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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**January 21, 2025**

**Investigative Committee Meeting**

On the aforementioned date, members of the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners’ (“Board”) Investigative Committee (“Committee”) held a virtual/telephonic meeting. The Committee did not meet in executive session.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Anthony Caputo, DDS	Chairperson
Brown “Skip” Harris, DDS	Vice-Chairperson
Mahshid “Mia” Asrari, DDS, MS	Committee Member
David Dodell, DMD	Committee Member
Mari Fukami, DMD, MS	Committee Member
Umar Intiaz, DDS, MS	Committee Member
 Sabah Kalamchi, DDS, FFDSRS	Committee Member
Deborah Kappes, RDH	Committee Member
Katie Lee Martin, DMD, MPH, MS	Committee Member
Mindy Motahari, DMD, MA Edu	Committee Member
Vacancy	Committee Member
 Joined/deperted as denoted in the body of the minutes	
<b>X</b> Absent	

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ryan P. Edmonson	Executive Director
Kristina C. Gomez	Deputy Director
Seamus Monaghan, Esq.	Assistant Attorney General
April Romero	Chief Compliance Officer
Jessica Solis	Compliance Officer
Mercedes Meza	Compliance Officer

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Caputo. Roll call of the committee members was taken and a quorum was established.

**II. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. § 38-503**

Dr. Motahari declared conflicts of interest with agenda item nos. IV.A.1 and IV.B.17.  
 Dr. Fukami declared conflicts of interest with agenda item nos. IV.B.12 and IV.B.28.  
 Dr. Asrari declared a conflict of interest with agenda item no. IV.A.1.

**III. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A. Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the December 17, 2024 committee meeting.

**Audio Start Time:** 0:05:00

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024 committee meeting.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**IV. ITEMS FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Audio Start Time:** 0:09:20

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board dismiss cases for agenda item nos. IV.B.5.202400129, IV.B.10.202400314, IV.B.12.202400323, IV.B.13.202400329, IV.B.15.202400331, IV.B.16.202400345, IV.B.17.202400346, IV.B.19.202400368, IV.B.21.202400373, IV.B.23.202400379, IV.B.24.202400380, IV.B.25.202400395, IV.B.26.202400435, IV.B.28.202400453 and IV.B.29.202400484.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 8-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 2-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

*Drs. Motahari and Fukami were recused.*

**IV. ITEMS FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Open Investigation Case(s)

1. 202400284

**Audio Start Time:** 0:16:10

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14), (23) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 8-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 2-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

*Drs. Asrari and Motahari were recused and did not participate in the matter.*

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of the CPEP and PIP programs as well as a \$500 fine for non-compliance with a subpoena.

**Second:** Dr. Dodell

**Vote:** 8-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 2-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.  
*Drs. Asrari and Motahari were recused and did not participate in the matter.*

2. 202400358

**Audio Start Time:** 0:20:10

**Motion:** Dr. Fukami moved to recommend that the Board dismiss the case against C.W.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi.

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14), (17) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Fukami

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend opening a new investigation against F.N. as identified in the consultant report and recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action requiring the completion of the CPEP and PIP programs. In addition, to order restitution in the amount of \$5,049.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi.

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

B. Review of Investigation(s)

1. 202300341

**Audio Start Time:** 0:27:55

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14), (16), (20)(B), (23) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

2. 202300488

**Audio Start Time:** 0:59:20

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14), (16), (20)(B), (23) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

4. 202400094

**Audio Start Time:** 1:01:10

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14) and (23).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

9. 202400297

**Audio Start Time:** 1:02:00

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

B. Review of Investigation(s)

1. 202300341, 2.202300488, 4.202400094 and 9. 202400297

**Audio Start Time:** 1:14:00

**Consolidated Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board consolidate cases IV.B.1, IV.B.2, IV.B.4 and IV.B.9 and offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of the CPEP and PIP programs. Also to require the completion of 24 hours of CE through the CRDTS C.A.R.E.S. program in the areas of local anesthesia administration, diagnosis and treatment planning of implants, implant placement and restoration options for implants. In addition, to recommend a practice restriction in implants until the CE's are completed. Furthermore, to ensure the \$500 civil penalty is imposed for each violation of failure to comply with a subpoena for a total of \$1,500.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board order restitution in the amount of \$7,600 for case IV.B.4.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board order restitution in the amount of \$20,500 for case IV.B.9.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board consider referring the licensee and practice operation to the appropriate agencies to investigate billing irregularities, false advertising and dentists practicing without an Arizona license as well as researching the business entity registration aspect.

**Second:** Dr. Dodell

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

3. 202400011

**Audio Start Time:** 1:40:35

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14), (23) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of the PIP program and the completion of 4 hours CE in local anesthesia administration, 12 hours of CE in oral conscious sedation to include patient selection, drug administration, monitoring, emergency preparedness and management. Also, to impose a \$500 penalty for non-compliance with a subpoena.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board order restitution in the amount of \$5,000.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

Additionally, the Committee recommended having the Board consider referring the licensee and practice operation to the appropriate agency to investigate billing irregularities, false advertising, and dentist practicing without an Arizona license.

6. 202400181

**Audio Start Time:** 1:48:55

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 12 hours of CE in diagnosis, treatment planning and restoration of implants. In addition, to order restitution in the amount of \$3,600.

**Second:** Dr. Kalamchi

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

7. 202400243-AO

**Audio Start Time:** 1:51:30

**Motion:** Ms. Kappes moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern emphasizing that the dentist, regardless of their capacity during the procedure and what they may be doing with other involved participants, is ultimately responsible for the health, safety, and well-being of the patient.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 10-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

*Dr. Kalamchi departed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.*

8. 202400292

**Audio Start Time:** 2:00:50

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of the PIP program and 4 hours of CE in the area of restorative, including crown & bridge.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

11. 202400321

**Audio Start Time:** 2:06:25

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern emphasizing the importance of being thorough and complete in all documentation; including medical history, informed consents and treatment planning.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

14. 202400330

**Audio Start Time:** 2:11:10

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14).

**Second:** Ms. Kappes

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 16 hours of CE through the CRDTS C.A.R.E.S. program in the areas of occlusion, restorative and root canal therapy. In addition, to order restitution in the amount of \$794.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

18. 202400350

**Audio Start Time:** 2:17:45

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14) and (24).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of the CPEP and PIP programs and the completion of 12 hours of CE through the CRDTS C.A.R.E.S. program in the areas of occlusion, restorative, and crown and bridge. In addition, to order restitution in the amount of \$421.50 to the patient and \$259.50 to the insurance.

**Second:** Dr. Motahari

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

20. 202400370

**Audio Start Time:** 2:22:10

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board dismiss the case against M.M.

**Second:** Dr. Fukami

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to open a new case against J.S. as identified in the consultant report; based on the identified violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14).

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 8 hours of CE in the area of root canal therapy including diagnosis and treatment planning and complications. In addition, to recommend that the Board order restitution for all treatment performed on tooth #7 by J.S.

**Second:** Dr. Asrari

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

22. 202400374

**Audio Start Time:** 2:36:45

**Motion:** Dr. Imtiaz moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern emphasizing the importance of having thorough communication and description of proposed treatment, as well as being thoughtful and conscious with tooth prep design, crown placement and cementation of stainless steel crowns under general anesthesia.

**Second:** Dr. Harris

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

27. 202400452

**Audio Start Time:** 2:46:05

**Motion:** Dr. Harris moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern emphasizing the importance of comprehensive hard and soft tissue evaluation prior to any orthodontic care, including aligners. Additionally, if there are financial issues that come up and care is stopped or terminated, the patient should only have to pay for fees that were incurred up to the point of discontinuation. Damages should be limited to lab fees & records.

**Second:** Ms. Kappes

**Vote:** 9-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

#### V. INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT

The committee discussed the assessment and concurred that there is no indication of needing to change the length of appointments. In addition, Dr. Caputo stated that he is always open to any feedback, criticism, considerations or other thoughts about how the committee can improve.

#### VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE VACANT POSITION

The committee reviewed the list of candidates for the vacant position and expressed interest in having a prosthodontist fill the position. After discussion, the committee concurred to have a committee member reach out to the candidates to explain the time commitment for the position and verify if they are still interested. The committee also concurred to recommend that the board select one of the two prosthodontists and if they are not interested, to recommend that the board select one of the general dentists from the list.

#### VII. COMPLAINT LOG

The committee reviewed the board's open complaints.

#### VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Edmonson informed the committee that the board received a continuation recommendation for six-years and stated that a legislative matter that is being reviewed this year includes a dental compact, which affects both dentists and dental hygienists. In addition, Mr. Edmonson provided the committee an overview of the common pitfalls quiz that was sent to all licensees.



**IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

None.

**X. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

A. February 25, 2025

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Caputo adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.