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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

TIME: 11:20 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

January 16, 2026

State Board of Dentistry
January 16, 2026

ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

Nicole Payonk, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator,
Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
Barbara Reiprich, RDH, PHDHP, FADHA, Immediate Past
President Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists'
Association
Ann Hoffman, RDH, PHDHP, Director of Dental Program,
Central Penn College
Alexis Delaughter, EFDA, CDA, Dental Program
Lecturer, Central Penn College
Marisa Swarney, Director of Government Relations,
Pennsylvania Dental Association
Maria Lomnychuk, EFDA, CDA, York Technical Institute
Radwan Azim, Legislative Analyst, Cozen O'Connor
Public Strategies
Morgan Plant, Government Relations Consultant,
Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association
Sharon Langan, Dental Management Specialist, Century
Dental Associates
Deborah Polk, AB, PhD, Associate Professor of Dental
Public Health, School of Dental Medicine,
University of Pittsburgh
Michelle Shirey, Project Manager, School of Dental
Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
Moe Khairat, Government Relations Coordinator,
Pennsylvania Dental Association
Dossie Cavallucci, Dental Assisting/EFDA Program
Director, Harcum College
David Palmer, JD, Regulatory Counsel, DOCS Education
Helen Hawkey, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Coalition for Oral Health
Linda Himmelberger, DMD
Isabelle Hawkey
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Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Dentistry

3 January 16, 2026

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have
8 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of
9 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board
10 returned to open session at 11:20 a.m.]

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12 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
13 Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, January 16,
14 2026. Godfrey Joel Funari, DMD, Chairperson, called
15 the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

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17 Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees
18 [Chair Funari requested a roll call of Board members
19 and introduction of attendees. A quorum of board
20 members was present.]

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22 [Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
23 everyone that the meeting of the State Board of
24 Dentistry was being held in a hybrid format, both in
25 person and by livestream teleconference, pursuant to

1 Act 100 of 2021, which requires boards to use a
2 virtual platform to conduct business when a public
3 meeting is held.

4 Ms. Neal noted the meeting was being recorded and
5 voluntary participation constituted consent to be
6 recorded.

7 Ms. Neal also noted the Board entered into
8 Executive Session with Board Counsel to have
9 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of
10 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report - Status
13 of Regulations

14 [Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
15 stated the Board currently has seven pending
16 regulations. She explained the General Revisions
17 package, 16A-4628, was on her desk for final review.
18 Once finalized with Board Counsel assistance, the
19 package will be forwarded to Office of General
20 Counsel (OGC) Budget and Policy Office for review.
21 She reminded the Board of the steps in the review
22 process. She noted, if at any point there was a need
23 for Board input, she would bring it back to the
24 Board. Otherwise, the Board will review the
25 Regulation after Independent Regulatory Review

1 Commission (IRRC) submits comments.

2 Ms. Wolfgang stated, in 2026, the Board would be
3 focusing on the regulations for Mobile Vans,
4 Anesthesia Update, Volunteer License, and the Opioid
5 Education.]

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7 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report - 16A-
8 4629 (Mobile Vans)

9 [Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained she
10 would review the revisions made to the draft annex
11 for 16A-4629, Mobile Vans. She stated the Board can
12 not regulate mobile vans as a practice or through
13 permitting as they do not have the statutory
14 authority to issue mobile van permits. Therefore,
15 the regulation is being approached through the
16 Board's fictitious names regulation.

17 Ms. Neal reviewed two new definitions, one for
18 mobile dental units and one for practice site. She
19 explained, through the definitions, it would be made
20 clear that all of the requirements that relate to
21 clinics, community-based clinics, dental clinics and
22 facilities, should be read to include the dental
23 vans. She added, if there are certain standards of
24 care that apply for radiology or infection control,
25 they would apply equally to dental vans. Ms. Neal

1 stated, after the definitions, a new section 33.5
2 would be added to state, unless context clearly
3 indicates otherwise, all of those terms include the
4 mobile dental units as defined.

5 Ms. Neal explained, in fictitious names, there is
6 information on how mobile vans will be registered and
7 tracked; how the Board will keep tabs on the number
8 of dental units; and where the mobile vans are for
9 the purposes of BEI inspection, if needed. She
10 stated the fictitious names section would be revised
11 to provide that when a person registers a fictitious
12 name, the fictitious name associated with a mobile
13 van needed to be on the van. Required information
14 would include the number of vans associated with the
15 practice, general hours of operation, contact number,
16 and primary physical address when not in use.

17 Dr. Arndt stated the more defined the regulation
18 is, the better. He asked if there would be a way to
19 tie the license plate of the van to the records as
20 another cross reference. He also wanted to ensure
21 the person who has actual ownership of the van was in
22 the records and not just the dentist associated. He
23 explained he has seen cases with brick and mortar
24 locations where an organization owns the building and
25 hires dentists, but any violations fall with 100

1 percent liability on the dentists and not on the
2 owners. He suggested that the owner of the van have
3 some sort of liability or responsibility. Dr. Arndt
4 also addressed making sure patients had the same
5 access to records and same standard of care as brick
6 and mortar facilities.

7 Dr. Arndt noted Ms. Fowler provided remarks since
8 she could not attend the meeting. Her concerns
9 included if vans were authorized practice sites for
10 public health dental hygiene practitioners (PHDHP);
11 requirements for transfers of records; tracking
12 individual vans; license plate registration;
13 accessibility requirements for disabled patients; and
14 must a hospital or other non-profit create a
15 fictitious name for the operation of a van. She also
16 asked if there would be any mechanism to ensure safe
17 mechanical operation of the vehicle and appropriate
18 and sanitary equipment and conditions for clinical
19 operations. Her last question was if there would be
20 an actual distinction between a mobile van and a
21 permanent practice site under the regulations.

22 Ms. Neal addressed concerns raised by Dr. Arndt
23 and Ms. Fowler. She did not find any issues with
24 including the license plates with the required
25 information. Regarding responsibility or liability

1 of the owner of a van, she noted the Board only has
2 jurisdiction over its licensees and the practice of
3 dentistry. She would have to research how the Board
4 addressed cases where individuals have owned certain
5 facilities and not the dentists. She reiterated the
6 Board can only hold owners responsible to the extent
7 that it has jurisdiction over them. Regarding
8 accessibility, like ramps, she stated it was not
9 something addressed by the Board but perhaps by
10 another agency like PennDOT or the Department of
11 Health. She noted accessibility is also not
12 addressed by the Board for fixed practice sites. She
13 requested clarification regarding the safe mechanical
14 operation, asking if it was referring to the actual
15 operation of the vehicle.

16 Chair Funari responded to extend safe mechanical
17 operation to include mounting and securing of x-ray
18 equipment and chair as well as the handling of waste
19 product. He stated installation of equipment may not
20 fall under PennDOT purview and noted it may fall into
21 a gray area as far as the physical regulation of the
22 van.

23 Ms. Neal agreed with Dr. Funari and added the
24 problem is the installation of equipment is not
25 addressed for fixed practice sites and the Board does

1 not have the authority to permit the vans. The Board
2 cannot create separate requirements for the vans.
3 She noted, if there was loose infectious waste, that
4 would likely violate the standard of care. She
5 concluded the Board does not have the authority to
6 revise the regulations in a way that treats mobile
7 vans differently. The Board will have to treat,
8 inspect, and enforce mobile vans based on the same
9 standard of care for practice sites across the board.

10 Dr. Sullivan expressed concerns regarding
11 informed consent, particularly related to mobile vans
12 being used to treat children at schools. She
13 explained, at the beginning of a school year, a stack
14 of papers is sent home to parents, and the parents
15 sign the papers without really understanding what
16 they are signing. The parents then become upset if
17 the child receives dental care, because they did not
18 realize they signed the paperwork to have the care
19 done to the child. She added the regulation should
20 address informed consent for mobile vans. Dr.
21 Sullivan also asked if there would be a limit to the
22 number of vans owned by any one dentist or owner. In
23 addition, she inquired if the people working in the
24 can would be reporting back to a brick and mortar
25 facility. She stated there have been issues in other

1 jurisdictions where a problem arose from treatment in
2 a mobile van, but the person was left in peril with
3 no recourse if the van had relocated. She noted the
4 need for an associated dentist to be able to see
5 emergencies from treatment performed in a mobile van.

6 Dr. Sullivan noted storage of x-rays and records
7 would need discussed. In particular, she questioned
8 what would happen if a mobile van patient needed more
9 extensive treatment and is referred to another
10 dentist. She noted the patient would be charged for
11 x-rays in the mobile van, but if access was not
12 provided to the referral dentist, the patient may
13 have to pay for the x-rays a second time.

14 Mr. Jarabeck commented on some of the questions
15 raised regarding the terms of ownership of a
16 practice. He stated, on a liability front, the Board
17 is limited to imposing liability upon the licensee or
18 an individual who is engaged in an unlicensed
19 practice. He noted a section in corporation law,
20 which may address issues where owners of facilities
21 are addressed, regarding cases where ownership is
22 improper. Regarding accessibility, he suggested it
23 would be addressed by the Pennsylvania Human Rights
24 Commission or the Attorney General's Civil Rights
25 section, who have enforcement groups that deal with

1 access violations. He added that the Board has
2 jurisdiction over accessibility.

3 Mr. Jarabeck also noted the Board does not have
4 inspection power over a brick and mortar and,
5 therefore, would not have inspection power over a
6 mobile van. He stated inspections and investigations
7 are the result of complaints. He added there are no
8 upfront inspections of new dental offices as the
9 power does not exist under the law.

10 Ms. Neal reiterated at the heart of the
11 regulation is that mobile vans have to be treated the
12 same as clinics, facilities, and practice sites are
13 already treated under the regulations. She used the
14 example of informed consent, noting informed consent
15 at schools is controlled by the Department of
16 Education (DOE). She noted DOE handles medical
17 dental care in schools as the examinations are
18 required by DOE. She also added, regarding records,
19 mobile van practitioners would be held to the same
20 records retention as a brick and mortar facility.

21 Dr. Sullivan questioned who was hiring the mobile
22 vans if DOE was regulating the informed consent. She
23 stated her understanding was the dentist or private
24 practitioner in the van was not necessarily
25 affiliated with the school and questioned how DOE

1 could regulate informed consent related to a private
2 dentist.

3 Ms. Wolfgang provided a reminder that all
4 practitioners and licensees have to follow state and
5 federal laws, whether it is in regards to HIPPA or
6 informed consent. She noted it was incumbent upon
7 the practitioner to know and understand any laws
8 related to their practice. She added, generally,
9 regulations do not include all the laws that
10 practitioners need to follow. She noted there is a
11 difference between liability and what happens under a
12 Board with respect to discipline. She added the two
13 distinctions should be kept in mind when discussing
14 informed consent, noting the Board does not have any
15 specific or general informed consent requirements for
16 dentists. Ms. Wolfgang stated putting in an informed
17 consent requirement in the regulations for mobile
18 vans would be crossing a line since it is not
19 required for brick and mortars. She questioned why
20 the Board supposed the regulations should have
21 informed consent for mobile vans.

22 Dr. Sullivan stated parents, who bring their
23 child to a brick and mortar, sign papers and are
24 aware they are taking their child to the dentist.
25 For a mobile van, she stated parents are not fully

1 understanding their child is being seen in a mobile
2 van when they sign papers. She added her concerns
3 stem from problems in other jurisdictions. She
4 understood there were limitations in what the Board
5 could do, but wanted to avoid the problems other
6 jurisdictions have experienced.

7 Ms. Neal understood Dr. Sullivan's concerns but
8 added she was not convinced the Board had the
9 statutory authority for informed consent.

10 Ms. Murray explained DOE requires schools to
11 provide information at three different points,
12 typically first grade or kindergarten, third grade
13 and seventh grade, stating students have seen a
14 dentist. At the beginning of those school years,
15 students are sent home with a dental report form. If
16 the school does not get the form back stating that
17 the child has seen a dentist, all the school can do
18 is provide a dental screening without the parent
19 signature. She noted schools can hire a variety of
20 practitioners to execute the screenings, and if
21 additional treatment is noted, the work cannot happen
22 without parental consent.

23 Dr. Sullivan reiterated her concern that there
24 was a difference between a school hiring a
25 practitioner to go into a school to provide

1 screenings and a practitioner in a mobile van. She
2 added her understanding was the mobile van
3 practitioners were providing more than screenings.

4 Ms. Murray replied, in some of the schools, there
5 is mobile equipment to provide sealants, fluoride and
6 cleanings once additional consent is received.

7 Dr. Sullivan stated the services noted by Ms.
8 Murray are preventative. She heard mobile vans were
9 being used to provide restorative work, including the
10 administration of anesthesia.

11 Dr. Arndt asked if ensuring the school consent
12 form had the mobile van's information on it, similar
13 to consent forms at dental offices, would alleviate
14 some of Dr. Sullivan's concerns.

15 Ms. Wolfgang stated there was nothing in the
16 regulations that require a consent form for a brick
17 and mortar to have specific information. She
18 reiterated the Board does not have statutory
19 authority.

20 Mr. Jarabeck reiterated the Board is constrained
21 by the law in what it has the ability to do. He
22 noted, in the discussion, there had been comparisons
23 to other states, and the Board cannot legislate or
24 regulate up front. He reiterated, in all of the
25 issues described, there has to be a complaint to

1 allow an investigator to go in to ask questions and
2 build a case from there.

3 Dr. Casey asked if, to alleviate some of the
4 concerns, there would be a way to state nitrous and
5 other types of sedation would not be allowed on the
6 vans or if the vans could be limited to just basic
7 dental care and screenings. His perspective was that
8 there were concerns in ensuring the mobile van
9 practitioner was not a fly by night person. He
10 agreed with the idea of the ownership of the license
11 plate but asked if the plate could be tied back to a
12 dentist, company, or hospital.

13 Mr. Jarabeck stated the Board does not have the
14 authority to regulate the activity.

15 Ms. Wolfgang stated the scope of practice is
16 defined in the Practice Act, and the Board does not
17 have the authority to link practice for certain
18 practitioners based on where they are practicing.

19 Dr. Warwick stated the logistics of the mobile
20 van can make it impossible to do informed consents,
21 unless after a treatment plan is derived, the dentist
22 has a video conference with the parent because the
23 parent is not present.

24 Dr. Sullivan stated there were requirements for
25 brick and mortar offices to be inspected for

1 anesthesia, so the same requirements would be
2 required for mobile vans. She noted there may be
3 difficulty for some to use general anesthesia or
4 nitrous in a mobile unit.

5 Ms. Murray questioned why PHDHP were eliminated
6 from being able to own a mobile van. She explained
7 the scope of practice was expanded for PHDHPs to go
8 into rural facilities and nursing homes. She added,
9 since PHDHPs often use mobile equipment, it did not
10 make sense to not include them as potential owners.
11 She also noted the importance of ensuring a statement
12 in the regulation requiring anyone working in the
13 mobile van to be a licensed or certified provider in
14 Pennsylvania.

15 Ms. Neal stated, if the van is being used to
16 provide dental services, it would fall within the
17 definition of practice of dentistry under the Act,
18 which would require the person to be licensed in
19 Pennsylvania. She added, if a person was practicing
20 but not licensed in Pennsylvania, a complaint would
21 need filed for an investigation to be started. With
22 respect to PHDHP, she stated the regulations identify
23 where PHDHPs can operate without the direct
24 supervision of a dentist. With regards to the
25 ownership of a mobile van, she noted there still has

1 to be a responsible dentist associated.

2 Ms. Murry argued, by eliminating PHDHPs as
3 potential owners, it was limiting accessibility. She
4 added there are existing van sites sending PHDHPs out
5 in the vans. She explained mobile vans are doing a
6 great thing in being providers and helping
7 individuals, not just in school systems, but also in
8 rural areas where there is no other care. She did
9 not see a need to limit the number of vans.

10 Chair Funari suggested a statement proving
11 contact information for the patients. He expressed
12 concerns that, if a van which services multiple
13 communities is out of service for some reason, there
14 may be a patient population spanning several counties
15 who would not know where to receive care in a
16 reasonable travel area. He recommended the vans
17 identify a brick and mortar location for patients to
18 receive care at or how to reach a different mobile
19 can to schedule services.

20 Ms. Neal will make revisions based on the Board's
21 discussion. She reiterated there were areas where
22 the Board did not have authority, and she would not
23 be able to revise the regulations to include those
24 areas. She will address issues where she could and
25 provide an update at the next meeting.

1 Dr. Warwick echoed the concerns of other Board
2 Members with regard to informed consent. She added
3 the logistics of mobile vans make it impossible for
4 an informed consent to occur for anything beyond
5 preventative care.

6 Ms. Neal acknowledged Dr. Warwick's concerns but
7 added, with respect to informed consent to treatments
8 at schools, the Board does not have the authority to
9 regulate the informed consent. She stated an
10 enhanced form of informed consent would have to be
11 addressed by the agency that has control, which she
12 believed to be DOE. When asked about PHDHPs at
13 schools, she noted the Board would have the same
14 authority on a van as in a brick and mortar setting.
15 She added procedures in a van at a school would be
16 the same as what they would perform inside of the
17 school building.

18 Dr. Sullivan suggested it may be better to make a
19 standalone regulation for mobile vans, instead of
20 piggybacking on the fictitious names regulation.

21 Dr. Arndt noted the Board has been working for 17
22 years to regulate mobile vans, and by using the
23 fictitious names regulation route, this is the
24 closest it has gotten to realizing the regulation.
25 He acknowledged the shared frustrations and concerns

1 but felt continuing the current route was best, given
2 the limitations of the Board.

3 Ms. Wolfgang agreed with Dr. Arndt. She
4 explained there is a process to be followed, and the
5 Board was at the beginning steps. She added the
6 sooner an exposure draft is created, the sooner the
7 Board would be able to get stakeholder input to help
8 write the regulation.

9 Mr. Jarabeck stated patients and parents of
10 children treated that have issues with treatment
11 still have a remedy in front of the Board in filing a
12 complaint. He noted the complaint process is the
13 normal course, which has existed since the Board was
14 enabled by statute. He understood the desire for
15 additional authority to explain what can or cannot
16 happen upfront but noted, if it did not exist in the
17 law, the Board could not bring it into creation
18 through regulations.]

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20 Approval of minutes of the November 14, 2025 meeting
21 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

22 CHAIR FUNARI:

23 Any other corrections? Then I will
24 accept the motion to accept the minutes
25 as modified.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 Claggett, so moved.

3 DR. ARNDT:

4 Arndt seconds.

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6 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

7 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

8 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,

9 aye; Wyant, aye; Edgar, abstain.

10 [The motion carried. Mr. Edgar abstained from voting
11 on the motion.]

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13 Report of Prosecutorial Division

14 [Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

15 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.

16 2, Case No. 22-46-013637.]

17 MS. NEAL:

18 Mr. Chair, at this time, I believe the

19 Board would entertain a motion to

20 approve the Consent Agreement at Item

21 No. 2, Case No. 22-46-013637.

22 CHAIR FUNARI:

23 Do I have a motion?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Claggett, so moved.

1 DR. ARNDT:

2 Arndt seconds.

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4 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
5 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
6 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
7 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
9 Agenda Item No. 2, Case No. 22-46-013637, is Charles
10 William Champion, Jr., DDS.]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications and
13 Orders

14 MS. NEAL:

15 This is in the Matter of the
16 Application for a License to Practice
17 Dentistry of Fazia Bouakiz, D.D.S. at
18 Case No. 24-46-001538, Agenda Item No.
19 5.

20 Mr. Chair, at this time, I believe
21 the Board would entertain a motion to
22 grant the license and direct Board
23 Counsel to issue an Order and
24 Adjudication consistent with
25 discussions in Executive Session.

1 CHAIR FUNARI:

2 I understand. Do I have a motion?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, so moved.

5 DR. ARNDT:

6 Arndt seconds.

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8 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

9 Arndt, nay; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

10 Murray, nay; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,

11 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

12 [The motion carried. Dr. Arndt and Ms. Murray
13 opposed the motion. Dr. Warwick abstained from
14 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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16 Report of Board Chairperson

17 [Godfrey Joel Funari, DMD, Chairperson, wished
18 everyone a Happy New Year and looked forward to the
19 year with the group.

20 He welcomed Caitlin Ostrowski as the new Board
21 Administrator.]

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23 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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25 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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2 Report of Committees - No Reports.

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4 Review of Applications

5 MS. NEAL:

6 Item No. 7, Mr. Chair, I believe the
7 Board would entertain a motion to grant
8 the Application for Anesthesia Permit--
9 Restricted II for Hunter Resavage.

10 CHAIR FUNARI:

11 I'll entertain a motion for that.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Claggett, so moved.

14 DR. ARNDT:

15 Arndt seconds.

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17 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
18 Arndt, nay; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
19 Murray, nay; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
20 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Dr. Arndt and Ms. Murray
22 opposed the motion. Dr. Warwick abstained from
23 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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25 MS. NEAL:

1 At Item No. 8, Mr. Chair, I believe the
2 Board would entertain a motion to grant
3 the license for Dentist of Stephen
4 Giovanisci.

5 CHAIR FUNARI:

6 I will entertain that motion.

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 Claggett, so moved.

9 DR. ARNDT:

10 Arndt seconds.

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12 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
13 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
14 Murray, aye; Sullivan, nay; Warwick,
15 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Sullivan opposed the
17 motion. Dr. Warwick abstained from deliberations and
18 voting on the matter.]

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20 MS. NEAL:

21 Mr. Chair, I believe the Board would
22 also entertain a motion to
23 provisionally deny the Application for
24 licensure as a Dentist at Item No. 9 of
25 Ronen Mavashev.

1 CHAIR FUNARI:

2 I'll entertain that motion.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, so moved.

5 DR. ARNDT:

6 Arndt seconds.

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8 Claggett, nay; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

9 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

10 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,

11 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, nay.

12 [The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett
13 and Mr. Edgar opposed the motion. Dr. Warwick
14 abstained from deliberations and voting on the
15 matter.]

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17 MS. NEAL:

18 At this time, I believe the Board would

19 also entertain a motion to grant the

20 Application at Item No. 10 for

21 certification of Expanded Function

22 Dental Assistant of Jacqueline Belk-

23 Mountz.

24 CHAIR FUNARI:

25 I'll entertain that.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 Claggett, so moved.

3 DR. ARNDT:

4 Arndt seconds.

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6 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
7 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
8 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
9 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

10 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
11 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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13 MS. NEAL:

14 At Item No. 11, I believe the Board
15 would also entertain a motion to grant
16 the Application for certification as an
17 Expanded Function Dental Assistant of
18 Lucia Betancourt.

19 CHAIR FUNARI:

20 I will entertain that motion.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Claggett, so moved.

23 DR. ARNDT:

24 Arndt seconds.

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1 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
2 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
3 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
4 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

5 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
6 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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8 MS. NEAL:

9 At Item No. 12, I believe the Board
10 would also entertain a motion to grant
11 the Application for certification as an
12 Expanded Function Dental Assistant of
13 Kha'la Frazier.

14 CHAIR FUNARI:

15 I will entertain that.

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 Claggett, so moved.

18 DR. ARNDT:

19 Arndt seconds.

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21 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
22 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
23 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
24 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

25 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from

1 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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3 MS. NEAL:

4 At Item No. 13, I believe the Board
5 would entertain a motion to
6 provisionally deny the Application for
7 certification as an Expanded Function
8 Dental Assistant of Cortney
9 Halliburton.

10 CHAIR FUNARI:

11 I'll entertain that motion.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Claggett, so moved.

14 DR. ARNDT:

15 Arndt seconds.

16
17 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
18 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
19 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
20 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
22 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

23 ***

24 MS. NEAL:

25 At Item No. 14, at this time, I believe

1 the Board would entertain a motion to
2 grant the Application for certification
3 as an Expanded Function Dental
4 Assistant of Kristina Porcelli.

5 CHAIR FUNARI:

6 I'll entertain that motion.

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 Claggett, so moved.

9 DR. ARNDT:

10 Arndt seconds.

11

12 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
13 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
14 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
15 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
17 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

18

19 MS. NEAL:

20 At Item No. 15, at this time, I believe
21 the Board would entertain a motion to
22 provisionally deny the Application for
23 licensure as a Dental Hygienist of Aya
24 Ahmed.

25 CHAIR FUNARI:

1 I'll entertain that.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Claggett, so moved.

4 DR. ARNDT:

5 Arndt seconds.

6

7 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

8 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

9 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,

10 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

11 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from

12 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

13

14 MS. NEAL:

15 At Item No. 16, at this time, I believe

16 the Board would entertain a motion to

17 provisionally deny the Application for

18 licensure as a Dental Hygienist of

19 Vipin Eapen Thomas.

20 CHAIR FUNARI:

21 I'll entertain that motion.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 DR. ARNDT:

25 Arndt seconds.

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Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

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Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

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Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,

5

abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

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[The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from

7

deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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MS. NEAL:

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At Item No. 17, at this time, I believe

11

the Board would entertain a motion to

12

grant the permit for Dental Hygienist

13

Local Anesthesia of Kaitlyn Alegria.

14

CHAIR FUNARI:

15

I'll entertain that motion.

16

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Claggett, so moved.

18

DR. ARNDT:

19

Arndt seconds.

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21

Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

22

Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

23

Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,

24

abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

25

[The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from

1 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

2 ***

3 MS. NEAL:

4 At Item No. 18, at this time, I believe
5 the Board would entertain a motion to
6 provisionally deny the Application for
7 permit as Dental Hygienist Local
8 Anesthesia of Sehrish Iqbal.

9 CHAIR FUNARI:

10 I'll entertain that motion.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Claggett, so moved.

13 DR. ARNDT:

14 Arndt seconds.

15
16 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
17 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
18 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
19 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
21 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

22 ***

23 MS. NEAL:

24 At Item No. 19, at this time, I believe
25 the Board would entertain a motion to

1 postpone a vote on the Application for
2 permit as Dental Hygienist Local
3 Anesthesia of Rachel Nichols, pending
4 submission of additional information.

5 CHAIR FUNARI:

6 I'll entertain that motion.

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 Claggett, so moved.

9 DR. ARNDT:

10 Arndt seconds.

11

12 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
13 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
14 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
15 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
17 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

18

19 MS. NEAL:

20 At Item No. 20, I believe the Board
21 would entertain a motion to grant the
22 Application for Approval as an Expanded
23 Function Dental Assistant Program of
24 Berks Technical Institute.

25 CHAIR FUNARI:

1 I will entertain that motion.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Claggett, so moved.

4 DR. ARNDT:

5 Arndt seconds.

6
7 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
8 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
9 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
10 abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

11 [The motion carried. Dr. Warwick abstained from
12 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

13 ***

14 MS. NEAL:

15 At Item No. 21, I believe the Board
16 would entertain a motion to grant the
17 Application for Approval as an Expanded
18 Function Dental Assistant Program of
19 Central Penn College.

20 CHAIR FUNARI:

21 I'll entertain that motion.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 DR. ARNDT:

25 Arndt seconds.

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Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;

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Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;

4

Murray, abstain; Sullivan, aye;

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Warwick, abstain; Wyant, aye; Edgar,

6

aye.

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[The motion carried. Dr. Warwick and Ms. Murray

8

abstained from deliberations and voting on the

9

matter.

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For the Board's Information/Discussion - Appointment

12

of Board Committees

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[Godfrey Joel Funari, DMD, Chairperson, referred to

14

the 2026 committee listings. It was noted Molly

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Pohlhaus would be replaced with Cheryl Jacobs.]

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For the Board's Information/Discussion - Vote on

18

Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates

19

[Godfrey Joel Funari, DMD, Chairperson, noted the

20

September date may have to change due to Labor Day

21

weekend. Ms. Maloney will check as to the

22

availability of other dates. Chair Funari noted

23

there was plenty of time to make an adjustment.

24

The proposed meeting dates for 2027 are as

25

follows: January 15, March 12, May 14, July 16,

1 September 10, and November 5.]

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3 CHAIR FUNARI:

4 Is anybody aware of any conflicts that
5 will make those meeting dates
6 unmanageable? None?

7 Then I'll entertain a motion to
8 accept these as the 2027 meeting dates.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Claggett, so moved.

11 DR. ARDNT:

12 Arndt seconds.

13

14 Claggett, aye; Funari, aye; Casey, aye;
15 Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Mountain, aye;
16 Murray, aye; Sullivan, aye; Warwick,
17 aye; Wyant, aye; Edgar, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

19 ***

20 CHAIR FUNARI:

21 I want to thank everyone for their
22 efforts today. We had a lot to get
23 through. A little bit more than, I
24 think, we all anticipated. With that,
25 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn

1 until March 13, 2026.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Claggett, so moved.

4 DR. ARNDT:

5 Arndt seconds.

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7 [There being no further business, the State Board of
8 Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next
9 scheduled meeting date is March 13, 2026.]

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12 CERTIFICATE

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14 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
15 minutes of the State Board of Dentistry meeting, was
16 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
17 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance
18 of the State Board of Dentistry meeting.

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Jacob Hill,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
11:20	Return to Open Session
11:20	Official Call to Order
11:20	Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees
11:23	Report of Board Counsel- Regulatory
12:35	Approval of Minutes
12:38	Report of Prosecutorial Division
12:41	Report of Board Counsel
12:42	Report of Board Chairperson
12:44	Review of Applications
12:58	For the Board's Information/Discussion
1:03	Adjournment