



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

Convenes on May 2, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. – Conclusion
George H.W. Bush State Office Building
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 4.300
Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Yu called the May 2, 2025 meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and asked Ms. Palermo to read the mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners.

2. Roll Call of Board Members.

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

Dr. Linda Burke	Present
Mr. Ricky Garcia	Present
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Absent
Ms. Lorie Jones	Present
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Present
Dr. Margo Melchor	Present
Dr. Robert McNeill	Present
Ms. Lois Palermo	Present
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	Present
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
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. Hoover, Staff Attorney, 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 February 21, 2025 Board Meeting.

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

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

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

4. Presiding Officer Report.

a. Dental/Hygiene/Assistant Education Reports.

Dr. Yu reflected on his introduction to board service. AADB- Dr. Melchor attended the Chicago meeting and heard the other states report on their status, the compact and state comparisons. The next meeting is Oct 15-19, 2025 in Grapevine, Texas. There is an open position on a commission and emails were sent to everyone requesting participation. The laser CE presentation was conducted and pros and cons were communicated. Regional caucuses gathered and discussed regional events.

ADEX-Ms. Palermo confirmed that they have not met since the last meeting.

CDCA-met in April and Dr. Henderson, Dr. Melchor and Ms. Jones attended. Ms. Jones reported licensure stats for 2024 and 22, 419 candidates were examined in 71,472 exam sections. They also test internationally trained dentists and dental students wanting to do dental hygiene in their states. She reported that 73% of international testers pass which is lower than other populations. A new school in Saudi Arabia is CODA accredited. The first CDCA exam will happen in Saudi Arabia next year. AADB and CDCA did a nationwide survey and Ms. Jones highlighted a result regarding hand skills testing and 82% agreed they were a necessary test. The next ADEX and CWC meeting is at The Gaylord in Dallas. Ms. Palermo stated that Turkey has a CODA accredited dental school. Ms. Jones added there is also a CODA accredited school in Mexico.

CRDTS/SRTA – Dr. Maldonado on the ERC committee reports that the meeting was on April 7, 2025, discussion on improvements to the exam occurred and they are looking for a new chairperson. SRTA board of directors was dissolved into CRDTS.

4. Professional Recovery Network Report (PRN).

TIMECODE: 50:59

Ms. Leal gave her report virtually.

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

- a. Docket No. 504-25-07876, Sukhman Chahal, Applicant for Dental Licensure. Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Dr. Yu asked Mr. Richard to lead the discussion. Mr. Richard reviewed the case. A motion was made to adopt the order as proposed and deny the request for licensure by Ms. Jones and seconded by Dr. Melchor.

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

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

- b. Docket No. 504-25-09022, Mia Diaz, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration No. 77138. Consideration of Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Dr. Yu asked Mr. Bryant to lead the discussion. Mr. Bryant reviewed the case.

A motion was made to adopt the order as proposed and revoke the RDA registration by Dr. Morehead and seconded by Dr. Burke.

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

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

- c. Docket No. 504-25-11996, Allison Donnelly, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration No. 111694. Consideration of Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Dr. Yu asked Mr. Richard to lead the discussion. Mr. Richard reviewed the case.

A motion was made to adopt the order as proposed and revoke the RDA registration by Mr. Garcia and seconded by Dr. Burke.

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

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

- d. Docket No. 504-25-06857, Hali Janel Janice, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration No. 110959. Consideration of Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Dr. Yu asked Mr. Bryant to lead the discussion. Mr. Bryant reviewed the case.

A motion was made to adopt the order as proposed and revoke the RDA registration by Dr. Morehead and seconded by Ms. Jones.

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

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

- e. Docket No. 504-25-09023, Garrett Rist, DDS, Dental License No. 36472. Consideration of Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Dr. Yu asked Mr. Richard to lead the discussion. Mr. Richard reviewed the case.

TIME CODE: 1:02:58

A motion was made to adopt the order as proposed and revoke the dental license by Ms. Jones and seconded by Dr. Melchor.

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

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

- f. Docket No. 504-25-13667, Jesenia Garcia, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration No. 134455. Consideration of Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

Dr. Yu asked Mr. Richard to lead the discussion. Mr. Richard reviewed the case.

A motion was made to adopt the order as proposed and revoke the RDA registration by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Morehead.

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

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the February 21, 2025 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §107.400, Collection and Reporting of Enforcement and Licensing Data.

Dr. McNeill led the committee in Dr. Henderson's absence. The data reporting was changed to annual reporting instead of quarterly.

A motion was made by Dr. McNeill to accept the change to annual reporting and no second is needed as it came from committee.

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

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

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on the March 2025 Report from the Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia.

Dr. McNeill spoke about the request of delineating a death vs. incident in the reporting. The committee looked at co-morbidity and patient selection. The medical clearance versus medical consultation and encouraging licensees to have robust discussions with the medical practitioner prior. Local anesthesia beyond the recommended dose was discussed. If a non-dentist anesthesiologist is the provider then it must be reflected in the records and medical anesthesiologists must follow the medical rules.

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.

TIME CODE: 1:16:21

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

FOR: 9 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.

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

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

iii. Agreed Administrative Penalties.

A motion to approve Remedial Plans 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	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Absent
Ms. Lorie Jones	For

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

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

Consent Orders.

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

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

iii. Pre-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal.

A motion to approve Pre-ISC Recommendations of Dismissals 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	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Absent
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	For
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

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

iv. Post-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal.

Dr. Maldonado asked Ms. Sanchez to discuss the Case 2018-01132. The modification request was denied. The committee agreed to pass the recommendation presented by staff.

A motion to approve Post-ISC Recommendations of Dismissals 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	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Absent
Ms. Lorie Jones	For
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	For
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	For
Ms. Lois Palermo	For
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. David Yu (ex officio)	For

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

v. Modification Orders. None

vi. Discussion of Specific Orders. None

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

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

i. For Proposal: Chapter 110, Sedation and Anesthesia (§§110.1 – 110.7, 110.9 – 110.10, 110.13 – 110.18)

Dr. Burke thanked her committee.

TIME CODE: 1:22:39

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. Thirty days for comments from public will be accepted.

A motion was made to propose the intent to review rules 110.10, 110.13 by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came from committee.

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

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

- ii. For Proposal: Chapter 113, Requirements for Dental Offices (§§113.1 – 113.2)

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. The ADA language was removed and changed to standard of care.

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

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

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

- c. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the February 21, 2025 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.8, Records of the Dentist.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion on removing the ADA language and small editorial changes were made and no comments were received. Committee recommended to adopt the rule.

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

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

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

- d. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the February 21, 2025 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.52, Names and Responsibilities.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion on specifying dental specialties. No comments were received.

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

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

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

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

Dr. Melchor thanked her committee.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the February 21, 2025 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §104.2, Continuing Education Providers.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. Dental Risk Solutions was contacted three times with no response so they need to be removed from the approved provider list.

TIME CODE: 1:29:13

A motion was made to approve the committee recommendation to remove the Dental Risk Solutions company by Dr. Melchor and no second is needed as it came from committee.

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

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

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on including an attestation on registered dental assistant renewal applications.

The committee discussed the dental assistant requirement to understand our rules and regulations and staying in compliance and the current application does not need to be altered. Ms. Jones added that we will include reminders to the newsletters on this topic.

DISCUSSION ONLY.

TIME CODE: 1:32:56

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

Dr. McNeill spoke about the committee discussions and the exam must be completed as well as the remediation as the rules state. Changes were made in the efficiency areas like the board staff approving the remediation program. Ms. Jones asked if there will be a list the applicant chooses from or if they submit their suggested course. Ms. Studdard advised that the applicant will still suggest their own course. If staff does not feel comfortable approving the specific course then staff will bring the course to licensing committee for review. Ms. Studdard reviewed the Committee and Staff changes and elimination of “either/or” language.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §101.2, Dental Licensure by Examination.

A motion was made to deny the amendments as presented by Dr. McNeill and no second is needed as it came from committee.

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

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

A motion was made to approve the staff changes as presented by Dr. McNeill and a second is made by Ms. Jones.

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

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

Ms. Jones asked about Dental Hygiene being included. Ms. Nichols will add it to the next meeting agenda.

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§103.2, 104.1, and 104.2.

A motion was made to approve the staff recommended changes on the CRDTS/SRTA language by Dr. McNeill and no second is needed as it came from committee.

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

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

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

- c. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§101.1, 103.1, and 114.6, General Qualifications for Licensure or Registration.

TIME CODE: 1:41:43

Dr. McNeill spoke about the current process and how digital changes would create issues with applicant security. Ms. Nichols advised that if a digital choice was available in the future we would do so.

A motion was made to approve the staff recommended changes on the NPDB self-query by Dr. McNeill and no second is needed as it came from committee.

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

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

- d. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §117.2 and 117.3, Dental and Hygiene Faculty Licensure.

Dr. McNeill discussed the new requirements of a yearly affidavit for those with Faculty licensure. Ms. Mendez advised that there were issues in the past and verification is needed annually that they are still faculty.

A motion was made to approve the yearly affidavit for those with a Faculty licensure by Dr. McNeill and no second is needed as it came from committee.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For

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

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

- e. Committee recommendation and possible action on requiring dentists and hygienists to submit fingerprints upon licensure renewal for the retrieval of criminal history record information.

Ms. Nichols led the discussion. The Secure Identification S-I-D number is unique and identifies someone with the agency. From an audit we found that our licensure database has 14,000 licensees without the S-I-D number and they must now submit a fingerprint. If the S-I-D number is not attached to their licensure profile the agency will not receive any criminal alerts. Starting in January 2026 a S-I-D number will be required for all dentists and dental hygienists. At a later time the dentals assistants will also be required. No one needs to get fingerprinted prior to their renewal, the agency must assign a code for the fingerprints to be obtained. This is a one-time requirement. Dr. Melchor asks about dental assistants. Ms. Nichols advises that a soft launch of dentists and dental hygienists will begin and our largest population of dental assistants will be last. Ms. Mendez adds that we only have one staff member checking S-I-Ds at this time. The fee is \$35.78 and the fee goes to the fingerprinting company, not the agency.

TIME CODE: 1:49:03

Discussion only.

- f. Committee recommendation and possible action on request to become a nitrous oxide monitoring course provider:
 - i. Tyler Junior College Dental Hygiene

Dr. McNeill led the discussion. Staff asked the committee to review the concern of the rule being cited was for dental assistants but the applicant was for dental hygienists. Ms. Studdard advised that there are no rule conflicts here.

A motion was made to accept the Tyler Junior College Dental Hygiene as a nitrous oxide monitoring course provider by Dr. McNeill and was seconded by Ms. Jones.

Dr. Linda Burke	For
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Dr. Bryan Henderson	Absent

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

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

i. Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene

A motion was made to accept the Palo Alto College Dental Hygiene as a nitrous oxide monitoring course provider by Dr. McNeill and was seconded by Dr. Burke.

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

FOR: 7 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 MOTION: CARRIES

a. Committee recommendation and possible action on application for a registered dental assistant course provider: Texas State Technical College Dental Hygiene

Dr. McNeill led the discussion. Staff was asked to review their jurisprudence and staff approved. Ms. Palermo asked if Ms. Studdard and Ms. Mendez will make the editorial changes with the school and it was confirmed.

A motion was made to accept the Texas State Technical College Dental Hygiene program RDA course by Dr. McNeill and was seconded by Ms. Jones.

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

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

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

TIME CODE: 1:59:46

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on request for exception to Board rules: 2025-Q3-DDS1

Dr. McNeill led the discussion and the candidate failed 3 times and sought approval for 48 hours remediation as opposed to 80 hours and it was denied.

A motion to deny the request for exception to board rules was made by Dr. McNeill and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on requests for remediation approval:
 - i. 2025-Q3-DDS2

A motion to approve the remediation program was made by Dr. McNeill and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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

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

ii. 2025-Q3-DDS3

A motion to approve the remediation program was made by Dr. McNeill and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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

c. Committee recommendation and possible action on application for registration of a non-profit authorized to employ dentists:

i. SA 90 Dental

Dr. Maldonado noted that they will not be using Medicaid and use grants and public donations for funding. They will treat mostly a pediatric population.

A motion to approve SA 90 Dental as a non-profit was made by Dr. McNeill and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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ii. Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc.

Dr. Melchor mentioned changing executives and alerting those about the rules.

A motion to approve Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc. as a non-profit was made by Dr. McNeill and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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

12. Public Comments.

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Ms. Erica Brown, a public member, spoke about her complaint virtually and Staff noted that the complaint is in progress so they have no comment at this time.

Dr. Rist, a dentist with a SOAH case made a virtual comment and the board reiterated the statute requires they revoke the license.

**Dr. Yu requests a 10- minute break at 10:28AM
Returning at 10:38AM**

13. Agency Activity Reports.

a. Executive Division Report.

Ms. Nichols gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. The 89th legislative regular session will run through June 2, 2025. The agency has responded to forty-three (43) fiscal impact requests. We continue to track bills related to licensure compacts, Botox/cosmetic injectables, a continuing education tracking database, and others bills related to insurance, licensing and enforcement. Agency staff has attended bill hearings on the licensure compact and Botox as resource witnesses. The

Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia held its annual meeting on Friday, March 7th. The 2025 Licensing Expo will take place Monday, June 30th for hygiene applicants and Tuesday, July 1st for dental applicants. This event is for recent graduates applying for an initial licensure by examination. Last year the agency served over 722 applicants- the final count was 335 hygiene applicants, 327 dental applicants and 60 dental assistants. Dr. David Yu and Ms. Lois Palermo both have term limits that expired this year.

b. Finance and Administration Division Report.

Ms. Kappel gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. The agency currently has one position open. The licensing division hired two positions this week. Their specific information is deferred to licensing. The enforcement division had one person go back into retirement.

c. Licensing Division Report.

Ms. Mendez gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. Three new employees have been hired. The inspections are scheduled through May and compliance letters have been mailed out. Processing for dental applications are April 21, hygienists on April 21, and registered dental assistants are April 23rd. The phone queue report shows the high volume of calls and wait times.

d. Dental Division Report.

i. Discussion and possible action on Dental Review Panel (DRP) mentees.

Dr. Bell gave her report and her materials are uploaded to the board website. The division productivity, current mentee/pending case assignment data, and division dismissals since the last Board meeting can all be found below. Productivity has remained strong since the last board meeting. Last fiscal year was a very productive year; however, this year we are on track to better those numbers by roughly 120 cases. The cases completed per month average for FY' 24 was 55 cases per month while we are currently averaging 65 cases per month for FY '25. We will continue to do our best to keep up with the increased inflow of complaints without sacrificing quality.

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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 three of the four proposed DRP members by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. McNeill.

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

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

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e. Investigations Division Report.

Ms. Hieber gave her report virtually and her materials were uploaded to the board website. On March 3rd, the Investigations team welcomed Samantha Baker. Ms. Baker has 15 years of experience working in dental offices and we are happy to have her on the team.

The investigations team continues to work hard and had another very productive quarter, completing 288 cases through April 25th.

f. Legal Division Report.

Ms. Studdard gave her report and materials are uploaded to the board website.

14. Announcements. None.

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:18am by Mr. McNeill and seconded by Ms. Jones.

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

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MEETING ENDED AT 11:18 AM

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Handwritten signature of Dr. David Yu in black ink, followed by the initials "DDY" and the date "1/13".

Dr. David Yu – Presiding Officer

Handwritten signature of Dr. Bryan Henderson in black ink, followed by the initials "BH" and the date "01/13".

Dr. Bryan Henderson - Secretary