

# State Board of Dentistry

## Meeting Summary

### January 12, 2024

#### Annual Prosecutorial Report

Mr. Carlton Smith, deputy chief counsel, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, presented the following information:

- The active number of licensees in Pennsylvania; approximately 35,000.
- The average time it takes to close a case: a little more than 400 days.
- Most of the disciplinary action levied against dentists are fines and suspension of licenses.

#### Prosecutorial Report

- Independent contractor provided general dentistry at a practice twice weekly. An investigation found that the practice had expired medications and lack of infection control measures in place. Consent agreement: civil penalty and cost of investigation, nine month probation, and completion of a dental infection control program. Approved.
- After an investigation involving the Departments of State and Health, a dental office was served with a cease and desist order for having violated several infection control measures. Consent agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty, cost of investigation, three year suspension, practice monitoring if license is reinstated, and completion of a dental infection control program. Approved.
- An evaluation of a dental hygienist licensed since 1997 found that she was unable to practice unless monitored. Consent agreement: disciplinary monitoring program for three years (cost of program: \$4,500/year). Approved.

#### Regulatory Update

**Anesthesia regulations:** Mr. Rouse drafted a preamble for the board's review. The board tabled discussion because several board members did not have the opportunity to review the preamble prior to the meeting.

**Policy statement on dentists administering Botox:** On hold.

**General Revisions:** Mr. Rouse is in the process of drafting the preamble for the board's review at the March meeting.

#### Counsel's Report

Mr. Rouse presented an overview of Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act, highlighting the obligations of government and the rights of the public.

Mr. Rouse also reported that the House of Representatives passed HB 1585, legislation that codifies teledentistry services and requires insurance payment when teledentistry services are rendered. HB 1585 is now assigned to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.

#### Committee Reports

**Licensing Committee:** No report.

**Probable Cause Screening Committee:** The committee reviewed three cases.

**Scope of Traditional and Emerging Practice Committee:** No report.

#### Correspondence

Dr. Joel Jaspan volunteered to participate in the 2024 accreditation site visit at the Community College of Philadelphia.

#### 2024 Meeting Dates

March 15                      September 13  
May 10                        November 15  
July 19