

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy, Ste. 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

Dr. Branco – Present	Dr. Kim – Present
Dr. West – Present	Dr. Hock – Present
Ms. McIntyre – Present	Ms. Arias – Present
Ms. Petrilla – Present	Dr. Streifel – Present
Dr. Landron – Present	Dr. Hoban – Present
Mr. Pontoni - Absent	

Others in attendance: Adam Higginbotham, Executive Director of the Board; Mark Karris, Esq., General Counsel; Blair Parker, Esq., General Counsel; Denise De La Raca, member of the public.

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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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General’s Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

There were no public comments at this time.

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

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

Dr. West removed agenda item 5d(2) from the agenda.

b. Approve Agenda (For Possible Action)

Ms. McIntyre motioned to approve the agenda, with Dr. Kim seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. New Board Appointments (For Information Purposes Only)

Dr. Joan Landron and Dr. Ashley Hoban were welcomed as new Board members.

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

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

i. Board Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025

Dr. Streifel confirmed that the Board minutes were reviewed and in order. Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Hock seconded the motion and all were in favor.

5. General Counsel's Report: (For Possible Action)

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

Mark Karris reported on a federal court settlement conference that had not yet reached a resolution but was progressing.

b. Regulatory Update (For Informational Purposes Only)

Mr. Karris provided an update on the regulatory progress and challenges faced by the Board due to the ongoing biennial legislative session in Nevada. He emphasized that much of the regulatory work currently being developed would experience delays because of legislative priorities. Mr. Karris addressed the Tele-Dentistry Bill (8147) and noted that the Board has been working on regulations related to tele-dentistry. This bill also incorporates provisions related to vaccination authority for dental professionals. Mr. Karris informed the Board that, due to the ongoing legislative session, movement on this bill is temporarily paused as priority is given to bill draft requests and other legislative matters.

Mr. Karris then addressed the regulations around expanded function dental assistant (EFDA) and noted that the Board is actively working on expanding the scope of practice for dental assistants, particularly in the area of restorative dental hygiene and prescriptive authority. This expansion would allow properly trained dental assistants to perform a wider range of restorative functions under supervision. The Board is working closely with the UNLV Dental School to develop education and training parameters for these expanded functions. Mr. Karris noted that the goal is to ensure that the additional responsibilities align with standardized competency requirements.

Mr. Karris reminded the Board that the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) focuses on bill draft requests and ongoing legislative activities during the Nevada legislative session. Because of this, regulatory progress slows down until the session concludes in June 2025. However, preparatory work continues, including: holding workshops on pending regulations, gathering input from stakeholders to refine proposals, and preparing to submit finalized regulatory changes once the session ends. Mr. Karris noted that the Board plans to resume submitted regulatory proposals once the legislative session ends. Some key post-session priorities include: submitting final regulations for expanded function dental assistants, implementing any necessary revisions to tele-dentistry and vaccination regulations, reviewing and refining restorative dental hygienist prescriptive authority regulations, and addressing any new legislative mandates that arise from the session.

Dr. West acknowledged the delays due to the legislative session but emphasized the importance of continuing preparatory work. Dr. Hock inquired about potential timeline expectations for implementing the expanded function dental assistant regulations once the session ends. Mr. Karris responded that once the legislative session concludes, the Board would need to conduct final workshops and approvals, which could take several months before regulations are fully implemented.

Dr. Branco raised concerns about the prescriptive authority expansion, specifically questioning the oversight measures that will be in place to ensure safety and compliance. Mr. Karris clarified that any prescriptive authority expansion granted to restorative dental hygienists would be strictly regulated and based on formal training programs developed in partnership with UNLV Dental School.

Ms. McIntyre asked whether there were any budget constraints affecting regulatory progress. Mr. Karris stated that while funding is always a consideration, the primary cause for delays was legislative timing rather than financial limitations.

c. Consideration, Review, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Stipulation Agreement – NRS 631.3635; NRS 622A.170; NRS 622.330; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Samuel Savage, DDS

Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the stipulation. Dr. Hock seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Saeid Mohtashami, DDS

Ms. McIntyre motioned to approve the agenda item, with Dr. Kim seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. Kenneth Duffie, DDS

Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the stipulation, with Dr. West seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

iv. Michel Daccache, DDS

Dr. West motioned to approve the stipulation and Dr. Hock seconded the motion. Dr. Branco opposed the motion, with the rest of the Board approving the stipulation. The motion passed.

d. Review Panel – NRS 631.3635 (For Possible Action)

i. Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Findings and Recommendations for Matters that have been Recommended for Remand by the Review Panel, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Same by the Board – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190

1. Review Panel 3

Dr. West motioned to approve the agenda item as a group. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ii. Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Findings and Recommendations for Matters that have been Recommended by the Attorney General's Office, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Same by the Board – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190

This agenda item was removed by Dr. West.

e. Authorized Investigative Complaints – NRS 631.360; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Dr. Z – The Board received information alleging Dr. Z may have secured a license by using fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Dr. Hock motioned to approve the agenda item. Dr. West seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

ii. RDH Y – The Board received information that RDH Y may have secured a license by using fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the agenda item. Dr. Landron seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

6. New Business: (For Possible Action)

a. Approval/ Rejection of 90-Day Extension of Temporary Anesthesia Permit - NAC 631.2254(2); NRS 631.265; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i. Ouzan Kalantari, DMD**
- ii. Richard Heintl, DDS**
- iii. Iraj Kasimi, DMD**
- iv. Nathan Antoine, DMD**

Dr. Branco confirmed that these agenda items could be considered as a group, as all candidates still needed to complete evaluations. Dr. West motioned to approve the agenda items, with Dr. Branco seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval/Rejection of Temporary Anesthesia Permit - NAC 631.2254; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Phillip M. Seim, DDS – General Anesthesia

Dr. Branco motioned to approve the agenda item. Dr. West seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion passed.

c. Approval/Rejection of Permanent Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2235; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

- i. Tatiana Alhwayek, DMD – Moderate Sedation (Pediatric)**
- ii. Carly Saxe, DMD – Moderate Sedation (Pediatric)**
- iii. Yongjae Lee, DDS – Moderate Sedation**

Ms. Arias motioned to approve the agenda items as a group. Dr. Branco seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

d. Approval/Rejection of Voluntary Surrender of License – NAC 631.160; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Jee Ryang Yoo, DDS

Dr. Streifel confirmed there was no reason to deny the voluntary surrender of Dr. Yoo's license and motioned to approve the agenda item. Dr. Landron seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Consideration, Review and Possible Approval of Application for Anesthesia Evaluator - NAC 631.2221; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Kevin Moore, DDS

ii. Larry Hon, DMD

This agenda item was considered as a group. Dr. Branco motioned to approve the applications. Dr. Hock seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Discussion, Review and Consideration of the Inspector and Evaluator Independent Contractor Contracts – NAC 631.2221; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Ryan Gifford, DDS

ii. Amanda Okundaye, DDS

iii. Drew Richards, DDS

iv. Thomas Myatt, DDS

v. Lynda Martinez, DDS

vi. Jeff Moxley, DDS

vii. Kevin Moore, DDS

viii. Helen Kanian, DDS

ix. Christy Thomas, RDH

x. Larry Hon, DMD

Dr. West made a motion to approve all the contracts under agenda item 6f. Dr. Streifel seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Consideration, Review and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Continuing Education Provider Course Application – NRS 631.342; NRS 631.190; NAC 631.173 (For Possible Action)

i. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for Oral Health Professionals – (2 Units) – University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

Dr. Kim, chairman of the Continuing Education Committee, introduced the SBIRT course. He noted that the course focuses on identifying problematic drug and alcohol use and making appropriate referrals. It was also noted that the CE Committee already reviewed and approved the course. Dr. Kim motioned to approve the CE course. Dr. West seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Consideration, Review and Possible Approval of Applications for Review Panel Members – NRS 631.363; NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

i. Todd Thompson, DMD

ii. John Gallob, DMD

Dr. Kim motioned to approve the applications as a group. Dr. West seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

i. Discussion, Review and Consideration of Board Members Appointments to Board Committees and Review Panels and Composition of Review Panels with Non-Board Members – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190(For Possible Action)

i. Anesthesia

ii. Budget and Finance

iii. Continuing Education

iv. Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy

- v. Disciplinary
- vi. Employment
- vii. Examination Liaisons
- viii. Infection Control
- ix. Legislative, Legal, and Dental Practice
- x. Review Panel 1
- xi. Review Panel 2
- xii. Review Panel 3

Board members confirmed that they had reviewed their assignments. Dr. West motioned to approve all appointments as a group. Dr. Streifel seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

j. Discussion, and Consideration for Board Members to Perform Anesthesia Evaluations for the Purpose of Backlog Resolution – NAC 631.2221; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

Dr. West explained the backlog issue with anesthesia evaluations. The Anesthesia Committee determined that Board members with anesthesia qualifications should continue conducting evaluations to help clear the backlog. Dr. Branco and Dr. Hock supported the decision, emphasizing the need for experienced evaluators. Mark Karris recommended taking a formal vote for documentation and audit purposes. Dr. West motioned to allow qualified Board members to continue conducting anesthesia evaluations. Dr. Hock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

k. Discussion and Consideration for an Increase to the cost of Anesthesia Evaluations from \$250 per Evaluation to \$500 per Evaluation - NRS 631.190; NRS 631.345; NAC 631.029 (For Possible Action)

Dr. West explained that the fees had not increased for a long time. Dr. Branco and Dr. Hock supported the increase to \$500 per evaluation to encourage more evaluators. Dr. West motioned to approve the increase from \$250 to \$500 per evaluation. Dr. Landron seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

l. Discussion, Review and Consideration of Granting Two (2) Hours of CE Credits per Evaluation to be Capped at Ten (10) Hours per Year and the CE Topics Cannot be in Areas of Anesthesia - NRS 631.190; NAC 631.173; NAC 631.175 (For Possible Action)

Dr. West explained that evaluators would receive two (2) CE hours per evaluation (capped at 10 hours per year) as an incentive. These CE hours would not count toward anesthesia-specific CE requirements. Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the CE credit structure. Dr. West seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

m. Discussion, Review and Consideration of Recommendation to the Board Regarding a Fee Increase for “Biennial renewal fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, moderate sedation or deep sedation” from \$200 to \$500 – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.345; NAC 631.029 (For Possible Action)

The Board reviewed financials, noting an increased cost in anesthesia evaluations. Mr. Higginbotham stated that the Board was currently losing money on each anesthesia evaluation, and increasing the biannual renewal fee from \$250 to \$500 would help offset costs. Dr. West motioned to approve the agenda item. Ms. Arias seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

n. Discussion, Review and Consideration of Authorization to Board Staff to Initiate Workshop Process to Consider Increasing Schedule of Fees - NRS 631.190; NRS 631.240; NRS 631.345; NAC 631.029 (For Possible Action)

Mr. Higginbotham explained that Board fees had not changed since the 1980s and due to rising operational costs, a review was necessary. Mr. Karris confirmed that the Budget & Finance Committee would conduct a final workshop before any fee increases were finalized. Dr. West motioned to authorize the Budget & Finance Committee to review fee adjustments and initiate a public workshop. Ms. Arias seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

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Denise De La Raca thanked Dr. Branco for upholding his previous decision and "choosing right from wrong", referencing agenda item 5c(iv).

8. Announcements:

Dr. West congratulated new Board members and expressed enthusiasm for future collaboration.

9. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)

Ms. McIntyre motioned to adjourn, with Dr. Streifel seconding the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.