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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Meeting Date & Time
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.

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. Joshua Branco (Co-chair), Ms. Yamilka Arias (Co-chair), Ms. Jana McIntyre, Ms. Kimberly Petrilla.

Board Members' Absent: NA

Board staff present: Director Higginbotham, General Counsel Barraclough, A. Cyberman, M. Kelley, M. Ramirez, L. Chagolla.

2. Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference and pre-submitted email/written form): The public comment period is limited to matters specifically noticed on the agenda. No action may be taken upon the matter raised during the public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments by the public may be limited to three (3) minutes as a reasonable time, place and manner restriction, but may not be limited to based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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No public comments.

3. Chairperson'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. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

4. New Business: (For Possible Action)

- a. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Public Health Program Applications – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.34583; NRS 631.287.

- i. The RDH Humanitarian Project

Director Higginbotham communicated for the record that this review for the application for The RDH Humanitarian project is the second review.

Nichelle Venable, representative from The RDH Humanitarian Project, confirmed they had submitted additional information to the Board, including a monthly report format to keep the Board informed about services provided, supervising dentists, and any needed restorative follow-up care. They explained that the RDH Humanitarian Project partners with Adopt a Vet Dental to provide hygiene services to veterans who do not qualify for dental insurance and to low-income uninsured seniors. The project focuses on patients meeting low-income criteria and ensures appropriate referral and supervision.

Dr. Branco inquired about the location where services will be provided.

Nichelle Venable clarified that services are provided at the Medical Volunteers of Southern Nevada clinic on Harrison Drive, where Adopt a Vet Dental currently operates. The clinic is fully equipped with dental operatories, a sterilization area, and a lab. The program does not plan to be on-site daily but will provide services at least monthly, after patients have been screened and diagnosed by volunteer dentists. Dentists from Adopt a Vet Dental volunteer their time, in addition working with a company that provides access to other volunteer dentists who can screen, diagnose, and supervise care. Any such cases would be documented in the monthly tracking report, identifying which dentist performed the diagnosis and supervision when it is not the Adopt a Vet team.

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

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

Director Higginbotham explained that agenda items 2–9 involve historically approved public health programs that have now submitted updated protocols and documentation. These programs were previously authorized, but the Board did not have their full program and emergency protocol materials in its historical records. The items reflect an administrative effort to reorganize, collect, and resubmit the necessary documentation for proper recordkeeping.

Ms. Arias requested clarification on what the Board expects when applicants submit “emergency protocols.” She noted that submitted protocols vary significantly, some describe general steps for responding to a medical emergency (e.g., calling 911, CPR), while others provide more dental or condition-specific responses. She asked the Board to clarify the standard so applicants understand whether they should provide basic medical-emergency procedures, detailed clinical responses, or both.

Dr. Branco confirmed that he had interpreted this requirement to be referring to a medical emergency.

Director Higginbotham clarified that, from an application review perspective, the Board is evaluating whether the submitted emergency protocols align with the types of services each public health program provides. The focus is on whether the protocols are adequate and appropriate for the specific services the program offers, rather than assessing clinical content.

General Counsel Barraclough inquired if the committee advises that the Board staff revise the question on the application form for clarity.

Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Arias stated their agreement.

- ii. Robert Lorber DMD PC - Healthy Smiles Nevada – missing info prior to approval**

The committee discussed having the program Healthy Smiles Nevada provide revised emergency protocols.

A motion to approve the program pending revised emergency medical protocols was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- iii. UNLV School of Dental Medicine, Seal Nevada South Program**

- iv. UNLV School of Dental Medicine/Early Childhood Caries Prevention Project (ECCPP)
- v. UNLV School of Dental Medicine/Community Outreach

A motion to group and approve items iii, iv, and v was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- vi. Community Health Alliance

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

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- vii. Exclusively Flossed LLC & Floss the World 501(c)(3)

A motion to approve the program was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- viii. Nevada Oral Health Program/Silver State SEAL

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

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

- ix. Nevada Health Centers

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

Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

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No public comments.

6. Announcements:

Director Higginbotham explained the process for approving public health programs. Stating that Programs approved today will receive notice of an infection control inspection. The Infection Control Committee will develop a master checklist to tailor inspections based on the services each program provides. Once inspected and approved, program approval will be presented to the Board as a formal notification, and the program will be listed in the licensing section of the Board Secretary/Treasurer's report. Approved program administrators will receive an automated monthly email (on the 20th) to submit future program locations. They may choose whether this information is publicly shared. The goal is to transform submitted data into accessible information for individuals seeking program services, improving transparency and access to care.

Ms. Arias thank the Board staff for the hard work that has been put in to tracking and streamlining this process.

7. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)

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

No discussion.

All members voted '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.