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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

April 1, 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
	Mahdi Ali, DMD, MPH, MHSM	Committee Member
	Mahshid “Mia” Asrari, DDS, MS	Committee Member
	Mari Fukami, DMD, MS	Committee Member
	Umar Imtiaz, DDS, MS	Committee Member
X	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	
X	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
Tanya Vasquez	Compliance Officer
Yazmin Bustamante	Executive Assistant

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. Fukami declared a conflict of interest with agenda item no. IV.B.16.

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

- A. Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the February 25, 2025 committee meeting.

Audio Start Time: 0:07:40

Motion: Dr. Harris moved to approve the Open Session Minutes from the February 25, 2025 committee meeting.

Second: Ms. Kappes

Vote: 7-aye, 0-nay, 2-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

Drs. Caputo and Ali abstained.

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

Audio Start Time: 0:14:05

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board dismiss cases for agenda item nos. IV.B.1.202400271, IV.B.7.202400412, IV.B.10.202400415, IV.B.17.202400466, IV.B.18.202400477, IV.B.20.202400506, IV.B.21.202500002 and IV.B.24.202500019.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

A. Open Investigation Case(s)

1. 202300383

Audio Start Time: 0:33:35

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1263(D)(9), (10), (12) and (15) against the business entity.

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 and impose an \$8,000 fine for the four aforementioned violations and institute a probationary period of a minimum of 12 months to monitor all financial transactions of the practice.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

2. 202400119

Audio Start Time: 0:24:35

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14), (17), (23) and (24).

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 40 hours of CE through the CRDTS program in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, recordkeeping, crown and bridge treatment planning and restoration, removable partial dentures treatment planning and restoration, root canal therapy and ethics.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo further moved to recommend that the Board order restitution to the insurance in the amount of \$5,067.08 and impose a \$500 fine for non-compliance with a subpoena.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

3. 202400473

Audio Start Time: 0:42:05

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

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 20 hours of CE through the CRDTS program in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, recordkeeping, ethics, insurance billing and restorative dentistry.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo further moved to recommend that the Board order restitution to the AHCCCS insurer in the amount of \$2,687.87 and impose a \$500 fine for non-compliance with a subpoena.

Second: Dr. Fukami

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

B. Review of Investigation(s)

2. 202400325

Audio Start Time: 0:46:00

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

Second: Dr. Fukami

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 4 hours of CE in recordkeeping, including ethics and 4 hours in diagnosis and treatment planning. In addition, to recommend suspension of the 1302 Permit and the ability to practice any type of sedation until a complete retraining is completed, which includes 60 hours of didactic training and 20 individual patient cases.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo further moved to recommend that the Board impose a \$500 fine for non-compliance with a subpoena.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

3. 202400360

Audio Start Time: 0:55:40

Motion: Dr. Fukami moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern emphasizing the importance of recognizing that sedation begins at the time of administration and that all monitoring and care should be given. In addition, to ensure good communication with the patient's parent about the treatment.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

4. 202400385

Audio Start Time: 1:07:45

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(14) and 32-1263(A)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-11-501(F).

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 with a restriction of practice in surgical care until 40 hours of CE are completed in the areas of ethics, implant surgery and management of surgical complications.

Second: Dr. Imtiaz

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

5. 202400394

Audio Start Time: 1:18:35

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. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 20 hours of CE through the CRDTS program in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, recordkeeping, insurance billing, crown and bridge treatment, restoration, extraction complications and appropriate referral.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

6. 202400398

Audio Start Time: 1:22:05

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern indicating that, regardless of the type of appointment, prior to treatment, a comprehensive medical history must be completed and reviewed. In addition, planned dental treatment should be supported by clinical and diagnostic radiographic findings.

Second: Ms. Kappes

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

8. 202400413

Audio Start Time: 1:31:50

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern.

Second: Ms. Kappes

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

Dr. Ali voted against the motion.

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern indicating that, regardless of the type of appointment, prior to treatment, a

comprehensive dental examination including documentation of hard and soft tissue findings must be completed. In addition, planned dental treatment should be supported by clinical and diagnostic radiographic findings.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

9. 202400414

Audio Start Time: 1:35:00

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 further identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1263(A)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-11-501(F).

Second: Dr. Fukami

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 20 hours of CE in diagnosis, treatment planning, restorative dentistry, ethics and recordkeeping.

Second: Dr. Martin

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board order restitution to the patient in the amount of \$3,487.40

Second: Ms. Kappes

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

11. 202400420

Audio Start Time: 1:51:50

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 8 hours of CE in diagnosis, treatment planning and recordkeeping.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to identify violations of A.R.S. § 32-1263(D)(9) and (15) against the business entity.

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 impose a \$4,000 fine to the business entity for the aforementioned violations.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

The Committee took a break from 3:07 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Roll call of the Committee members was taken and a quorum was established.

12. 202400422

Audio Start Time: 2:15:45

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

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Dr. Fukami voted against the motion.

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 15 hours of CE through the CRDTS program in the areas of recordkeeping, extraction techniques, and post-op complication management, including referral.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Dr. Fukami abstained.

13. 202400448

Audio Start Time: 2:19:20

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to identify violation of A.R.S. § 32-1263(D)(17).

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 and impose a \$2,000 fine for the previously identified violation.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

14. 202400449

Audio Start Time: 2:23:30

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern.

Second: Dr. Harris

Vote: 7-aye, 2-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent, 1-vacancy. Motion passed.

Dr. Fukami and Ms. Kappes voted against the motion.

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the letter of concern state that the dentist should be aware of requirements for Dental Assistants' scope of practice and OSHA requirements for sharp container locations.

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Ms. Kappes voted against the motion.

15. 202400450

Audio Start Time: 2:33:45

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern.

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 letter of concern state that the dentist should be aware of requirements for Dental Assistants' scope of practice and OSHA requirements for sharp container locations.

Second: Dr. Martin

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

16. 202400458

Audio Start Time: 2:36:50

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

Second: Dr. Harris

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

Dr. Fukami was recused and did not participate in the matter.

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 20 hours of CE in the areas of recordkeeping, diagnosis, treatment planning, placement of implants and management of complications.

Second: Dr. Motahari

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

Dr. Fukami was recused and did not participate in the matter.

19. 202400488

Audio Start Time: 2:39:35

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. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board offer disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 30 hours of CE through the CRDTS program in the areas of recordkeeping, billing procedures, root canal therapy, diagnosis and treatment planning, extractions and bone grafting.

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 order restitution in the amounts of \$1,406.30 to the insurance and \$2,284.20 to the patient.

Second: Ms. Kappes

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo further moved to recommend that the Board combine the recommendation regarding the 1302 Permit suspension with case no. 202400325 for similar findings.

Second: Dr. Fukami

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

23. 202500006

Audio Start Time: 2:49:00

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue non-disciplinary action, requiring the completion of 4 hours of CE in recordkeeping, 3 hours in insurance billing and 8 hours in diagnosis and treatment planning in restorative dentistry.

Second: Dr. Motahari

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to identify a violation of A.R.S. § 32-1201.01(23) and recommended that the Board impose a \$500 fine for non-compliance with a subpoena.

Second: Ms. Kappes

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

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to further recommend the completion of 4 hours of CE in radiology techniques and guidelines.

Second: Dr. Fukami

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

22. 202500005

Audio Start Time: 2:56:15

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of concern emphasizing the importance of having comprehensive clinical notes that identify what occurred during the appointment and good communication with the patient.

Second: Ms. Kappes

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

Dr. Harris departed the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE VACANT POSITION

Audio Start Time: 3:00:40

Motion: Dr. Caputo moved to recommend Drs. Garelick, McDonald and Kennedy as candidates to fill the vacant position, respectively.

Second: Dr. Motahari

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

VI. COMPLAINT LOG

The Committee reviewed the Board's open complaints.

VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Edmonson informed the committee that the OPA bill passed, the compact is awaiting a floor vote and the Board composition bill had a floor amendment.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

IX. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

A. May 13, 2025

X. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Caputo adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.