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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Meeting Date & Time**

Thursday, December 11, 2025  
4:00 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, Mr. Michael Pontoni, Dr. Joan Landron, Dr. Ashley Hoban.**

**Board Members Absent: NA**

**Board Staff Present: Director Higginbotham, General Counsel Barraclough, A. Cymerman, S. Barjon, M. Tracy, 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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**Director Higginbotham communicated that written public comments were received from six individuals and are included in the board packets. Comments included: Paul Klein (Tri Strategies) regarding the proposed regulation under Agenda Item 5(c); Nathan Mick (American Association of Orthodontists) regarding teledentistry; Alan Erenbaum (Erenbaum Legal Strategies) regarding teledentistry; Cal Zevley (ATA Action) regarding teledentistry; and Dan Ta (American Association of Orthodontists) regarding teledentistry.**

**No further public comments.**

**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 Ms. Arias, and it was seconded by Dr. Landron.**

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

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

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

- i. November 12, 2025 – Board Meeting
- ii. November 19, 2025 – Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee Meeting
- iii. November 19, 2025 – Infection Control Committee Meeting

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

- b. Review and Discussion of the Initial Licensing and Permitting Report– NRS 631. 190 (For Informational Purposes Only)

- i. Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Therapists

**Dr. Streifel communicated that from July 1 through December 4, the Board approved 88 dentist licenses and 59 dental hygienist licenses. A list of approved individuals, including names, degrees, and approval dates, is provided in the public book. Noted that license processing occurs approximately every two weeks and is proceeding efficiently.**

- ii. Public Health Programs

**Dr. Streifel communicated three public health programs were reported, including Sage Brush Smiles, Healthy Smiles Nevada, and the Nevada Oral Health Program (Silver State Smiles). For each program, the committee approval date and the inspection completion date were provided for the record.**

**5. Executive Team Report:** (For Possible Action)

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

**General Counsel Barraclough communicated there is one pending litigation matter - the plaintiff vacated her December deposition, and two other December depositions were also rescheduled. As a result, the discovery deadline has been extended to the end of February. The matter remains in the discovery phase, and updates will be provided as developments occur.**

**b. Regulatory Update** (For Informational Purposes Only)

**i. LCB File No. R074-25 - Department of Business & Industry**

**Director Higginbotham provided a regulatory update, noting that the Department of Business and Industry, in coordination with the Legislative Counsel Bureau, is workshopping regulations to establish accountability standards for boards and commissions. The proposed regulations would grant Business and Industry auditing authority over operational and financial accountability. Board staff have provided ongoing feedback on the draft language. At this time, the regulations are not expected to create operational inefficiencies, and they are intended to enhance and maintain accountability for board actions.**

**ii. LCB File No. R056-24 – Teledentistry**

**General Counsel Barraclough reported that edits based on comments from the last board meeting were provided to members prior to this meeting. Dan Ta from the American Association of Orthodontists confirmed that the orthodontic societies have no further issues with the wording. Remaining comments were reviewed and incorporated where appropriate, including changes to Section 4, which were grammatical in nature and did not alter substance. Section 4 now reads with minor grammatical adjustments to paragraph D of subsection 2 of NS 630, 1.34583 regarding informed consent and patient/guardian notification prior to treatment.**

**c. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Revised Proposed Regulations for RO79-24 EFDA – NRS 631.190** (For Possible Action)

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

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

**i. Review Panel 2**

1. Case No. 1612
2. Case No. 1875

3. Case No. 2495
4. Case No. 2496
5. Case No. 1733
6. Case No. 2199

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

**ii. Review Panel 3**

1. Case No. 2437
2. Case No. 2520

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted '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)**

**i. Case No. 2260**

**A motion to approve was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Dr. West.**

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

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

**i. Dr. Z**

**A motion to approve was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Dr. Hoban.**

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

**ii. Dr. Y**

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

**6. New Business: (For Possible Action)**

- a. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection for Authorizing General Counsel to Draft Proposed NRS or NAC Regulations for the Anesthesia Committee to Develop and Provide Back to the Full Board for Review for Future Legislation– NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**
  - i. 2 Permit Scheme for Moderate Sedation (Pediatric and Adult) and General Anesthesia (Pediatric and Adult) [NRS Regulation Revisions Required]**
  - ii. 3 Permit Scheme for Minimal/Oral Sedation, Moderate Sedation (Pediatric and Adult) and General Anesthesia (Pediatric and Adult) [NRS Definition Revisions May Be Required]**

**Dr. West explained the need to align the NRS and ASC regarding sedation permits, noting the current two-permit system (moderate sedation and general anesthesia) does not match the NRS four-system structure. He stated his preference for considering a three-permit scheme: minimal oral sedation, moderate sedation, and general anesthesia. This approach would allow proper training and tracking for practitioners using oral sedation while maintaining rigorous training for IV sedation and general anesthesia. Dr. West emphasized patient safety and access to anti-anxiety oral sedation. This agenda item is a motion to authorize General Counsel to draft proposed NRS and NAC regulations for discussion by the committee in the future, not a vote to implement these structures.**

**A motion to authorize General Counsel to draft NRS and NAC regulations to align with the 3 Permit Scheme was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.**

**Dr. Hoban sought to clarify the existing 2 permit structure in practice vs. the 4 permit structure as outlined in NRS.**

**General Counsel Barraclough explained that current NRS has a four-permit structure (general, deep, moderate, minimal). LCB accepts that general and deep are synonymous but emphasizes maintaining at least a three-permit structure due to minimal sedation. The vote at this meeting is only to authorize General Counsel to draft initial NRS and NAC changes based on a three-permit structure for committee review. The board will later decide whether to keep three permits or adjust to a two-permit system, as this draft is just a starting point.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

- b. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection for Authorizing General Counsel to Draft Proposed NRS Regulations to Transition the License Renewal Date**

from June 30 to the DOB of the Licensee and Provide Back to the Full Board for Review for Future Legislation – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

**Director explained that the board receives nearly 2,000 applications over a three-month period, creating an unsustainable workload. Changing license expiration dates to align with birth dates would “flatline” intake, spreading renewals evenly throughout the year, improving processing efficiency, cash flow, and operational sustainability. Language for this change would follow other Nevada boards’ models and be brought back for final approval.**

**Dr. West added that the change would help with cash flow and the interest earned at that cash flow throughout the year as well.**

**Director Higginbotham also stated this change would improve overall efficiencies during this time as the renewal period is also during the same time as graduation and bulk new license applications.**

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

**No discussion.**

**All members’ voted ‘AYE.’**

- c. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Updated Infection Control Inspection Report Survey Form Approved by the Infection Control Committee on November 19, 2025 – NAC 631.1785 (For Possible Action)**

**Director Higginbotham stated that the Infection Control Checklist is targeted for implementation by February 1, 2026, and if board grants approval of its content this will go back to the Infection Control Committee’s vote after finalization of critical deficiencies.**

**A motion to approve the updated survey form pending final committee review was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Hoban.**

**No discussion.**

**All members’ voted ‘AYE.’**

- d. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Temporary Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2234; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Dr. Sapir Cohen, DMD – Moderate Sedation**

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

**No discussion.**

**All members’ voted ‘AYE.’**

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

**i. Dr. Reihaneh G. Mauer, DMD**

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

- f. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Reinstatement of an Inactive or Other Nonpracticing Status of a License –NRS 631.190; NAC 631.335(b); NAC631.170(b) (For Possible Action)**

**i. Christopher Davenport, RDH**

**Dr. Streifel stated that all credentialing and provided documentation is in order for the reinstatement of this license.**

**Ms. Arias asked Mr. Davenport if he has clinically practiced since 2012.**

**Dr. West asked if the Board is able to require a clinical skills assessment and this was confirmed by Director Higginbotham.**

**A motion to approve re-instatement pending the passing of a clinical skills assessment was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.**

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

- g. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Airtable Operational Software Package Contract with SHI under the Nevada State Purchasing Division Sub-Contract Agreements– NAC 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

**Director Higginbotham communicated that the board uses Airtable to manage expenses, applications, inspections, and public health programs. Upgrading to an enterprise system will improve efficiency, streamline complaint tracking, online applications, and document management, and reduce the need for multiple systems.**

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

- h. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of a 3.5% Merchant Services Processing Fee for All Payments that Use a Credit/Debit Card Effective January 1, 2026 – NAC 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

**Dr. West recommended setting the credit card processing fee at 3% rather than 3.5%, citing personal experience and industry standards. They noted that typical merchant service fees range between approximately 2.25% and 3.75%, and that 3%**

represents a safe, mid-range rate that avoids overcharging while remaining compliant with standard practices.

A motion to approve a 3% processing fee was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Hoban.

Dr. Branco inquired about fee free options available.

Dr. West stated that transfers from bank accounts would be zero percent, and payment could be made via check as well.

All members' voted 'AYE.'

- i. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of a One-Time Merit Bonus Equivalent to One 40-Hour Workweek to All NSBDE Staff Members – See NRS 281.122 (Non-General Fund Board/Employment Contracts - Public Meeting Required) (For Possible Action)

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

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE.'

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No public comments.

## 8. **Announcements:**

Dr. West thanked everyone for attending the meeting in Las Vegas in person, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to connect face-to-face, and looking forward to the upcoming board event.

**9. Adjournment:** (For Possible Action)

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

**No discussion.**

**All members' voted 'AYE.'**

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