



**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING**

Convenes on February 21, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. – Conclusion
George H.W. Bush State Office Building
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 4.300
Austin, TX 78701

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Yu called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and asked Mr. Garcia to read the mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners.

2. Roll Call of Board Members.

Dr. Yu asked Dr. Henderson to call the roll and a quorum was present.

Dr. Linda Burke	Present
Mr. Ricky Garcia	Present
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Present
Ms. Lorie Jones	Present
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Present
Dr. Margo Melchor	Present
Dr. Robert McNeill	Present
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	Present
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent until 9:38am
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	Present

Staff present: Ms. Nichols, Executive Director, Ms. Studdard, General Counsel, Ms. Sanchez, Assistant General Counsel, Mr. Richard, Litigation Manager, Ms. Kappel, Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Mendez, Director of Licensing, Ms. Fernandez, Licensing Specialist, Dr. Bell, Dental Director, Ms. Hieber, Director of Investigations, Mr. Gregory, Director of IT, Mr. Matthews, IT Department, Ms. Richardson, Executive Assistant

3. Discussion and Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meetings.

a. Minutes for November 8, 2024 Board Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Maldonado.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For

Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent for vote
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

Discussion: Add to page three Dr. Henderson added to CDCA/WREB/CITA steering committee.

A motion to approve minutes as amended by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Maldonado.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent for vote
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

4. Presiding Officer Report.

Dr. Yu spoke about the 89th Legislative session is in full swing with Insurance, Medicaid reforms, dental education low repayment in rural areas, LAR, cosmetic procedures. Approximately 12,000 bills are filed in a year and currently 5,000 have been filed. Thank you to TDHA, TAGD and TDA for keeping us up to date. Senate Finance committee presentation by Yu and Nichols. Looking forward to house appropriation next Tuesday, and thank you TSO, TAGD, TAPD, TAO your supporting letters.

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- a. Dental/Hygiene/Assistant Education Reports.

AADB—Ms. Jones reported about the mid-year meeting April 11 and 12 in Chicago. Discussion about the compact, red light therapy, unlicensed individuals practicing dentistry. Weekly updates are provided by AADB. The compact bill is in the Texas legislature right now and CWC started social media about AADB.

CDCA/WREB/CITA—Dr. Melchor reported that April 1 there will be a steering meeting via zoom and end of year annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas with more details to come. Ms. Jones thanks all of the board members that participate.

ADEX –Dr. McNeill attended the meeting this past weekend, there will be a press release about moving away from patient exams to simulations. There was a robust discussion about the two different compacts that are under consideration. There is a challenge for some state boards that have statute and rule issues with live patients. Dr. Henderson reminded the board that WREB was going to remove all hygiene from the dental exam and their reason was that dentists supervise hygienists so it was part of the written exam. Dr. Melchor asks about the legislative report and the bills put forward, and if the agency and board are asked their opinion and how can we be a resource. Ms. Nichols responded that the agency gives input on how the bills would impact the agency and TSBDE has been very active doing so this session.

SRTA/CRDTS – Dr. Maldonado said the SRTA/CRDTS merger finalized in January in Kansas City. The board of directors will be determined once more logistics are figured out. Ms. Jones said SRTA will have exams this year and next year the merged SRTA/CRDTS exams. CAMP, Faculty Calibration And Methodology Programs, are happening in Texas schools and CRDTS has been filling that need and is CODA certified.

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5. Professional Recovery Network Report (PRN).

Ms. Leal gave her report virtually. Dr. Melchor asked for the compassionate care presentation and if details were available. Ms. Jones ask about PRN monitoring nitrous issues. Ms. Leal spoke about on-site monitors overseeing nitrous issues.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Cases Heard before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

- a. Docket No. 504-25-02360, Terry Lee Carano, DDS, Dental License No. 15481. Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Mr. Richard presented the case.

A motion was made to approve the SOAH order of the board and revoke the applicant licensure by Ms. Jones and seconded by Dr. McNeill.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Abstain
Ms. Lorie Jones	For

Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 MOTION: CARRIES

- b. Docket No. 504-25-06856, Mildred Hale, Applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure. Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Mr. Geiler, staff attorney, presented the case virtually. Ms. Hale spoke in person with her employer, Dr. McKnight. August 2017 realized she had a lapsed Hygiene license and described her path to trying to reinstate it. Dr. Yu asked where her license was posted in the office as it's been lapsed for over two years. Dr. McKnight spoke about the punishment not fitting the crime and Dr. Yu reminded him that the board gives a year grace period and she missed two years. Dr. Burke asked what she is doing now and she runs a non-profit and wrote a book and runs a ministry in biblical discipline.

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A motion was made to approve the SOAH order of the board and revoke the applicant licensure by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Morehead.

A motion to go into Executive Session by Dr. McNeill and seconded by Ms. Jones.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

Executive session: 9:29am

A motion to exit Executive Session by Dr. McNeill and seconded by Dr. Henderson.

Dr. Henderson withdrew his second and wants to discuss further.

A motion to exit Executive Session by Dr. McNeill and seconded by Dr. Henderson.

Executive session exit: 9:39am

Resumed at 9:40am

Mr. Richard, litigation manager, explained that it is mandatory that the license application be revoked. The two exceptions are if you work out of state or put your license in retirement. Ms. Lamb asked what her path to reinstatement are. Ms. Jones thanked her for her service and explained that the board can't vote against statute but there are pathways back to being licensed, like retaking the clinical licensing exam.

Motion on the floor: A motion was made to approve the SOAH order of the board and revoke the applicant licensure by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Morehead.

A motion was made to approve the SOAH order of the board and revoke the applicant licensure by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Morehead.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	Absent for this vote
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

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c. Docket No. 504-25-02355, Rashmi Malhotra, Applicant for Dental Licensure. Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Mr. Richard presented the case. Dr. Yu stated that a foreign graduate is over the 7-year limit. The applicant was not present in person or virtually.

A motion was made to approve the SOAH decision by Dr. McNeill and seconded by Dr. Morehouse.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For

Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	Absent for this vote
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- d. Docket No. 504-25-02421, Daniel Ramirez, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration No. 97484. Consideration of Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Mr. Richard presented the case.

A motion to accept staff's recommendation the SOAH was made by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Morehead.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	Absent for vote
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Anesthesia Committee Report and Recommendations.

YOUTUBE TIME CODE 1:57:53

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §107.400, Collection and Reporting of Enforcement and Licensing Data.

Dr. Henderson stated the data reporting is proposed to be annual instead of quarterly. Thank you to Dan Matthews for his report creation.

A motion to approve the changes to the report is made by Dr. Henderson and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent for vote
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Disciplinary Review Committee Report and Recommendations.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on proposed case resolutions.
 - i. Agreed Settlement Orders.

Dr. Maldonado thanked her committee.

A motion to approve the Agreed Settlement Orders as presented is made by Dr Maldonado and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	Absent for vote
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent for vote
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- ii. Remedial Plans.

A motion to approve Remedial Plans as presented is made by Dr. Maldonado and no second is needed as it came out of committee. Ms. Mary Catherine Cook appeared in person and spoke about Case 2023-01203. She asked for extended time to present her case. Dr. Maldonado recommended she bring her attorney to an ISC.

A motion to send Case 2023-01203 to an ISC by Dr. Henderson and seconded by Ms. Jones.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

A motion to approve the Remedial Plans as presented by Dr. Maldonado and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

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iii. Agreed Administrative Penalties.

A motion to approve the Agreed Administrative Penalties as presented by Dr. Maldonado and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For

Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

iv. Consent Orders.

A motion to approve the Consent Orders as presented by Dr. Maldonado and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

v. Pre-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal.

A motion to approve the Pre-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal as presented by Dr. Maldonado and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

vi. Post-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal.

A motion to approve the Post-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal as presented by Dr. Maldonado and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

vii. Modification Orders. None.

viii. Discussion of Specific Orders. None.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Dental Practice Committee Report and Recommendations.

Dr. Burke thanked her committee.

a. Committee recommendation and possible action on rule reviews in accordance with Section 2001.039, Texas Government Code:

- i. For Adoption: Chapter 108, Professional Conduct (§108.1 – 108.16, 108.20 – 108.24, 108.40 – 108.43, 108.50 – 108.63, 108.70 – 108.74)
- ii. For Adoption: Chapter 112, Visual Dental Health Inspections (§112.1 – 112.3)

A motion was made to readopt chapters 108 and 112 by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For

Dr. David Yu (ex officio) For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the November 8, 2024 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §111.1, Additional Continuing Education Required.

A motion to adopt the rule 111.1 as proposed by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- c. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the November 8, 2024 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.42, Obtaining a Mobile Dental Facility Permit.

A motion to adopt the rule 108.42 as proposed by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Ms. Studdard spoke about the revision to remove the lead apron portion of the rule.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- d. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the November 8, 2024 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §113.2, X-Ray Laboratories.

A motion to adopt the rule 113.2 as proposed by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Ms. Studdard spoke about removing the lead apron portion of the rule.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- e. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.8, Records of the Dentist.

A motion to adopt the rule 113.2 as proposed by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. This rule was amended to show x-rays should be taken in accordance with standard of care.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- f. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.43, Operating Requirements for Permitted Mobile Dental Facilities or Portable Dental Units.

No action was taken. The committee had a robust discussion on the topic.

- g. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.52, Names and Responsibilities.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion.

A motion to adopt the amendment to rule 108.52 as proposed by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- h. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §107.400, Collection and Reporting of Enforcement and Licensing Data.

No action taken. Dr. Burke stated the auditors found that the data needed is on the website but in various locations on the website.

- i. Committee recommendation and possible action on dental students and residents practicing dental hygiene or practicing as other dentist-supervised allied dental team members.

No action was taken but the committee found that the rules do not allow for dental students to practice dental hygiene.

- j. Committee recommendation and possible action on requiring continuing education prior to placing implants.

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Dr. Burke reviewed the topic and pointed out that Ms. Palermo brought the subject forward. Dr. Burke suggested an announcement in a newsletter regarding that implant placement is held to specialist requirements. Dr. Henderson spoke about implant CE courses and feels implants are under the dental school educational umbrella, if a dentist is taught about implants in dental school, then the board should not overreach and make CE courses before they do an implant. Dr. Morehead asked if Oregon had data on improvements in implants but Dr. Henderson stated the rule was only a year old.

Discussion only.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Review Committee Report and Recommendations.

YOUTUBE TIMECODE: 2:49:42

Dr. Melchor thanked her committee.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the November 8, 2024 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §102.1, Fees.

A motion was made to adopt the recommended fee of \$100 to apply to be a course provider by Dr. Melchor and no second was needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the November 8, 2024 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §114.12, Continuing Education for Registered Dental Assistants.

A motion was made to deny the two hours of rules and regulations CE by Dr. Melchor and no second was needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For

Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

A motion was made to switch to two-year renewal cycle by Dr. Melchor and no second was needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- c. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the November 8, 2024 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §104.1, Continuing Education Requirements.

A motion to deny the amendment for proposed rule 104.1 was made by Dr. Melchor and no second was needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

- d. Committee recommendation and possible action on review of continuing education providers pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §104.2.

Dr. Melchor stated that the annual review of providers was completed and Dental Resolutions LLC was contacted via certified letter with no response so they were removed from the list.

A motion was made to remove Dental Resolutions LLC from the list by Dr. Melchor and no second was needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

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11. Discussion and Possible Action on Licensing Committee Report and Recommendations.

Dr. McNeill thanked his committee.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on remediation programs and regional examining board requirements.

Dr. McNeill reviewed the 1,000-hour remediation programs and the pre-approval requirement and that it was costly and difficult to find. Staff was tasked to research the topic.

No action taken.

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on application for a registered dental assistant course provider: College of the Mainland

Ms. Jones pointed out that the RDA program is listed for the program at the College of the Mainland. Dr. Henderson asked if a non-accredited CODA program is possible and Ms. Jones commented on how it is completed. Ms. Mendez spoke to the issue and clarified that she is with the dental hygiene program. Ms. Jordan Patterson of College of Mainland attended virtually. The current application is not CODA approved for dental assistants and previously Ms. Mendez understood they would be CODA approved.

A motion was made to approve the College of Mainland course provider application by Dr. McNeill and a second is not needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	Against
Mr. Ricky Garcia	Against
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Against
Ms. Lorie Jones	Against
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Against
Dr. Margo Melchor	Against
Dr. Robert McNeill	Against
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	Against
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Against
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	Against

FOR: 0 AGAINST: 10 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: DOES NOT PASS

Break: 11:10am

Reconvene: 11:39am

12. Public Comments. None.

13. Agency Activity Reports.

a. Executive Division Report.

Ms. Nichols gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. Letters of support from the professional agencies were uploaded. On Thursday, February 13th, Dr. David Yu, Leticia Kappel and Ms. Nichols attended a budget hearing before the Senate Committee on Finance. The agency was able to provide Sen. Kolkhorst with a brief update on the local infiltration anesthesia permit process and anesthesia program. Our next hearing is before the House Committee on Appropriations and it is currently scheduled for Tuesday, February 25th. The 89th legislative session began on January 14, 2025 and runs through June 2, 2025. The agency has responded to over thirty (30) fiscal impact requests. We are tracking several bills related to licensure compacts, Botox/cosmetic injectables, a continuing education tracking database, and others bills related to insurance, licensing and enforcement.

b. Finance and Administration Division Report.

Ms. Kappel gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. Ms. Kappel explained the money requested in the LAR is for the next year and all fees received go to the main fund and not to the agency.

c. Licensing Division Report.

Ms. Mendez gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. New employees are Lesley Ramirez - Administrative Assistant will be processing fingerprint background checks and will be assisting the anesthesia department with processing anesthesia applications for dentists and hygienists. Patsy Woods - Administrative Assistant will be assisting with answering phones and emails. Dental Assistant applicants will now be able to view their application deficiencies. Renewal application deficiencies now have the ability to upload documents, i.e.; BLS card, jurisprudence assessment. Approved renewal applications will receive an email informing licensees to log on to their account to view a message from the TSBDE via their online licensing portal. Having the ability to make corrections and upload documents should help this process. Local infiltration administration approvals can now be verified via the board's public license search function. Inspections are currently scheduled through April 2025. December inspection compliance letters have been sent.

Processing Dates for Initial Applications: Dentists - February 13 2025, Hygienists - February 13, 2025, Registered Dental Assistants - February 7, 2025

d. Dental Division Report.

Dr. Bell gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website.

- i. Discussion and possible action on Dental Review Panel (DRP) mentees. One needs additional training (one additional report) and the other can move forward immediately.

A motion was made to approve the proposed DRP members by Dr. McNeill and seconded by Dr. Burke.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	Absent
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	For
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: CARRIES

e. Investigations Division Report.

Ms. Hieber gave her report virtually and her materials were uploaded to the board website. On April 30th, 2025, Diane Spiller is retiring from the agency after 3.5 years. The investigations team continues to work hard and had another very productive quarter, completing 323 cases. Anyone receiving fraud calls or emails should use the Report Fraud button on our website.

f. Legal Division Report.

Ms. Studdard gave her report and materials are uploaded to the board website. Our new litigation manager position will help with the SOAH case list.

14. Announcements.

Happy birthday to board member, Dr. Melchor. Dr. Henderson glumly wore Dr. McNeill's shoes as punishment for the US team losing the US/Canada hockey game last night. ADA members can use a mental health app TALK SPACE GO that has just been released.

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:09pam by Mr. Garcia and seconded by Ms. Lamb.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
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MEETING ENDED AT 12:09AM



Dr. David Yu
Presiding Officer



Dr. Robert McNeill
Board Secretary