

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: March 25, 2021

Location: WebEx meeting
Tennessee Department of Health
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Stephen Maroda, D.D.S.
Brian D. West, D.M.D.
George A. Adams, D.D.S.
John Werther, D.M.D

Staff Present: Ailene Macias, Interim Director
Paetria Morgan, Senior Associate General Counsel

Dr. John Werter called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. Ms. Morgan took a roll call confirming that Dr. Werther, Dr. Adams, Dr. West, and Dr. Maroda were all present. All committee members confirmed they could all hear the other members during the roll call. Dr. West made a motion that the electronic meeting was necessary. Dr. Adams seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. Dr. Werther made a motion to proceed with the meeting. Dr. West seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote. The meeting was then turned over to the committee.

The committee met to review and discuss an IV sedation course that was submitted for approval. Dr. Maroda asked where the course was going to be held. Dr. Werther asked about the malpractice history, and wanted to see the National Practitioners Databank report for each instructor. Dr. Werther also inquired about the agents the students will be taught about in the course. Dexmedetomidine may be taught but in Tennessee can only be used by deep sedation/general anesthesia permit holders. He also requested a breakdown of the course schedule and the sequence of classes for the course. Dr. West made a motion for that information to be submitted to the committee for further review. Dr. Adams seconded the motion, and the motion carried following a roll call vote.

Dr. Burton joined the meeting to speak about the IV sedation course to answer questions from the committee. He stated the course is 10 months long, and the 20 cases are spread out throughout the course. The course is being taught in San Juan Puerto Rico as part of the University of Puerto Rico school of dentistry. Dr. Werther let Dr. Burton know about the additional information concerning the malpractice history of the instructors, along with a breakdown of the course schedule and sequence of classes for the course.

A letter written by Dr. Davenport concerning hypoglycemic agents was reviewed and discussed by the committee. Dr. Maroda and Dr. Werther agreed the letter was informational and no action was needed.

They agreed further regulation regarding hypoglycemic agents were not needed at this time. Dr. Werther stated additional regulations for specific agents used by dentists could create an issue with access to care for patients in some areas.

There being no further business, Dr. West made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Adams seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m..