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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Meeting Date & Time**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location**

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

**Video Conferencing/ Teleconferencing Available**

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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**

**Members Present: Dr. West, Dr. Streifel, Dr. Branco, Dr. Hock, Dr. Landron, Dr. Hoban, Dr. Kim, Ms. Arias, and Ms. McIntyre**

**Members Absent: Mr. Pontoni, Ms. Petrilla (Excused)**

## **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.

**Prior to opening the floor for public comments, the Board received 180 written public comments predominately related to agenda items 6.a.4 and 6.a.5. These written public comments were received before Tuesday, March 24 by noon. The following individuals have provided their written public comments.**

**Dr. Dragon, Dr. Funke, Mr. Rains, Mrs. Rains, Dr. Bryant, Dr. Saxe, Mr. Klein, Ms. Chandler, Mr. McKernan, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Jewell, Mr. Jewell, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Kuster, Ms. Yu, Ms. Crosswhite, Ms. Medina, Ms. Briones, Ms. Hane, Ms. Dameron, Ms. Moss, Dr. Wineman, Ms. Lohmeyer, MS. Richardson, Valerie, Ms. Meyer, Khyre Rutherford, Ms. Kotek, Ms. Caser, Ms. Quick, Ms. Minnitte-Hamrey, Ms. Baertschiger, Ms. Galura-Boquiren, Ms. McCook, Ms. Mendoza, Ms. Capitano, Ms. Lwin, Ms. Mann, Ms. Fuller, Ms. Contreras, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Roman, Ms.**

Smerski, MS. Greenhalgh, Dr. Sheldon, Ms. Solie, Ms. Mesropyan, Ms. Cardenas, Ms. Bohall, Ms. Jacinto-Chacon, Ms. Hammel, Ms. Crane, Ms. Temme, Ms. Sturges, Ms. Navarro, MS. Burns, Ms. Biunno, Ms. Mcullough, Ms. Lawson, Ms. Fend, Ms. Brien, Ms. Mason, Ms. Purdum, Ms. Dimmitt, Ms. Carreiro, Mc. Conin, Ms. Grayson, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Tongnoni, Ms. Lamb, Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Clark, Ms. Mantanona, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Hansen, Ms. Lee, Ms. Heckman, Ms. Oswald, Ms. Frei, Ms. Egurrola, MS. Johnston, Ms. Iniquez, Ms. Anderson, MS. Mirsky, Ms. Brotherson, Ms. Macias, Ms. Guerrica, Ms. Musil, Ms. Steneri-Meehan, Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Perry, Jennifer Gabara, Ms. Richards, Ms. Chavez Berrio, Ms. Allen, Ms. Hegne, Ms. Braner, Mr. Ventura, Ms. Coder, Ms. Twichell, Ms. Wence, Ms. Fincher, Ms. Bracamontes, Mr. Armando Arreguin, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Sak, Ms. Davalos, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Jauch, Ms. Sorenson, Ms. Raviz, Ms. Silva, Ms. Congro, Mr. Tran, Ms. Anglade, Ms. White, Ms. Williams, Ms. Arciaga, Ms. Grigorilou, Ms. McGinness, Ms. Mendoza, Ms. Stefan, Ms. Felton, Ms. Moreno, Ms. Cerna, Ms. Lincicome, Ms. Tavey, Ms. Bagley, Ms. Zapata, Ms. Vanguilder, Ms. Lannes, Ms. Bell, Ms. O'Leary, Ms. Brunner, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Irvine, Ms. Benbo - Leahey-Bucsit, Ms. Eigenauer, Ms. Hill, Ms. Smith, Ms. Velasco, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Scott, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Cambra, Ms. Stang, Alaska Dental Hygienist Association, Ms. Pierce, Ms. Obine, Ms. Sin, Ms. Faja Jones, Ms. Serrano, Ms. Chanla, Ms. Estrada, Ms. Mancilla, Ms. Brooke, Ms. Tye, Ms. Luna, Ms. Smith, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Lutes-Kirby, Angela Thiessen, Chris Thiessen, Ms. Mouansengphet, Ms. McDonald, Ms. Lusk, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Skreczko, Ms. Barry Brady, Ms. T Anderson, Ms. Crossland, Ms. Hahn, Ms. Dennehy, Marlon, Ms. Henriod, Ms. Summers, Ms. Zapata, Ms. Kottke, Ms. Chiralde, Ms. Eggett, Ms. Hanlon

The Board received an additional eleven public comments.

Ms. Martin, Ms. Navarro, Ms. Daniels, Dr. Bryant, Ms. Minival, Ms. Lincicome, Ms. Timmy, Ms. La Rosa, Dr. Abittan, Mr. Ventura, Ms. Brainer

**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. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.**

**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. February 25, 2026 – Board Meeting
- ii. March 10, 2026 – Administrative Hearing
- iii. March 11, 2026 – Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee

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

**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
  - ii. Public Health Programs

**Dr. Streifel reported on the licenses approved for dentists, hygienists, and the public health program, noting that all have been approved and inspected; this information was provided for reference.**

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

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

**General Counsel Barraclough presented that there is one ongoing litigation matter. Discovery is closing at the end of March, with the final deposition scheduled just before that. A few motions are pending, and depending on their outcomes, the next step will be filing dispositive motions, such as a motion for summary judgment, in an effort to resolve the case without going to trial. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.**

- b. Regulatory Update (For Informational Purposes Only)
  - i. Teledentistry – New Number Assignment- R040-26

**General Counsel Barraclough clarified that the regulatory process consists of eight steps, which apply to both items B and C. For the teledentistry regulation, the**

**Board is currently on Step 8, the final stage, where the Executive Director prepares the notice of adoption based on the Board’s previously approved language. The only change is an updated regulation number (R040-26), and the notice of adoption will proceed using the existing approved language. This update is for informational purposes.**

- c. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of the Revised Proposed Regulations for RO41-26 EFDA – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

**Regarding the EFDA regulation, it was discovered that documentation of the required notice to the State Archives from Step 5 could not be located. To ensure compliance, the process will restart at Step 5 under a new number (R041-26). The language remains unchanged from what the Board previously approved. The Board will need to vote to issue a new notice of intent, after which the regulation will move forward again through Steps 6, 7, and 8.**

**A motion to approve 5c minutes 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 Remand(s) – NRS 631.3635; NRS 622A.170; NRS 622.330; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Review Panel 1**

- 1. Case # 2425
- 2. Case # 2571
- 3. Case # 2572

**A motion to group and approve the remands was made by Ms. Arias and it was seconded by Dr. Landron.**

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE’.**

- ii. Review Panel 2**

1. Case # 2536
2. Case # 2540
3. Case # 2553
4. Case # 2565
5. Case # 2566

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

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE'.**

**iii. Review Panel 3**

1. Case # 2567
2. Case # 2568
3. Case # 2581
4. Case # 2586
5. Case # 2587
6. Case # 2589
7. Case # 2593

**A motion to group and approve the remands was made by Ms. Landron and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.**

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE'.**

- e. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Remand(s) with Letters of Concern – NRS 631.3635; NRS 622A.170; NRS 622.330; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

**i. Review Panel 1**

1. Case # 2573

**A motion to approve the remand with letter of concern was made by Dr. West and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.**

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE'.**

**ii. Review Panel 2**

**1. Case # 2558**

**A motion to approve the letter of concern was made by Ms. McIntyre and it was seconded by Dr. Streifel.**

**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 the authorized investigation was made by Dr. Hoban,  
and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.**

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE.'**

**ii. Dr. Y**

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

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE.'**

**iii. Dr. X**

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

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE.'**

**iv. Dr. W**

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

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE.’**

**v. Dr. V**

**A motion to approve the authorized investigation was made by Dr. Kim, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.**

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE.’**

**vi. Dr. U**

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

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE.’**

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

- a. Discussion, Review and Consideration of Authorization the Board Staff to Initiate Workshop Process on the Following NAC Regulations – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**
  - i. New Graduate CE Requirements - NAC 631.173, NAC 631.175, and NAC 631.177**
  - ii. Live Laser CE - NAC 631.033**
  - iii. Live Patient CE – NAC 631.173**

**Dr. West stated that items one through three would be addressed separately from items four and five.**

**General Counsel Barraclough items one through three relate to Board-initiated clarifications of continuing education (CE) requirements and are being presented for workshop consideration. Items four and five will include a statement from Dr. West, followed by an explanation of the compromise.**

- iv. Dentist Supervision and Authorization of Dental Hygienists – NAC 631.210**
- v. Dentist and Dental Hygienist Supervision of Dental Assistants – NAC 631.220**

**Dr. West ruled that the language around “authorize” versus “supervise” is being reviewed, which has significant implications for both dentists and hygienists. It’s recommended that this discussion move into a workshop setting for more in-depth review.**

**A motion was made to move 6(a)(i)–(v) to move into a workshop by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Hoban.**

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE.’**

- b.** Review, Discussion and Possible Adoption of a Recommended Advisory Opinion on Dr. Lorber’s Brick-and-Mortar Public Health Program Application – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.34583 (For Possible Action)

**A motion to approve Dr. Lorber’s brick and mortar public health program application was made by Dr. West, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.**

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE.’**

- c.** Review, Discussion and Possible Approval/Rejection of Tasking the Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee with Analyzing and Making Recommendation on the Qualification Criteria for Brick-and-Mortar Public Health Programs – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.34583 (For Possible Action)

**A motion to approve the review of discussion for possible approval/rejection of the Dental Hygiene Dental Therapy and EFDA Committee to analyze and make recommendation on a qualification criteria for a brick-and-mortar public health program was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Dr. Branco.**

**No discussion. All members voted ‘AYE.’**

- d.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Permanent Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2235; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
  - i.** Dr. Sapir Cohen, DMD – Moderate Sedation
  - ii.** Dr. Khurram Fahim, DMD – Moderate Sedation
  - iii.** Dr. Matthew P. Manas, DDS – Moderate Sedation

**A motion to approve the permanent anesthesia permits for doctors 6(d)(i-iii) 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 Temporary Anesthesia Permit – NAC 631.2234; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)
  - i. Dr. Michael St. Laurent, DMD – Moderate Sedation

**A motion to approve the temporary anesthesia permit for Dr. St. Laurent was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Hock.**

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE.'**

- f. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of a Voluntary Surrender of License - NRS 631.190; NAC 631.160 (For Possible Action)
  - i. Dr. Kevin Yee, DDS

**A motion to approve the voluntary surrender of License for Dr. Yee was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Dr. Kim.**

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE.'**

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speakers.

**The Board received six public comments.**

**Mr. Ventura questioned whether out-of-state trainees stay locally and said it's hard to compromise on details when they fundamentally oppose the proposal.**

**Director Higginbotham clarified that no data was analyzed on how many graduates leave the area—only on how many are being trained in institutions.**

**Mr. Ventura explained that hygienists find it difficult to offer compromise solutions because they fundamentally disagree with the proposal itself, making it hard to negotiate details like required hours.**

**Ms. Minival questioned whether the NDA survey reflects all dentists and said she hasn't experienced a shortage, emphasizing the need for collaboration and suggesting that expanding high-capacity hygiene programs would be a more effective solution.**

**Director Higginbotham shared that there are about 2,400 total dentists, including 1,900 general dentists (non-specialists). The current hygienist-to-dentist ratio (0.81-to-1) is based on earlier licensing cycles and will need to be updated with future renewal data.**

**Dr. Abittan defended the survey's validity and emphasized that a significant hygienist shortage exists and must be addressed for patient care.**

**Ms. Chandler expressed concern that public health dental hygiene programs performing diagnostics (like X-rays and exams) without providing follow-up treatment could leave patients—especially Medicaid patients—without proper continuity of care and urged the board to consider this when setting guidelines.**

**Ms. Laura highlighted a shortage of dental assistants and warned that reduced training standards could harm patient care, advocating for more education funding instead.**

**Ms. Timmy highlighted ongoing outreach efforts to build the workforce pipeline,**

noted that increasing periodontal disease is lengthening appointments and straining the hygiene workforce, suggested simplifying public health endorsement requirements, and emphasized that program expansion is limited by lack of funding and facility capacity.

Ms. Arias emphasized that expanding dental hygiene programs is limited by funding for faculty, not space, and that without financial support to hire instructors, schools cannot increase student enrollment.

Dr. Abittan raised concerns about public health programs lacking in-state oversight and referral networks, stressing the need to ensure continuity of care and patient safety, and noted that expanding hygiene programs is a long-term solution limited by funding and not feasible for immediate workforce needs.

Ms. Chandler described ongoing outreach efforts to inspire students—especially from underserved communities—to pursue dental careers and highlighted a new state funding opportunity (SB5) that could support dental workforce development if dentistry is included.

## **8. Announcements:**

Dr. West shared that the meeting covered a lot of valuable information. He encouraged everyone to come with a collaborative, constructive mindset and focus on what's best overall, taking into account the data and perspectives shared when coming to the workshop.

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

*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.*

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

**No discussion. All members voted 'AYE.'**