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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
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, 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. Kelley, M. Watson.

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.

Members of the public may submit public comment via email to nsbde@dental.nv.gov, or by mailing/faxing messages to the Board office. Written submissions received by the Board on or before Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other written public comment submissions received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be included in the permanent record.

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.

Two written public comments were included in the board packet. The first comment was submitted by Dr. Burns, who has been licensed as a dentist in California for 17 years. Her comment relates to her ineligibility for licensure in this state due to her dental school not being a code-approved program recognized by the board. Dr. Burns is requesting a review of the applicable regulations. The second comment was submitted by Mr. Sabatini, CRNA, requesting a review and exploration of CRNAs.

Mr. Sabatini stated that he had been in communication with the Executive Director for approximately two weeks and had submitted materials for board review. He requested that the board consider holding a closed session to discuss anesthesia and patient safety matters, stating that a public forum was not appropriate for the initial discussion.

General Counsel advised that a closed session may be held at a future meeting if properly noticed on the agenda and conducted in compliance with open meeting laws. She noted that any board deliberation or action would be required to occur in public session.

With counsel's guidance, Dr. West indicated that he would confer further with Board Counsel and the Executive Director and reserve the right to grant or deny the request. Mr. Sabatini was advised he would be informed of the board's decision and could provide public comment in the future if desired.

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

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

Dr. West requested to remove item 5c - Revised Proposed Regulations for RO56-24 Teledentistry as the Board has not received this draft back from the LCB.

General Counsel request the Board table the removal of agenda item 5i to the end of the meeting to allow the representative for the Motion for Reconsideration to appear in the meeting.

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

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

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. December 11, 2025 – Board Meeting Minutes**
 - ii. January 20, 2026 – Infection Control Committee Minutes**
 - iii. January 21, 2026 – DH, DT, and EFDA Committee Minutes**

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.'

5. Executive Team Report: (For Possible Action)

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

General Counsel reported that one half of a deposition has been completed and that two additional subpoenas were recently served. Discovery remains ongoing, with a tentative completion date at the end of February. The board will be advised of any material developments at a future hearing.

b. Regulatory Update (For Informational Purposes Only)

NA

~~**e. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Revised Proposed Regulations for RO56-24 Teledentistry – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**~~

Item removed from the agenda.

d. 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 #2513
2. Case #2521
3. Case #2526
4. Case #2530
5. Case #2534
6. Case #2547
7. Case #2460
8. Case #2461
9. Case #2463
10. Case #2493
11. Case #2515

A motion to group and approve the remands was made by Dr. Landron, and it was seconded by Dr. West.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

ii. Review Panel 3

1. Case #2537
2. Case #2548
3. Case #2552
4. Case #2555
5. Case #2557
6. Case #2561

A motion to group and approve the remands was made by Dr. Kim, 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 #2266

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

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. Y

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

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

ii. RDH Z

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

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

g. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Voluntary Surrender in Lieu of Discipline – NRS 631.240 (For Possible Action)

i. Case #2178

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

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

h. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Verified Complaint Withdrawal Request – NRS 53.045

i. Case #2453 and #2454

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

No discussion.

All members voted 'AYE.'

~~i. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Motion for Reconsideration of Administrative Hearing – NRS 631.3635(4); R073-22 §§ 5 and 6 of LCB File No. R073-22 (For Possible Action)~~

~~i. Case #2230~~

General Counsel requested a roll call at the beginning and end of the meeting to see if either representative regarding this agenda item was present.

Neither counsel, nor the subject of the hearing were present before the conclusion of the meeting. At this time, Dr. West removed this agenda item.

6. New Business: (For Possible Action)

- a. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of a New Mission Statement for the Board of Dental Examiners – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**
1. Proposed Mission Statement A: The mission of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public by licensing and regulating dental professionals consistent with NRS 631 and NAC 631 and by establishing and enforcing standards of practice to ensure dental professionals provide safe, competent, and ethical oral health care for all people who receive care in Nevada.
 2. Proposed Mission Statement B: The mission of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public by establishing and enforcing standards of practice and by licensing and regulating qualified dental professionals to ensure safe and ethical oral health care is provided to all dental patients in Nevada.

Dr. West presented the two proposed mission statements and opened the item for discussion. The primary distinction discussed was that Proposal A specifically referenced NRS 631 and NAC 631, while Proposal B was broader and did not cite statutory authority. Board members discussed the merits of specificity versus brevity. Public and board members generally expressed a preference for Proposal A, noting that it was more comprehensive and helpful to the public in identifying the board’s governing authority.

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

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- b. Review, Discussion, and Consideration of the President of the Board of Dental Examiners – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

A motion to approve Dr. West as the Board President was made by Dr. Streifel, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- c. Review, Discussion, and Consideration of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Dental Examiners – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)

A motion to approve Dr. Streifel as the Board Secretary-Treasurer was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- d. Review, Discussion, and Consideration of Board Members Appointments to Board Committees and Review Panels and of Non-Board Member Appointments to Sub-Committees and Review Panels – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Anesthesia & Sub-Committee of Advisors
 - ii. Budget and Finance
 - iii. Continuing Education
 - iv. Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy
 - v. Employment
 - vi. Examination Liaisons
 - vii. Infection Control
 - viii. Legislative, Legal, and Dental Practice
 - ix. Review Panel 1
 - x. Review Panel 2
 - xi. Review Panel 3

A motion to group and approve committee and review panel appointments was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- e. Review, Discussion, and Consideration of authorizing the Executive Director and General Counsel to Commence Regulation Workshops as required by NRS 233B.061, related to Potential Revisions of the following Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) regulations – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - 1. Notary Requirement Removal – NAC 631.028, 170, and 2205.
 - 2. Lead Apron Requirement Removal – NAC 631.260
 - 3. HUC Employer Priority Licensing (possible) – NAC 631.028a
 - 4. Schedule of Fees – NAC 631.028, 029
 - 5. Closure or Sale of Dental Clinic – NAC 631.274
 - 6. Infection Control Guidelines Adoption – NAC 631.178
 - 7. Infection Control Inspection Process – NAC 631.1785, 179

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

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- f. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Infection Control Inspection Audit forms – NAC 631.1785 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Master Infection Control Inspection Audit Form
 - ii. Infection Control Mobile Unit Audit Form
 - iii. Infection Control Mobile Audit Form Attachment (i.e. Off-site sterilization equipment inspection)

A motion to group and approve audit forms was made by Ms. Petrilla, and it was seconded by Dr. West.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- g. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Permanent Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2235; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Dr. Wilyam F. Abdelmalik, DMD – Moderate Sedation
 - ii. Dr. Roberto Rodriguez, DMD – Moderate Sedation
 - iii. Dr. Kevin Major, DMD – Moderate Sedation
 - iv. Dr. Michael Wills, DMD – Moderate Sedation
 - v. Dr. Joseph N. Taylor, DDS – Moderate Sedation
 - vi. Dr. Caitlin M. Carabello, DDS – Moderate Sedation

A motion to group and approve permanent permits was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- h. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Temporary Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2234; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Dr. Abdulmohsin Alhashim, DDS – Moderate Sedation
 - ii. Dr. Matthew Manas, DDS – Moderate Sedation

A motion to group and approve temporary permits was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.

No discussion.

All members voted ‘AYE.’

- i. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Board Petitions – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Kweisi McKinney – Background Review Requested

General Counsel communicated that the petition requests advance statutory or regulatory interpretation regarding whether an individual would be eligible for licensure. Counsel advised that there is insufficient information to make such a determination at this time. The board lacks necessary records to assess character

and fitness and does not know which type of licensure the individual is seeking. Counsel recommended tabling the petition until the next meeting and directing staff to contact the petitioner to obtain additional disclosures and identifying information needed for review.

Dr. West tabled this agenda item.

- 7. Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference):** This public comment period is for any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the public body. No action may be taken upon the matter raised during 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 based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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8. Announcements:

Dr. West welcomed everybody back to a new year working with the board and thanked all for board participation.

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

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

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.