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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date & Time

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, Suite 104
Henderson, NV 89014

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Note: Asterisks (*) "For Possible Action" denotes items on which the Board may take action.

Note: Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table it.

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call/Quorum

Board Members' Present: Dr. Ron West (President), Dr. Daniel Streifel (Secretary-Treasurer), Dr. Joshua Branco, Dr. Lance Kim, Dr. Christopher Hock, Ms. Jana McIntyre, Ms. Yamilka Arias, Ms. Kimberly Petrilla, Dr. Joan Landron, Dr. Ashley Hoban.

Board Members' Absent: Mr. Michael Pontoni, Esq.

Board Staff Present: Executive Director Higginbotham, General Counsel Barraclough, A. Cymerman, L. Chagolla.

2. Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference and pre-submitted email/written form):

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NA

3. President's Report: (For Possible Action)

- a.** Request to Remove Agenda Item(s) (For Possible Action)

NA

- b.** Approve Agenda (For Possible Action)

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Streifel, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: (For Possible Action)

- a.** Approval/Rejection of Minutes – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i.** August 13, 2025 – Board Meeting Minutes
- ii.** August 13, 2025 – Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
- iii.** October 1, 2025 – CE Committee Meeting Minutes
- iv.** October 1, 2025 – Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to group and approve the meeting minutes was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

5. Executive Team Report: (For Possible Action)

a. Legal Actions/Litigation Update (For Informational Purposes Only)

General Counsel Barraclough provided an update on the one active litigation matter. The plaintiff's motion to amend was denied by the federal district court. Depositions are scheduled, and discovery has been extended through December. The plaintiff declined the Board's recent settlement offer. The case continues under the representation of outside counsel, and further updates will be provided following completion of discovery.

b. Regulatory Update (For Informational Purposes Only)

- i. LCB R058-24 Anesthesia Regulations Update**
- ii. LCB R056-24 Teledentistry Regulations Update**

General Counsel Barraclough communicated that the anesthesia and teledentistry regulations are currently in progress with the LCB and are expected to be completed and presented to the Board at the November meeting.

c. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Remand(s) – NRS 631.3635; NRS 622A.170; NRS 622.330; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Review Panel 1

- 1. Case # 1586**
- 2. Case # 1731**
- 3. Case # 1881**
- 4. Case # 2107**

A motion to group and approve Review Panel 1 cases was made by Dr. Streifel, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

ii. Review Panel 3

1. Case #1828
2. Case # 2491

A motion to group and approve Review Panel 3 cases was made by Ms. Arias, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

d. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Authorized Investigation(s) – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i. Dr. V**
- ii. Dr. W**

General Counsel Barraclough communicated the process for investigating reciprocal violations reported by other boards. Regarding Dr. V and Dr. W, such investigations determine whether a licensee's failure to self-report or pay fines to the Radiation Board reflects issues of moral character or intent. If approved, the investigator's findings are then presented to the Board to decide if further action is warranted.

Dr. West communicated his agreement that Dr. V and Dr. W should have paid their fines to the Radiation Board but voiced his concern about the Dental Board using resources to collect the fine.

General Counsel Barraclough clarified that enforcement of fines rests with the Radiation Board, not the Dental Board. The Dental Board's role is to assess whether a licensee's failure to self-report or pay such fines affects their professional conduct or ability to practice safely. Depending on the investigator's findings, the Board may choose to dismiss the matter or refer it to a review panel for further action.

Dr. Branco expressed his agreement that if the actions by Dr. V and Dr. W are

habitual then there is more cause for concern. Stated his support for an investigation at that point.

Ms. Petrilla communicated her support for an investigation.

A motion was made to group and approve authorized investigations for Dr. V and Dr. W by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

iii. Dr. X

Dr. West communicated the circumstances of this case, and asked Dr. Branco for his thoughts.

Dr. Branco communicated his support for opening an investigation.

A motion was made to approve authorized investigation by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. West.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

iv. Dr. Y

General Counsel Barraclough noted for the record that the Attorney General's Office is conducting a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigation related to Dr Y, which would run concurrently with any Board-authorized investigation.

A motion was made to approve authorized investigation by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

v. Dr. Z

A motion was made to approve authorized investigation by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

- e. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Stipulation(s) - NRS 631.3635; NRS 622A.170; NRS 622.330; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**
 - 1. Case # 2380
 - 2. Case #2402
 - 3. Case #2490

A motion to group and approve stipulations was made by Dr. Hoban, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

6. New Business: (For Possible Action)

- a. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the CY2026 Board Meeting Agenda - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**
 - i. January 28, 2026 (Wednesday)**
 - ii. February 25, 2026 (Wednesday)**
 - iii. March 25, 2026 (Wednesday)**
 - iv. April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)**
 - v. May 27, 2026 (Wednesday)**

- vi.** July 29, 2026 (Wednesday)
- vii.** August 26, 2026 (Wednesday)
- viii.** September 30, 2026 (Wednesday)
- ix.** October 28, 2026 (Wednesday)
- x.** November 18, 2026 (Wednesday)
- xi.** December 11, 2026 (Friday)

Dr. West inquired about the shift of moving 2026 Board meetings to the end of the month.

Director Higginbotham communicated the meeting schedule was adjusted to late in the month to align with monthly work wrap-ups and review panel meetings. The June meeting will be skipped to better accommodate the June–July renewal period and fiscal year closeout.

A motion to approve the CY2026 Board Meeting schedule was made by Dr. Hock, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

- b.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Disciplinary Case Review and Resolution Matrix - NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

General Counsel Barraclough discussed the new comprehensive disciplinary matrix to ensure consistency and compliance with the National Practitioner Data Bank. Non-disciplinary stipulations will no longer be used. Options for handling lesser infractions include non-publication on the Board's website or issuing letters of concern about best practice issues. Board members were asked to consider these options when voting on Section I of the matrix.

Dr. Kim inquired for clarification on the the use for the letter of concern and if those were to be issued for those who are issued remands.

General Counsel Barraclough clarified that letters of concern are used for cases

where no violation occurred, but a best practice issue is noted. The letter would be drafted by staff, signed by the Board, and follow the format used by the Medical Board.

Dr. West communicated support for using letters of concern for issues that are not violations but fall short of best practices. He inquired about the draft framework and whether it could be adjusted in the future, confirming that modifications could be made after initial implementation.

General Counsel Barraclough noted that the letter of concern can be revised based on experience in the future. Letters of concern may be used for non-punitive guidance but cannot include mandatory actions or requirements.

Dr. Hoban inquired about if a letter of concern recipient repeats the same action, if the matter can escalate to punitive action or if it would remain at the level of just the letter of concern.

General Counsel Barraclough clarified that each case is its own case so the Board can proceed with whatever action they wish in each case. However, if the recipient does repeat the same action the previously issued letter of concern can be seen as a potentially aggravating factor under this new disciplinary matrix.

Dr. Landron inquired if letters of concern would apply to stipulations.

General Counsel Barraclough clarified that letters of concern are used solely for best practice issues, not violations of law, and must include no mandatory requirements; any required action would make it a formal stipulation.

Dr. Kim inquired and suggested that the Board track which licensees are issued letters of concerns, for if it would become an aggravating factor for future violations.

General Counsel Barraclough relayed that at this time there is not a way to track this items, and currently it would rely on Board staff and Review panel members to recognize the licensee but Board staff would be open to implementing a system.

Dr. West inquired about what the National Practitioner Data Bank uses the

reported stipulations/disciplinary actions for and what is done when they receive them.

General Counsel Barraclough relayed that it is governed by federal law and their process, including any appeals, is determined by that agency. She will follow up with details on the federal process.

Dr. Landron inquired if the information from the National Practitioner Data Bank is reported to insurances etc.

General Counsel Barraclough confirmed that insurance companies do have access to information on the Data Bank and can review it.

Dr. West expressed a desire to understand how the National Practitioner Data Bank handles submissions before fully supporting the proposed disciplinary processes and requested staff follow up with more information.

Ms. Arias communicated her agreement with Dr. West.

General Counsel Barraclough clarified that reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank is legally required, not subject to Board vote. For the disciplinary matrix, only Section I (handling of disciplinary vs. non-disciplinary actions, letters of concern, and publication) remains for discussion. The Board may vote on the rest now and address Section I separately after further review.

Dr. Kim vocalized his support for approving the matrix, except for Section I, and asked about a timeline to implement the new matrix.

General Counsel Barraclough stated the disciplinary matrix can be implemented immediately, except for Section I, which may be tabled. The matrix provides guidance but is not mandatory, and Board members can seek counsel guidance for exceptions. The matrix was developed by analyzing three years of past disciplinary cases to establish consistent presumptive, mitigating, and aggravating actions.

Ms. Arias clarified if the vote is limited to choosing whether to implement letters of concern, the non-publication option, or both, since disciplinary versus non-

disciplinary stipulations are no longer permitted.

General Counsel Barraclough informed that there are two votes: (1) whether to implement the disciplinary matrix excluding Section I, and (2) guidance on how Section I should be structured after receiving information on the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Ms. Arias and Dr. Kim expressed their gratitude to the Board staff for their work on the disciplinary matrix.

A motion to approve the disciplinary matrix, except for Section I, the letter of concern, and the proposal of publication/non-publication was made by Dr. Kim, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

- c. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Board Agents for Anesthesia Evaluations- NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Dr. Spencer Armuth (License # S2-172)**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Hoban.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

- d. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Board Agents for Infection Control Inspections- NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Dr. Christopher LoFrisco (License # 4682)**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

- e.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Temporary Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2234; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - i.** Dr. Wilyam F. Abdelmalik, DMD – Moderate Sedation
 - ii.** Dr. Kevin T. Major, DMD – Moderate Sedation
 - iii.** Dr. Khurram Fahim, DMD – Moderate Sedation

A motion to group and approve was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. West.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

- f.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Re-Evaluation of Anesthesia Permit Holder – NAC 631.2234; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - i.** Dr. Michael J. Wills, DMD – Moderate Sedation

Dr. Branco communicated that at a new permit holder's moderate sedation evaluation, the applicant did not demonstrate sufficient knowledge and failed. Dr. Branco recommended allowing a second evaluation with the stipulation that he cannot use his temporary permit until the evaluation, and this is the only re-evaluation that will be granted.

Ms. Arias inquired about a time limit for remediation.

Director Higginbotham communicated that the regulation that the licensee cannot re-submit for a re-evaluation after 12 months.

Dr. Kim inquired if the licensee sought CE per the recommendation from the evaluators.

Dr. Branco communicated that the Board could deny the permit and stipulate that

the licensee take additional CE, but if the Board approves a second evaluation that they cannot require that.

General Counsel Barraclough communicated that regulations do not allow an inspector to require CE for re-permitting; the applicant must retake and pass the evaluation. CE requirements would only apply if the Board revokes and considers reinstatement.

Dr. Hock reviewed the evaluator's notes, noting deficiencies in the applicant's oral exam and anesthesia proficiency. Recommended to allow one retake, with a 12-month waiting period if the applicant fails again.

A motion to approve the re-evaluation was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. West.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

g. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Voluntary Surrender of License –NRS 631.190; NAC 631.160 (For Possible Action)

i. Dr. Michael R. Galada, DDS

ii. Dr. Michael J. Susich, DDS

A motion to group and approve was made by Dr. Streifel, and it was seconded by Dr. Hoban.

Dr. Branco inquired about any disciplinary actions pending for either licensee.

General Counsel Barraclough confirmed that there is no outstanding actions.

No further discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

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NA

8. Announcements:

Dr. West thanked all participants.

9. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Dr. Landron.

No discussion.

All members' vote 'AYE.'

Note: To minimize computer resource and data storage drains, only the copies of the applications (redacted to exclude personal identifying or personal health information) are included with this agenda. However, the Board acknowledges that some records attached to the applications (aside from any included proprietary information, but including such things as permits, licenses, route maps, etc.) are generally public records. The Board will make available copies of the non-confidential documents attached to the applications to any member of the public upon request