

**MINUTES**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Clinical Issues Committee**

**Date:** February 27, 2009

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

**Members Present:** Randall P. Prince, D.D.S., Committee Chair  
John M. Douglass, D.D.S.  
Betty G. Fox, R.D.A.  
Lawrence Hsia, D.M.D.  
Katherine H. Cherry, R.D.H.

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

**Others Present:** Wm. Roy Thompson, D.D.S  
David Horvat  
William Johnson, D.D.S.  
Beth Casey, R.D.H.  
Janice Harper, R.D.A.  
Mary Ellen Vaughn, R.D.A.  
Rita Bills, R.D.H.  
Diane Saylor, R.D.H.

Dr. Randall Prince, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The committee discussed the changes to the sealant certification rules proposed by the associations. After reviewing the proposed changes, amendments and comments to the proposed changes the committee members agreed to send the amended proposed changes to the Board.

The committee discussed certification for dental hygienists. After discussion and review of the documents presented for review, the committee asked Ms. Casey to bring a proposed rule to the Board that would allow dental hygienist working in public health type settings more authority to practice under general supervision with an affiliated or collaborative agreement and outlining what procedures could be done in these settings. This would require a special certification from the board.

The meeting was adjourned.