

## MINUTES

### TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY MEETING

**Date:** April 11, 2025

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

**Members Present:** Robert Caldwell, DMD  
Naomi Martin, RDA  
Greg Kemp, DDS  
Edward Moody, DDS  
Maricela Rodriguez, DDS  
Joseph Britton, DDS  
Christopher Acree  
Steven Zambrano, DDS  
Suzanne DuVall, RDH

**Staff Present:** Ailene Macias, Director  
Stephanie Glasgow, Board Manager  
Ashley Fine, Senior Associate General Counsel

The meeting began at 10:00am. A motion was made by Dr. Zambrano for Dr. Caldwell to act as board chair for the meeting, in the absence of Dr. Phillip Kemp. Mr. Acree seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## MINUTES

1. Board of Dentistry: January 2025- Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, and Ms. DuVall seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Anesthesia Committee Meeting- April 2025: Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, and Ms. DuVall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## INTERVIEWS

1. Beaty, Megan DA- Ms. Beaty appeared before the board for her applicant interview. Mr. Acree made a motion to grant a conditional license, with her RDA license being on probation for 3 years. Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Gethers, Ashelyn DA- Ms. Gethers appeared before the board for her applicant interview. Dr. Zambrano made a motion to grant the license contingent upon completing an evaluation with the Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation, with the license not being placed on probation. Mr. Acree seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Horton, Deaundra DA- Ms. Horton appeared before the board for her applicant interview. Dr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the license contingent upon her completion of her court ordered probation. Mr. Acree seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Studley, Kellie DA- Ms. Studley appeared before the board for her applicant interview. Dr. Zambrano made a motion to approve the application contingent upon completing an evaluation with the Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation. Ms. DuVall seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
5. Wallace, Amanda DA- Ms. Wallace appeared before the board for her applicant interview, Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the application contingent upon completion of an evaluation from the Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation. Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
6. Nolan, Shaundrea RDA- Ms. Nolan previously confirmed she would attend the board meeting for the applicant interview, but she did not appear at the meeting. Mr. Acree made a motion to provide the opportunity for Ms. Nolan to appear at the July board meeting for her interview. All agreed, and the motion carried.

## **RATIFICATIONS**

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following:

1. New licenses, reinstatements/ reactivations, and retirements.
2. Specialties, certifications and permits.
3. Administrative revocations.

Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following:

1. Carico Jr., David DS
2. Nevens, Shelby RDA

Ms. DuVall seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following:

1. Mid-South Dental Lab, Inc.- “Advancements in Implant Dentistry.”
2. Green Orthodontics- “Types of Malocclusions”
3. Advanced Dental Administration- “Dental Office Administration:
4. Advanced Dental Administration- “Communications and Insurance”
5. Advanced Dental Administration- “Chemical Dependency and Prescription Writing”
6. Dr. John Werther DMD, MD- “Diagnosis and Management of Impacted Teeth”

Ms. DuVall seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM**

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following:

1. Dalton Dental Assistant School
2. First Class Dental Assisting School of Nashville
3. Martin Dental Assistant Academy, LLC
4. Memphis Dental Assistant School
5. Nashville Dental Assistant School- Almaville
6. Nashville Dental Assistant School- Mt. Juliet
7. Paislee Elite Dental Assisting Program
8. Remington College- Nashville
9. Ross Medical Education Center- Knoxville
10. Ross Medical Education Center- Johnson City
11. St. Apollonia Dental Assisting Academy
12. Tennessee College of Applied Technology- Murfreesboro
13. Vibe Dental Academy
14. Walters State Community College- Greeneville
15. Walters State Community College- Morristown

Dr. Moody seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATION COURSES**

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following:

1. *Administering and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide*
  - a. DOCS Education
  - b. Tennessee Wesleyan University
2. *Coronal Polishing*
  - a. Revive Dental Assisting
  - b. TN College of Applied Technology at Nashville
  - c. Volunteer State Community College
3. *Dental Radiology*
  - a. Jackson Area Dental Assisting
  - b. Revive Dental Assisting
4. *Sealant Application*
  - a. Revive Dental Assisting
  - b. TN College of Applied Technology at Nashville
  - c. Volunteer State Community College
5. *Nitrous Monitoring*
  - a. DOCS Education
  - b. Volunteer State Community College

Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## EQUIVALENCY OF COURSES

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following:

1. *Local Anesthesia*
  - a. Kramer, Emily- Harper College (Palatine, IL)
  - b. Link, Brittney- University of Missouri (Kansas City, MO)
  - c. Pepping, Shari- USC Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry
  - d. Schwank Julie- University of Florida (Gainesville, FL)
  - e. Sudyka, Angelica- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
2. *Administering and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide*
  - a. Yee, Emily- Valencia College (Orlando, FL)
3. *Radiology*
  - a. Cerda, Kasandra- Dental Advantage Career Training (San Luis Obispo, CA)
  - b. Hopper, Mychal- Pima Medical Institute (Colorado Springs, CO)
  - c. Kachan, Sophia- Lincoln Dental Assisting Academy (Lincoln, CA)
  - d. Knight, Avery- Concorde College (Southaven, MS)
  - e. Silvestry, Danielle- UT Health Science Center (San Antonio, TX)
  - f. Smith, Emily- Accelerated Academy (Denham Springs, LA)
  - g. Taunton, Kari- Dalton Dental Assistant School (Dalton, GA)
  - h. Weaver, Keiarra- Accelerated Academy (Denham Springs, LA)
4. *Sealant Application*
  - a. De Cubas, Ligia- Ordemy (Menlo Park, CA)
5. *Nitrous Monitoring*
  - a. Sutherland, Melissa- Nitrous Oxide Monitoring- Normandale Community College (Bloomington, MN)
6. *Multiple Courses*
  - a. Austin, Shelley- Dental Radiology, Coronal Polishing, Sealant- Citrus College (Glendora, CA)
  - b. Bordenave, Kayla- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide, Local Anesthesia- Carrington College
  - c. Brown, Ida- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide, Local Anesthesia- Eastern Washington
  - d. Calvert, Samantha- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide, Local Anesthesia- Pierce College
  - e. Carroll, Bailey- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide, Local Anesthesia- WKU
  - f. Cook, Yvette- Dental Radiology, Coronal Polishing- Cerritos College (Norwalk, CA)
  - g. Harvey, Deon- Dental Radiology, Coronal Polishing, Sealants- California RDA Institute (San Diego, CA)
  - h. Henderson, Serena- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous Oxide- NC Dental (Smithfield, NC)
  - i. Hurst, Cydney- Fresno City College (Fresno, CA)
  - j. Johnson, Madison- Dental Radiology, Nitrous Monitoring- NC Dental (Smithfield, NC)
  - k. Lamb, Nicole- Radiology, Sealants- Unitek College (Sacramento, CA)
  - l. Moore, Shelby- Sealants, Coronal Polishing- Daytona State College (Daytona, FL)
  - m. Silva, Sky- Dental Radiology, Coronal Polishing- UEI College (Stockton, CA)
  - n. Sperry, Kimberly- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous, Local Anesthesia- Sacramento College
  - o. Sterling, Julia- Administering and Monitoring Nitrous- Foothill College
  - p. Sutherland, Melissa- Sealants, Coronal Polishing- Hennepin Technical College (Brooklyn Park, MN)

- q. True, Ceridwyn- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous and Local Anesthesia- Great Fall College Montana State University
- r. Walker Riley- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous and Local Anesthesia- South College
- s. White, Sharron- Monitoring Nitrous Oxide- University of Texas (San Antonio, TX)
- t. White, Sharron- Dental Radiology and Sealants- Indiana University School of Dentistry (Indianapolis, IN).
- u. Williams, Zira- Dental Radiology and Coronal Polishing- Ocean Pointe Dental Academy of Mississippi (Grenada, MS)
- v. Wise, Damon- Administration and Monitoring Nitrous, Local Anesthesia- Columbus State (Columbus, OH).
- w. Zepeda, Emmanuel- Sealants, Restorative Functions, Prosthetic Functions- Ordemy (Menlo Park, CA)
- x. Zepeda- Emmanuel- Dental Radiology, Coronal Polishing- Dental Professionals of California (Palm Desert, CA)

Ms. Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Acree made a motion to uphold the **denials** for equivalency of the following courses:

- 1. Bakie, Isaca- Coronal Polishing, Restorative Functions- University of Kentucky
- 2. Lamb, Nicole- Monitoring Nitrous Oxide- Unitek College
- 3. Shepherd, Cherish- Restorative Functions- ChoiceMD

Ms. DuVall seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. ADEX Appointment request from Dr. Nadim Jubran, DDS- Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Dr. Jubran as the representative for TN with ADEX. Dr. Moody seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- 2. Dr. Dan Merwin- request for review of CE policy related to creators of course content. The topic of discussion surrounded the creation of course content for teaching in dental schools, and the request for continuing education hours to be accepted by the board for the 2-year continuing education requirements. It was discussed that the consideration of the difficulty of calculating or accounting for continuing education hours, along with the consideration of if there would be a cap on the number of hours which could be obtained for course creation. Dr. Moody discussed there being hours only awarded one time for the creation of a course, and some hours for the presentation of the course to dentists in the dental school. The board members agreed more research is needed to consider this topic with the board rules and policies, to determine if these type of continuing education hours can be accepted. Mr. Acree made a motion to table the discussion of this topic to determine if a policy change is needed for this request. Dr. Britton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report- Ms. Macias reminded the board members of the scheduled board meetings on July 10-11 and October 2-3, for the final 2 meetings of 2025. From January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2024, the board office received 77 initial license applications for dentist, 82 for dental hygienists, 398 for dental assistants, and 22 for dental facilities. The total number of new licenses issued during that period was 51 for dentists, 63 for dental hygienists, 367 for dental assistants, and 23 for dental facilities. The total number of new certifications/permits issued were 13 for dentists, 123 for dental hygienists, and 775 for dental assistants. An average of 80% of all licensees are now renewing their licenses online.
2. Office of Investigations Report- Justin Thorneberry provided the report for the Office of Investigations. From January 2025 through the end of March 2025, the Office of Investigations received a total 102 new complaints, with 85 total complaints having been closed at the time of the board meeting.
3. OGC Report- The rules regarding the RDH monitoring of nitrous oxide course were filed with the Secretary of State's Office in February 2025, and had an effective date of May 22, 2025. The fee increases that the Board approved for rulemaking were slated to be scheduled for a rulemaking hearing at the July 2025 Board meeting. At the time of the meeting, there were 38 open cases with OGC. Of those cases, 19 were for dentists, 18 cases for dental assistants, and one case for dental hygienists. The board was scheduled to review 10 consent/agreed orders at the meeting that day, and 1 contested case was scheduled for the second day of the board meeting.
4. Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation- Dr. Tiner provided the update/report for the TWF. They had approximately 42 clients they were monitoring, with about 69% of them being dentists, 17% hygienists, and 15% were dental assistants. The TWF monitors those clients daily, with such things as random urine drug screens, blood tests, support meeting attendance, therapy attendance, and meeting at least twice a year with the TWF. The TWF continues to present chemical dependency lectures as dental at dental and dental hygiene programs, dental conferences, and other venues across the state.
5. Updates from the Schools of Dentistry  
Lincoln Memorial University- Dr. Wang provided updates about LMU's dental school and dental hygiene program. She reported that approximately 40-45% of the students enrolling at LMU dental school are Tennessee residents. Their dental hygiene program just graduated their first class of students in 2024. The majority of these graduates stayed in the Knoxville area after graduation to work in dental offices. Dr. Wang reported that LMU dental hygiene program completed their CODA accreditation. The dental hygiene school students had a 100% pass rate for their examinations. LMU is starting to teach with more of an emphasis on intraoral scanning training for their students.

Meharry School of Dentistry- Dr. Tyus provided this update to the board. The school is working towards approval for their Pediatric Residency Program, and they had just recently had their site visit for this accreditation process. Meharry created a new center at the dental school for special needs care, with a separate entrance for easier access for those patients. Dr. Tyus reported that Meharry has continued to have their Oral Health Day twice a year, and their March 1<sup>st</sup> date saw 400 patients for free dental care. Meharry also created a new dental clinic in Shelbyville to provide dental care in that area, since it's considered an under served population for dental care availability. Dr. Tyus spoke about their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt a Grandparent Program, where dental

students adopt a grandparent and provide them free dental care, dentures, dental cleanings, and other services. They reported there are currently 300 grandparents in this program. Meharry had recently applied for accreditation for their Periodontal residency program. Dr. Gray provided the EFDA program update to the board. At the time of the board meeting, they had just started their next EFDA class for the summer session. She reported that 85% of the students attending the EFDA course, live in Middle Tennessee, and there has been an increase in the number of students who have this course paid for by their supervising dentist.

*UT School of Dentistry-* Dr. McKinney provided the update to the board for UT. He reported that the school is working towards creating a new dental clinic in Kingsport, TN, as part of their Healthy Smiles Initiative. Dr. McKinney reported that there is still high interest in their EFDA courses, which is helping the graduates provide dental care to the growing population of our state. The winter 2025 session took place in January and February in Knoxville for the restorative functions certification. Dr. McKinney stated that UT is considering having a possible EFDA course scheduled to take place in the school's Kingsport dental clinic in 2026.

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

*Presentation by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC)-* A presentation from THEC was provided to the board members to explain the requirements for dental assisting programs and courses to register with that commission. There were approximately 300 post secondary education facilities under their purview. THEC found that not all Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) Programs were registering with them or knew of the requirement to register with the THEC office. The THEC policies and requirements work in conjunction with the board such as the RDA Programs, to ensure that students can become licensed by taking a course/program upon graduation. Another purpose of THEC is to ensure there are refund policies for students for these programs. The board was asked to work with THEC to provide more information on the board website and/or program applications to allow the programs approved by the board, to review the THEC requirements in order to register with that office. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve working with THEC to update information provided to the programs about THEC registration requirements. Dr. Britton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### *Discussion and action taken related to:*

- Rule Amendments Pursuant to 2021 PC 38 (included Rule Chapters 0460-01, 0460-02, 0460-.03, 0460-04, and 0460-05)
- All current Board policies
- Anesthesia Committee rule draft related to the definition of “administration”
- Consideration of a policy related to misdemeanor convictions

To review the discussions, motions, and voting on these topics, please review the meeting recording: <https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Channel/98fe21d561e9489487745f0c7da678b25f/watch/c7fed7f57ce4b5da1f23534e24bb6dd1d>

## **COMMITTEE AND TASKFORCE UPDATES**

The board reviewed the recommendation from the Anesthesia Committee, in which they had tentatively approved a course “IV Sedation for Dentists, LLC” for their Limited Conscious Sedation Course. The board reviewed the information, noting that some of the updated NPDB reports were missing from the application package the committee reviewed. The board requested to have the Anesthesia Committee review all updated NPDB reports for all faculty, to determine if the course should be approved to allow TN licensed dentists to obtain their Limited Conscious Sedation Permit upon completion of the course.

Dr. Moody made a motion to table this course, and request that the Anesthesia Committee review all updated NPDB reports for the faculty listed in the application. Dr. Britton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## ORDERS OF COMPLIANCE AND/OR PETITIONS

1. Kaufman, Stephen DDS- Dr. Kaufman appeared before the board with his attorney, Garret Ashery, related to his Order of Compliance. Dr. Kaufman had previously agreed to a conditional license, related to issued he had with substance abuse. He currently has a lifetime contract with the TWF, and has maintained compliance with them. Dr. Kaufman has been having issues with being denied for Medicaid/Medicare/TennCare due to still having his license listed as being Conditional. He appeared before the board to request that the license have the restriction of a conditional license being removed. Dr. Tiner spoke on behalf of Dr. Kaufman, stating he has remained in compliance with all requirements of his contract. Mr. Acree made a motion to lift the condition from the license, and an order to be drafted to have the license restored to a unrestricted/non-conditional license. Dr. Britton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. Wiggins Jr. Kenneth DDS- Dr. Wiggins appeared before the board to request the probation lifted from his license, and to have his license back in good standing. There was a draft order of compliance provided to the board, showing that Dr. Wiggins had completed all requirements of the previous order. Mr. Acree made a motion to lift the probation from the license, and Dr. Zambrano seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## AGREED CITATIONS

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following citations:

1. *Continuing Education*
  - a. Anderson, Andre DS
  - b. Bates, Sheryl RDA
  - c. Betts, Kimberly RDA
  - d. Blackman, Faith RDH
  - e. Bottoms, Lauren RDH
  - f. Catalan, Jacquelin RDA
  - g. Dauberman, Elizabeth RDA
  - h. Davis, Heather RDA
  - i. Dixson, Shayna RDA
  - j. Flores, Maria RDA
  - k. Gooding, Helen RDA
  - l. Goodner, Latoya RDH
  - m. Herod, Kimberly RDA
  - n. Hyland, Tammy RDA
  - o. Marcos, Mateya RDH
  - p. Page, Brittany RDA
  - q. Partin, Alexia RDA
  - r. Patel, Vanita RDH
  - s. Power, John DS
  - t. Pugh, Sharla RDA
  - u. Santos, Yessica RDA
  - v. Savelyev, Katie RDH
  - w. Skinner, Emily RDH
  - x. Smith, Emily RDH
  - y. Smith, Evonne RDA
  - z. Smith, Leah RDH
  - aa. Spaulding, Jennifer RDH
  - bb. Taylor, Jessica RDH
  - cc. Vandygriff, Ryann RDA
  - dd. Ventura, Emily RDA
  - ee. Wilbert, Alexandria RDH
  - ff. Woods, Demykeia RDH
  - gg. Wright, Chloe RDA
  - hh. Wright, La Shonda DS

Dr. Britton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the following citations:

2. *Lapsed Licenses*
  - a. Ahmed, Noor RDA
  - b. Atwell, Haley RDA
  - c. Boone, Sierra RDA
  - d. Garcia, Darlene RDA
  - e. Gomez, Gabriela RDA
  - f. May, Abby RDA
  - g. Nelson, LaQuandra RDA
  - h. Rathmanyphay, Anna RDA
  - i. Rivera, Jessica RDA
  - j. Troup, Kaitlin RDA
  - k. Williams, Jalessa RDA
  - l. Wray, Amber RDA

Dr. Britton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **CONSENT ORDERS/AGREED ORDERS**

1. *Anthony Jr. Larry DDS*- Dr. Moody was recused from this order. Dr. Anthony established a dentist/patient relationship with 9 patients, and collected payment for services to be rendered at a future date. Before rendering those services to those patients, he closed his dental office. Dr. Anthony stated that he closed his dental office due to financial reasons. He did not reimburse those patients for the services they paid for but did not receive. Dr. Anthony failed to notify at least 11 patients of his office closure. As part of the order, Dr. Anthony must repay deposits to patients for whom he did not complete dental work for whom he did not complete dental work. Additionally, the order requires a payment of a total of \$1,600 in civil penalties and the costs for the presentation of the order, up to \$4,000. Dr. Anthony must also complete 10 continuing education hours in dental ethics. For at least 5 years, Dr. Anthony is restricted from owning solely or participating in the ownership of any dental practice. In the future, he would be required to obtain a practice monitor for at least 1 year, if she should seek to own or operate a dental office in the state, at the end of the 5-year restriction. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. *Cortez, Jennifer RDA*- Ms. Cortez was audited for the 2021-2022 continuing education cycle, which required her to submit a total of 24 continuing education hours, with 2 of those hours being in the subject of chemical dependency, and proof of CPR certification. In the continuing education documents submitted by Ms. Cortez, she submitted a total of 10 continuing education hours which she falsely attested to attending or completing. Ms. Cortez failed to provide proof of compliance with the audit requirements, in addition to sending the falsified continuing education documents. As part of the order, Ms. Cortez must pay the \$150 civil penalty for audit non-compliance, a total of \$500 in civil penalties for the submission of continuing education documents she falsely attested to completing/attending, payment of the costs up to \$1,000 for the presentation of the order, and make up the audit deficiencies. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. *Cummings, Tracy RDA*- Ms. Cummings practiced on a lapsed RDA registration for approximately 12 months before she submitted an application for reinstatement. As part of the order, she must pay \$500 in civil penalties for the 10 months she practices on the lapsed license beyond the 60-day grace period, and costs up to \$500 for the presentation of the order. The

disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Davis, Grace RDA- Dr. Moody was recused from this order. Ms. Davis practiced for approximately 18 months on a lapsed RDA registration. As part of the order, she must pay a total of \$800 in civil penalties for the for the 16 months she practices on the lapsed registration after the 60- day grace period and costs up to \$3,000 for the presentation of the order. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Ford, Misty RDA- Ms. Ford was selected for the 2021-2022 continuing education audit, and she failed to submit proof of continuing education or CPR certification. As part of the order, Ms. Ford must pay a civil penalty of \$150 and the costs of the presentation of the order up to \$1,500, as well as make up the deficiencies for the audit cycle. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Granger, Cindy RDA- Ms. Granger practiced on a lapsed RDA registration for approximately 11 months beyond the 60- day grace period, before submitting an application for reinstatement. As part of the order, she must pay a total of \$550 in civil penalties and costs up to \$1,000 for the presentation of the order. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Hutton, Amanda RDA- Ms. Hutton practiced for approximately 6 months while her registration was expired. As part of the order, Ms. Hutton must pay a total of \$300 in civil penalties and the costs associated with the presentation of the order. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Johnson, Victoria RDA- From October 2024 to September 2024, Ms. Johnson practiced on her expired registration. As part of the order, she must pay a total of \$500 in civil penalties and the costs associated with the presentation of the order. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Moore, Christy RDA- Ms. Moore practiced on an expired registration for approximately 12 months. As part of the order, she must pay a total of \$500 in civil penalties and the costs associated with the presentation of the order. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Murphy, Lauren RDA- Ms. Murphy was selected for the random audit for the continuing education cycle of 2021-2022. Of the documents she submitted for the audit, it was determined that 7 continuing education completion documents had been altered by Ms. Moore to give the appearance that they were completed in the 2021-2022 cycle. The total number of continuing education hours from those altered certificates was 18 hours. As part of the order, she must pay \$1,800 in civil penalties for submitting altered documents, pay the costs associated with the presentation of the order, and must make up all continuing education hours which were deficient from the audit. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Naantaanbuu, Victoria RDA- Ms. Naantaanbuu was selected for the random audit for the continuing education cycle of 2021-2022. Of the documents submitted in response to the audit, it was determined that 2 of the certificates had been altered to give the appearance that they were completed during the audit cycle. As part of the order, she must pay \$150 for the civil penalty cost for audit non-compliance, \$500 in civil penalties for submitting altered documents, and pay the costs associated with the presentation of the order. Ms. Naantaanbuu must also submit proof of completing make up continuing education ours for the audit deficiencies. The disciplinary

action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

12. Palmer, Lee DDS- Dr. Moody was recused from this order. During an unannounced visit to Dr. Palmer's practice in 2023, it was discovered that he reused single-use disposable sterilization pouches. In November 2023, Dr. Palmer withheld patient records despite a valid request, because the requesting patient's family owed the practice to money from previous dental care provided to the family member. Investigators also discovered numerous vials of expired anesthetic injectables. In February 2024, Dr. Palmer interviewed an applicant in his office for a receptionist position. The applicant was then asked to assist with 2 patients that came into the practice for dental care appointments. The applicant had no experience in the dental field and was not a practitioner of any kind, but they were still asked to put on gloves, a gown, mask, and glasses to assist with the patients. Dr. Palmer had the applicant use suction and water in a patient's mouth during the dental appointments. He asked the applicant not to mention that they had been asked to assist with patient care. It was reported that Dr. Palmer occasionally speaks to his staff in an unprofessional manner, including raising his voice. As part of the order, Dr. Palmer must obtain a certified infection preventionist to develop and maintain a comprehensive infection control plan that adheres to the minimum standards as outlined by the CDC. Within 6 months of the order, he must also take 12 hours of continuing education in ethics. Within 30 days of the order, Dr. Palmer must complete an evaluation with the Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation and enter into a monitoring contract if it is deemed necessary by the evaluator. If a contract is required, he must maintain advocacy of the Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation for at least 12 months or longer, if deemed necessary. As part of the order, Dr. Palmer must pay a \$1,000 in civil penalties, and \$7,000 for the costs associated with the presentation of the order. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
13. Pickens, Dywanica RDA- Ms. Pickens was selected for the random continuing education audit for the 2021-2022 audit cycle. During a review of the documents for the audit, it was determined that Ms. Pickens had submitted an altered continuing education certificate for a total of 3 hours, in addition to being found non-compliant with the total number of hours for the cycle. As part of the order, she must make up the deficient continuing education hours, pay the civil penalty of \$150 for audit non-compliance, civil penalties of \$150 for submitting altered documents, and pay the costs associated with the presentation of the order up to \$3,000. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. Thomas, Samuel DDS- Dr. Thomas was selected for the random audit for the 2021-2022 continuing education cycle. During a review of the submitted documents, it was determined that he had falsely attested to completing a 3 hour continuing education course, and he was deficient by a total of 5 continuing education hours for the cycle. Dr. Thomas provided proof of completion of 3 of the 5 required continuing education make up hours, proof of completion of 10 continuing education hours in ethics and jurisprudence, and proof of current CPR certification. He provided proof of enrollment of the remaining 2 continuing education hours in controlled substances to submit for the remaining requirements. As part of the order, he must pay the \$600 civil penalty for audit non-compliance, \$300 in civil penalties for submitting an altered document, and pay the costs associated with the presentation of the order up to \$3,000. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
15. Schilling, Kristy RDA- In October 2024, Ms. Schilling submitted a reinstatement application in order to reinstate her lapsed dental assistant registration. As part of the application, she was required to submit copies of certificates of completion for continuing education hours. One of the submitted documents for the chemical dependency requirement had been altered to give the appearance that she completed the course in 2020. A course completion document from another

provider had been altered to appear as though 6 continuing education hours were earned in that course. The courses listed on the document do not provide 6 hours of continuing education, and she admitted to altering the certificate to give the appearance that more hours were earned from that provider for that course. Ms. Schilling admitted to altering both documents for the reinstatement application requirements. As part of the order, Ms. Schilling voluntarily surrendered her registration, and she will be required to pay for the costs associated with the presentation of the order up to \$500. The disciplinary action will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. Acree made a motion to approve the order, and Dr. Britton seconded the motion. The motion carried.