



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

Convenes on November 7, 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. Henderson called the November 7, 2025 meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and asked Ms. Bock to read the mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members.**

Dr. Henderson asked Ms. Jones to call the roll and ensure a quorum was present.

Ms. Janessa Bock	Present
Dr. Linda Burke	Present
Mr. Ricky Garcia	Present
Ms. Lorie Jones	Present
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Absent
Dr. Margo Melchor	Present
Dr. Robert McNeill	Present
Dr. Linda Masters	Present
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	Present
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. Bryan Henderson (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. 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 August 8, 2025 Board Meeting

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

Ms. Janessa Bock	For
Dr. Linda Burke	For

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

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

**4. Presiding Officer Report.**

Dr. Henderson gave his report and thanked past Presiding Officers for their service. He thanked Ms. Nichols as an Executive Director that has brought stability to the agency and board. Dr. Henderson welcomed new board members Dr. Masters and Ms. Bock as well as returning member Dr. Burke. He thanked Dr. Burke for her six years of service. Dr. Yu welcomed Dr. Henderson as the new Presiding Officer with a special pin.

TIME CODE: 49:10

a. Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia Nominations and Vote.

A motion was made to nominate Dr. Ellis Shwartz by Dr. Morehead and seconded by Ms. Bock.

Dr. Melchor asked about the two applicants and Dr. Henderson stated Dr. Shwartz was his choice.

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

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

b. Dental/Hygiene/Assistant Education Reports.

Dr. Henderson asked board members to report.

Dr. Melchor attended the AADB/ADEX conference in Grapevine, Texas. Ms. Lorie Jones will be the secretary of ADEX in Dental Hygiene. Statistics from the conference for Hygienists. Approximately 15 new dental schools or expanding schools will open in the next few years. They anticipate it generating 720 new dental students. For the dental students the pass rate was 99.46 percent and 99.45 percent of passing rates of 5,335 hygiene candidates. The next conference will be in Rosemont, Illinois on April 24, 2026. Ms. Jones added the perio portion will be the same as the hygiene simulated and there have been differences in the past and this was generated because a survey showed that half of dentists are doing their own cleaning. 82% of public polled said that their knowing their practitioner was competent was important. Dr. McNeill spoke about hearing participants point out that their mental health and substance abuse questionnaires have changed as Texas spearheaded work in this area.

Dr. Melchor oversaw a CRTA exam at Pima Institute in Houston in September. Ms. Jones was elected as the AADB Dental Hygiene Representative. Ms. Bock may also join. Dr. Morehead commented on the value of attending the conference. An AI in dentistry presentation was given and it was demonstrated how AI is used in licensing, regulations and NPDB etc.

**TIMECODE: 1:01:51**

Dean Kenneth Hargreaves of UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry appeared virtually and presented via Powerpoint.

#### **5. Professional Recovery Network Report (PRN).**

Ms. Raquel Leal gave her report virtually. Fiscal year 2025 has reported:

FY2025 Audit Results:

Licensed Dentists in PRN: 29

Licensed Dental Assistants in PRN: 1

Licensed Dental Hygienists in PRN: 0

PRN Recidivism Rate for FY2025: 25%

PRN One-Year Completion Rate FY2025: 66.7%

Dr. McNeill asked how the board can support PRN and Ms. Nichols asked for updated information for the newsletter. Dr. Masters suggested PRN present in dental schools to students and faculty. PRN also attended the licensing expo and will continue to do so.

#### **6. Discussion and Possible Action on Disciplinary Review Committee Report and Recommendations.**

Ms. Jones, new Chairperson, thanked her committee members.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on proposed case resolutions.

i. Agreed Settlement Orders.

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

A motion to discuss case number 2024-01150 was made by Dr. Masters. Dr. Master's concern was that a specific medication was used without a Level Four permit and it is not listed as not allowed. Dr. Henderson spoke about the additional medications that aren't listed. Ms. Sanchez spoke about the DRP process and the concern about the patient risk factor and needs and care and how a medication can be used in this way. Dr. Morehead recommended that listing the specific medication be removed. Ms. Sanchez advised that practitioners should read our rules, newsletters etc. Dr. McNeill agreed with the previous speakers.

A motion was made to pull and reword the allegation in Case Number 2024-01150 by Dr. Masters and seconded by Ms. Jones.

Ms. Janessa Bock	Against
Dr. Linda Burke	Against
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	Against
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Absent
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	Against
Dr. Linda Masters	For
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. Bryan Henderson (ex officio)	Against

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 5 ABSTAIN: 0 MOTION: FAILED

**TIMECODE: 1:40:30**

A motion was made to approve the Agreed Settlement Orders by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

ii. Remedial Plans.

A motion was made to approve the Remedial Plans and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

iii. Agreed Administrative Penalties.

None.

iv. Consent Orders.

A motion to approve Consent Orders as presented is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

v. Pre-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal.

A motion to approve Pre-ISC Recommendations of Dismissals as presented is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

vi. Post-ISC Recommendations of Dismissal.

A motion to approve Post-ISC Recommendations of Dismissals as presented is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

**TIMECODE: 1:42:38**

vii. Modification Orders.

A motion to approve modifications orders as presented is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

viii. Discussion of Specific Orders.

None.

b. Discussion and possible action on cases heard before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

- i. Docket No. 504-25-23076, Alyssa Gutierrez, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration 135319. Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

A motion to revoke the dental registration of Ms. Gutierrez is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

- ii. Docket No. 504-25-05929, Raymond Rivera, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration 9705. Consideration of Default Dismissal Order, Recommendations and Board Action.

Mr. Richard led the discussion.

A motion to revoke the RDA registration of Mr. Rivera is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

- iii. Docket No. 504-25-23013, Erika Valenzuela, RDA, Dental Assistant Registration 113784. Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision on Summary Disposition, Recommendations and Board Action.

A motion to revoke the RDA registration of Ms. Valenzuela is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

- iv. Docket No. 504-25-09793, Charles I. Williams, DDS, Dental License No. 8495. Consideration of Default Dismissal Order, Recommendations and Board Action.

A motion to revoke the dental license of Dr. Williams is made by Ms. Jones and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

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

Dr. Burke thanked her committee. The committee goal is to streamline and simplify the rules. Dr. Burke recognized the students attending the board meeting.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on rule reviews in accordance with Section 2001.039, Texas Government Code:
  - i. For Proposal: Chapter 114, Extension of Duties of Auxiliary Personnel – Dental Assistants (§§114.1 – 114.13, 114.21, 114.23)
  - ii. For Proposal: Chapter 115, Extension of Duties of Auxiliary Personnel – Dental Hygiene (§§115.1 – 115.7, 115.9 – 115.10, 115.20)
  - iii. For Proposal: Chapter 116, Dental Laboratories, (§§116.1 – 116.6, 116.10, 116.20)

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. The committee voted for staff to review the listed rules and the public will have an opportunity to submit any public comments. Dr. Burke added that the committee reworked rule wording to help staff rewrite the proposed rules.

A motion to adopt the proposed rules changes in Chapters 114, 115 and 116 is made by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

Ms. Studdard led the discussion and indicated that punctuation errors were corrected in 114.3 and an incorrect law was cited in 115.4 and corrected.

A motion to adopt the proposed rules 114.3 and 115.4 is made by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the August 8, 2025 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §108.16, Teledentistry.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. The rule was up for adoption to amend 108.16 in accordance with House Bill 1700. The rule now requires documentation on privacy. TAO an AAO submitted public comments.

A motion to adopt the proposed change is made by Dr. Burke and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

Ms. Janessa Bock For  
Dr. Linda Burke For  
Mr. Ricky Garcia For

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

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

- c. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §114.2, Registration of Dental Assistants.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion. The rule 114.2 had clean-up of language and was updated to reflect our current internal process, include film and digital requirements, some language and comments were added that Ms. Studdard would like the board to review.

A motion to adopt the changes in the board packet for 114.2 Registration of Dental Assistant by Dr. Burke and was seconded by Ms. Jones. A second was required because the verbiage was updated from the committee recommendation.

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

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

**TIMECODE: 1:57:08**

10 minute break until 10:12am.

### **8. Discussion and Possible Action on Licensing Committee Report and Recommendations.**

Dr. Morehead thanked his committee.

- a. Committee recommendation and possible action on currently proposed rule from the August 8, 2025 Board Meeting: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §103.2, Dental Hygiene Licensure by Examination.

Ms. Studdard led the discussion on remediation accepted before board approval and completing it. No public comments were received.

A motion to adopt 103.2 Dental Hygiene Licensure by Examination is made by Dr. Morehead and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

- b. Committee recommendation and possible action on 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§101.2, 103.2, 104.1, and 104.2, related to the merger of CDCA-WREB-CITA and ADEX.

Dr. Morehead spoke about the reflection of the merger name change.

A motion to accept the changes to §§101.2, 103.2, 104.1, and 104.2 is made by Dr. Morehead and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

- c. Committee recommendation and possible action on rulemaking pertaining to House Bill 5629 and Senate Bill 1818, relating to the licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

Dr. Morehead led the discussion and was appreciative of this rule as a past military member. Ms. Studdard commented on the fee waiver, shortened processing time and other benefits for military applicants.

A motion to propose the rulemaking pertaining to House Bill 5629 and Senate Bill 1818 is made by Dr. Morehead and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

FOR: 9 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.

Per staff the listed providers are meeting standards and discussion only.

- e. Committee recommendation and possible action on continuing education credit for in-person basic life support training.

Request withdrawn. No action needed.

- f. Committee recommendation and possible action on requests for exception to Board rules:

- i. 2026-Q1-DDS1

Dr. Morehead led the discussion.

A motion to deny exception to board rule for 2026-Q1-DDS1 is made by Dr. Morehead and no second is needed as it came out of committee.

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

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

Committee recommendation and possible action on requests for exception to Board rules:

ii. 2026-Q1-DDS2

Dr. Morehead led the discussion. No decision was made in committee on Dr. King. Ms. Nichols stated that the applicant was on Zoom but needs to re-log on.

A motion to deny 2026-Q1-DDS2 was made by Mr. Garcia and was seconded by Dr. Masters.

Discussion: The applicant lives in Dallas and finished her two-year residency and does not intend to do crown and bridge. She attended virtually and spoke on her own behalf. Dr. Masters asked her to explain the remediation program as the letter TSBDE received did not specify it. Ms. Sanchez asked about the possibility of applying as an out of state licensee with specific requirements. Dr. King finished residency in June and moved to Dallas last summer. Dr. Melchor reflected on her committee decision that determined the committee followed the rules of TSBDE and she doesn't feel the applicant's skills will be lost if she takes time to apply via a different route. Ms. Bock asked Dr. King about planning her trip to Texas and if she approached the board about licensing. Dr. Burke commented about Dr. King being at the top of her class and responded to Dr. Melchor about skills may not be lost as a seasoned practitioner but that a new practitioner is different. Dr. Masters asked the TSBDE staff if she had submitted to the board would we have approved her? Ms. Mendez responded that with clarification of her remediation plan she would have.

Ms. Janessa Bock	Against
Dr. Linda Burke	Against
Mr. Ricky Garcia	For
Ms. Lorie Jones	Against
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Absent
Dr. Margo Melchor	For
Dr. Robert McNeill	Against
Dr. Linda Masters	Against

Dr. Brady M. Morehead                      Against  
Ms. Sarah Lamb                                Absent  
Dr. Bryan Henderson (ex officio)      Against

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

A motion to approve 2026-Q1-DDS2 was made by Dr. McNeill and was seconded by Dr. Burke.

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

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

iii. 2026-Q1-DD3

A motion was made to deny by Dr. Morehead and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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

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

A motion to approve the non-profit organization was made by Dr. Morehead and no second was needed as it came from committee.

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

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

9. Public Comments. None.

Teresa Owens made a public comment. Dr. Schneider made a comment on his previous case. Dr. Steel, a pediatric dentist and anesthesiologist, asked about CNRA models and anesthesiologist permitting issues. Dr. Henderson said the board will take it under advisement as well as the Anesthesia Committee.

10. Agency Activity Reports.

a. Executive Division Report.

Ms. Nichols gave her report and materials are uploaded to the board website. Board meeting dates in 2026 are:

February 19-20, 2026

May 7-8, 2026

August 6-7, 2026

November 5-6, 2026

State agencies must submit their five-year strategic plan to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's office by June 1st of every even-numbered year, so TSBDE's Strategic Plan for 2026-2030 will be due June 1, 2026. These plans cover a five-year period, which begins with the next odd-numbered fiscal year. This is part of the state's biennial budget process, and the plans are used to guide state budgeting.

Since 2021, the agency has participated in the Holiday Wishes program, sponsored in part by the Governor's Commission for Women. Wendy Richardson and Carol Pepper both volunteer with this organization. The Holiday Wishes program delivers gifts for children in foster care. We plan to sponsor four children again this year and Board members are invited to participate.

b. Finance and Administration Division Report.

The agency will soon have two positions open. The enforcement division hired one position last week. Their specific information is deferred to enforcement. The licensing division has one person leaving us soon to go to the private sector. The legal division had one recent hire and will soon have another.

Fiscal year 2026 began on September 1, 2025.

For your review, the following documents have been uploaded:

Fines by month, Professional Services budget and the TSBDE budget through the end of October 2025. You may notice our operating budget looks a little different this year. That is because the Comptroller combined our indirect appropriations into one (combined 13801 and 13802).

Please note Peer Assistance (13006) and Texas Online (13008) are fluid as the agency receives revenue almost daily. Friendly reminder that all revenue (fines, fees, etc.) collected by the agency is deposited to General Revenue as the agency's budget is set during Legislative session and can be found in the General Appropriations Act.

**TIMECODE: 2<sup>nd</sup> video at 55:44 –(meeting recorded in two videos)**

Dental Division Report.

Dr. Bell provided the following report: The division productivity, current mentee/pending case assignment data, and division dismissals since the last Board meeting can all be found below. Since the fiscal year wasn't quite complete prior to the last meeting, you'll see the final totals for fiscal years '24 and '25 below. DRP completed more reports than ever during FY '25. The total number of reports completed increased by 11% as compared to FY '24. The number of cases sent to legal with an ISC recommended increased by 22%. The total number of cases recommended for pre-ISC increased by 14%. Dismissals rose only slightly by 2% and represented a 34% of total cases completed by DRP. As a reminder, the cases dismissed include only cases found to have no violations by DRP.

We are critically low on prosthodontist DRP members. We will also gladly accept recommendations for other dental specialties and general dentists, especially those with level 3 permits.

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

A motion was made to approve the two DRP mentees by Ms. Jones and seconded by Dr. Melchor.

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

Dr. Linda Masters	For
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. Bryan Henderson (ex officio)	For

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

She asked for DRP suggestions for GPs with level three or Prosthodontists for the future.

Investigations Division Report.

Ms. Hieber gave her report and her materials were uploaded to the board website. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Investigations team welcomed Ms. Delicia Choyce as our new administrative assistant. Ms. Choyce previously worked in education before joining us.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Investigator Jesse Alfonzo. Jesse recently retired as an investigator from the Orange County California District Attorney, where he served for over 20 years. On Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcomed Investigator Alexia Hall. Alexia previously worked for the South Carolina Dental Board before moving to Texas to work in the private sector. The division productivity and case data can be found on the uploaded materials.

To wrap up FY25, the investigations team completed 1216 investigations for the year. The investigations team continues to work hard and had another very productive quarter to start FY26, completing 330 cases.

c. Legal Division Report.

Ms. Studdard gave her report and materials are uploaded to the board website including ISC data and SOAH data. The 2026 ISC schedule is ready for more sign ups, board members sign up first. Ms. Nicole Gray is a new staff attorney.

#### **14. Announcements.**

Dr. Henderson thanked his wife of 40 years and the dental students that attended today.

#### **15. Adjourn.**

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:40pm by Mr. Garcia and seconded by Dr. Melchor.

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

Dr. Linda Masters For  
Dr. Brady M. Morehead For  
Ms. Sarah Lamb Absent  
Dr. Bryan Henderson (ex officio) For

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

**MEETING ENDED AT 11:41 pm**

*Bryan Henderson*

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Bryan Henderson, DDS.  
Presiding Officer

*Lorie Jones*

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Lorie Jones, RDH  
Board Secretary