

State Board of Dentistry
Meeting Summary
August 2, 2024

Prosecutorial Report

- Dentist sent inappropriate texts to a patient - guilty of unprofessional conduct. Consent agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty, cost of investigation, and three-year suspension of license. After one year, if the dentist completes the board mandated ethics course, the dentist may apply for a probational license with monitoring. Approved.
- Dental Hygienist who hasn't held an active license since 2015, pled guilty to fraud and identity theft. Consent agreement: voluntary surrender of license. Adopted.

Regulatory Update

- Licensure by Endorsement: Proposed regulations for applying for licensure by endorsement were published as Proposed Rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on July 20. The 30-day public comment period closes on August 19. The proposed regulations were also sent to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission for their comments.
- Mobile Vans: The Board agreed they want to continue with drafting regulations regarding the operation of mobile dental vans. The Regulatory Committee will meet to discuss what to needs to be included in draft regulations. Many board members commented that a great deal of research and stakeholder comments have already been collected surrounding this issue, and it should be sent to board members prior to the Regulatory Committee meeting on the issue.

Report of Board Counsel

A Texas federal judge issued a preliminary injunction to halt enforcement of the US Department of Education's "bare minimum rule" until the court take further action, due to the fact that numerous lawsuits have been filed. The rule impacts "Gainful Employment" programs, and would impose credit hour restrictions in order to remain eligible for federal funding.

Act 42, previously SB 739, Telemedicine legislation was signed into law. Act 42 codifies telemedicine services and requires insurance payment when telemedicine services are rendered.

Recognition of Ms. Theresa Groody

This meeting was Ms. Groody's last and Dr. Sullivan took a moment to recognize Ms. Groody and thank her from her service to the Board.

Remaining 2024 Meeting Dates

September 13

November 15