

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Reinstatement/Reactivation Committee

Date: May 15, 2008

Location: Tennessee Department of Health
227 French Landing, Iris Room
Heritage Place Metro Center
Nashville TN 37243

Members Present: John M. Douglass, D.D.S., Committee Chair
Ruth E. Bailey, D.D.S.
Beth A. Casey, R.D.H.
Randall P. Prince, D.D.S.

Staff Present: Dea Smith, Executive Director
Thomas Miller, Assistant General Counsel

Dr. John Douglass, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The committee discussed various options regarding competency testing if the applicant has not practiced in more than five years. After discussion, the committee decided to recommend to the Board that dental hygienists and dental assistants not be required to complete competency testing, but instead it be left to the Board's discretion upon review of the application on a case by case basis.

Dentists who have not practiced in Tennessee in more than five years when applying for reinstatement or reactivation, must take/retake and pass the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) examination. If a reinstatement or reactivation applicant practiced in another state during the past five years, they can request a waiver of the examination requirement.

The committee also recommended that passage of the SRTA examination requirement also apply to dentists who are applying for a new license if they have not practiced dentistry in the last five years and to anyone who is applying for either a new license or reinstatement after a suspension or revocation if they have not practiced dentistry in the last five years.

All committee members were in favor of the above recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned.