimbursement for insurance fees. The Board knew of a few web based training for COVID vaccine administration (“You call the Shots”) that is thorough, and to ensure that any training they do also goes through blood born pathogen reminders. The Board also wanted to remind those considering the vaccine that they should not be administered at their dental office, but at approved COVID vaccine facilities. They also stated that should any dentist do the COVID vaccine training, the CE will count towards the required CE for the renewal cycle provided the course occurs under an approved provider. Currently the IDA is sponsoring a number of CE training courses like “You call the Shots”.

**XI. REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**XII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old/new business.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

FINDLEY/SHELINE  
Motion carried 10/0/0

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Mara Catey-Williams, D.M.D., President

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Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S., Vice President

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Date