



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

Convenes on February 23, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. – Conclusion
Barbara Jordan State Office Building
1601 Congress Avenue, Suite 2.029
Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Henderson called the February 23, 2026 meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and 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	Virtual
Dr. Linda Burke	Virtual
Mr. Ricky Garcia	Virtual
Ms. Lorie Jones	Virtual
Dr. Yvonne Maldonado	Absent
Dr. Margo Melchor	Virtual
Dr. Robert McNeill	Virtual
Dr. Lisa Masters	Virtual
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	Virtual
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, 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 currently proposed rules in the January 23, 2026 issue of the Texas Register:

- a. **22 Tex. Admin. Code §101.1, General Qualifications for Dental Licensure**
- b. **22 Tex. Admin. Code §103.1, General Qualifications for Hygiene Licensure**
- c. **22 Tex. Admin. Code §114.6, General Qualifications for Registration or Certification**

- d. 22 Tex. Admin. Code §116.3, Registration and Renewal**
- e. 22 Tex. Admin. Code §117.2, Dental Faculty Licensure**
- f. 22 Tex. Admin. Code §117.3, Dental Hygiene Faculty Licensure**

Ms. Nichols led the discussion. The matter includes personal identification documents required for licensure for all dental practitioners and the proposed rule was published on January 23, 2026.

Ms. Jones asked about the agency process for this rule. Ms. Nichols advised that staff will be collecting documents listed in the rule and same is necessary for the renewal.

A motion was made to adopt rules 101.1, 103.1, 114.6, 116.3, 117.2, 117.3 was made by Dr. Burke and seconded by Dr. Masters.

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. Lisa Masters	Absent due to technical issue
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. Bryan Henderson (ex officio)	For

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4. Public Comments.

No one was present virtually to comment.

5. Announcements.

Dr. Melchor will not be at the May meeting.

6. Adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:39am by Dr. McNeill and seconded by Ms. Jones.

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. Lisa Masters	For
Dr. Brady M. Morehead	For

Ms. Sarah Lamb	Absent
Dr. Bryan Henderson (ex officio)	For

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Dr. Bryan Henderson
Presiding Officer

Lorie Jones

Ms. Lorie Jones
Secretary