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: 11:00 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

September 19, 2025

State Board of Dentistry
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson
Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Vice Chairperson
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Brice D. Arndt, D.D.S.
Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member
Joel S. Jaspan, D.D.S.
Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D. - Absent
LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D.
Donna L. Murray, RDH, PHDHP, MSDH
Joyce Warwick, D.M.D.
Brian Wyant, Public Health Program Director, Department of Health designee
Molly Pohlhaus, Deputy Attorney General, Office of Attorney General

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison
Denice M. Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Shana Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division
Deidre Bowers, Board Administrator
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide

ALSO PRESENT:

Joan Burke, CDA, EFDA, Chair, Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association
Steve Neidlinger, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry
Elizabeth Burdett, MPA, Legislative Analyst, Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies
Marisa Swarney, Pennsylvania Dental Association
Nicole Payonk, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
Teresa Groody, Assistant Vice Chair of Academic Initiatives & Continuing Studies, Harcum College

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Helen Hawkey, Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
Kimberly Bury, President-Elect, Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association
Barbara Reiprich, President, RDH, PHDHP, FADHA Chair, Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association
Ana Martins
Richael Cobler, Executive Director, Central Regional Dental Testing Service
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Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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

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[Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed everyone that the meeting of the State Board of Dentistry was being held in a hybrid format, both in person and by livestream teleconference, pursuant to Act 100 of 2021, which requires boards to use a virtual platform to conduct business when a public meeting is held.

Board Counsel noted the meeting was being recorded and voluntary participation constituted consent to be recorded.

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

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, September 19, 2025. Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees

[Chair Sullivan requested a roll call of Board members and introduction of attendees. A quorum of board members was present.]

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Approval of minutes of the July 18, 2025 meeting

[The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have any other corrections? Hearing none, may I have motion to approve the minutes with the corrections that Ms. Murray made?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second motion?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Appointments - Introduction of Shana Walter, Esquire

[Shana Walter, Esquire, introduced herself as the new Deputy Chief Counsel. She provided a summary of her experience within the legal field. She was welcomed by the Board. She completed her introduction by stating that she would see everyone on the Board again in January for the annual report.]

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Report of Prosecutorial Division

[Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 3, Case No. 24-46-003635.]

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[The Board entered into Executive Session from 11:17 a.m. until 11:32 a.m.]

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MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at Item No. 3.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, nay; Fowler, nay; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried. Mr. Arndt and Ms. Fowler opposed the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-46-003635 is Dan Keim.]

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[Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 4, Case No. 25-46-007917.]

MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at Item No. 4, Case No. 25-46-007917.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's name at Case No. 25-46-007917 is Kayleigh M. Andryc, RDH.]

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[Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the VRP Consent Agreement for Item No. 5, Case No. 25-46-012048.]

MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at Item No. 5, Case No. 25-46-012048.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Jaspan, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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[Joel S. Jaspan, DDS, entered the meeting at 11:38 a.m.]

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[Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on behalf of Gregory Liero, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 6, Case No. 22-46-006305.]

MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at Item No. 6, Case No. 22-46-006305.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. May I have a motion?

DR. JASPAN:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,

aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan;
aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's name at Case No. 22-46-006305 is Randal Hayes Brown, DDS.]

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[Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 7, Case No. 24-46-000361.]

MS. NEAL:
Madam Chair, at this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at Item No. 7, Case No. 24- 46-000361.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:
Thank you. May I have a motion?

DR. JASPAN:
So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:
Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:
Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, nay; Jaspan; aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried. Ms. Fowler opposed the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-46-000361 is Erin Shaw Lang.]

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[Mark R. Zoby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 8, Case No. 24-46-009985.]

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[The Board entered into Executive Session from 11:53 a.m. until 12:02 p.m.]

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MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to reject as too lenient the agreement at Item No. 8.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a motion?

DR. JASPAN:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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[Mark R. Zoby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Item No. 9, Case No. 25-46-010521.]

MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at Item No. 9.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a motion?

MR. CASEY:
So moved.
CHAIR SULLIVAN:
Do I have a second?
MS. MURRAY:
Second.
CHAIR SULLIVAN:
May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye.

[The motion carried. Molly Pohlhaus, Office of Attorney General, Joel Jaspan, DDS and LaJuan Mountain, DMD, recused from deliberations and voting on the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 25-46-010521 is Joan P. Goudy, RDH.]

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Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report

[Laura Neal, Esquire, presented updates on the ongoing Board regulations.

The Licensure by Endorsement regulation (16A-4635) was approved by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) on June 26, 2025. It was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on July 26, 2025, and became effective as of that date.

Ms. Neal stated the General Revisions regulation (16A-4328) was being reviewed by Regulatory Counsel for preparation of the proposed rulemaking package. She stated the Mobile Vans regulation (16A-4329) draft will be available for the Board's review at its next meeting.

Chair Sullivan noted a question from former Board member, Teresa Groody. Ms. Groody inquired as to the status of 16A-4628 General Revisions Package being merged with 16A-4636. Ms. Neal responded that the Board adopted both the preamble and the draft. The package is complete and with the Regulatory Counsel for the final review. Ms. Neal could not provide an exact date as to its completion but could quite possibly be close to the Board's next meeting or the following meeting.]

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Final Adjudications and Orders

MS. NEAL:

At this time, Madam Chair, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Final Adjudications and Orders at Item No. 13, BPOA v. Levi Stolzfus, Case No. 23-46-017363; and for Item No. 14, BPOA v. Rahzha Myers, Case No. 22-46-006573.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER. CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please.

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Jaspan, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of the Board Chairperson - No Report

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Report of the Board Administrator - No Report

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Report of Board Committees - No Report

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Review of Applications

MS. NEAL:

At this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the Applications for Item No. 17 and 19. Item No. 17 is Graciela Yepez; and Item No. 19 is John M. Yong, Jr., for a license as a dentist.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a motion?

DR. JASPAN:

So moved.

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please.

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Jaspan, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to postpone decision on Item Nos. 16 and 18 pending further review of possible submission of documents.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do we need a motion for that?

DR. JASPAN:

So moved.

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please.

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Jaspan, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Board Information/Discussion

[Donna Murray, RDH, MSDH, PHDHP, presented on electing representatives for ADEX (American Board of Dental Examiners). She and Dr. John Erhard had attended the ADEX annual meeting in August 2025. Both Dr. Erhard and Ms. Murray had comments to report on the meeting.

Ms. Murray stated the finalization of the merger of the ADEX and the CDCA, Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, had occurred. She confirmed the two organizations working together will serve 98% of dental licensure candidates and 85% of dental hygiene licensure candidates in the United States through the ADEX examination.

Ms. Murray clarified the merger will reflect a shared commitment to a comprehensive, modern, reliable clinical examination process, while preserving the essential role of state boards in establishing national licensure standards. The ADEX Board will both develop and administer national examinations for initial licensure and dental, dentistry and dental hygiene in the same manner that its counterparts currently do and have done for medicine and nursing.

Ms. Murray explained, with the merger, Pennsylvania and Maryland would no longer be a combined region due to the elimination of combined regions, leaving Maryland and Pennsylvania as separate now. Each state in the U.S. will be asked to nominate one dentist and one dental hygienist as its representatives to be nominated by their dental boards to the American Board of Dental Examiners.

Ms. Murray reviewed changes within the dental exam itself. She advised, as of January 1, 2026, the perio portion of the exam would be mandatory. She stated the penalty points for not abiding by the rule will increase from 16 points to 21 points. Scoring will have a specific time frame to ensure uniformed scoring. She stated, at the dental hygiene examination examiner's component meeting, it was determined that there will be no changes from the current ones in the ADEX exam criteria or content.

Ms. Murray presented a job survey for further development of the OSCE, Objective Structured Clinical Examination, Dental hygiene. She commented that the survey takes place every five to seven years from the dental side and the dental hygiene side. She also requested that dental hygienists participate in the survey as the data collected from same will help develop the questions to be asked on the didactic portion of the examination, such as structures and job duties.

There was discussion regarding future situations occurring where candidates might be coming from a background where they have not completed aspects of the exam that are currently required by Pennsylvania.

Ms. Murray stated Dr. Erhard 's letter on prosthodontics was that the Loma Linda tapered gauge will be used as the grading tool. A motion to remove PFM and full metal crown preparations was approved and will be replaced with the zirconia preparation.

Dr. Jaspan questioned Ms. Murray whether there were any states that were not going to be included in accepting the combined examination. Ms. Murray stated, if one were to look at the ADEX website, there was a map of states currently not accepting the ADEX, but the majority of the states and jurisdictions do. She added Dr. Erhard 's letter states that ADEX is now required and recognized for licensure in nearly every U.S. jurisdiction.

Ms. Murray advised that the American Board of Dental Examiners will be reaching out to state boards to request the nomination of one dentist and one dental hygienist. She stated Dr. Erhard said he would be available to fulfill another term as a representative if asked. Ms. Murray requested that she, too, be nominated again as the dental hygiene representative.

Chair Sullivan requested nominations of anyone other than Ms. Murray or Mr. Erhard for representation at ADEX.]

MS. NEAL:

Madam Chair, at this time, I believe

the Board would entertain a motion appointing Dr. Erhard as dental representative for the American Board of Dental Examiners.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a second?

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Jaspan, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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CHAIR SULLIVAN:

The Board would consider appointing Dr. Erhard as the dental representative for the American Board of Dental Examiner's position.

Do I have a motion?

DR. JASPAN:

So moved.

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote, please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do we have a motion to appoint Ms. Murray as the dental hygienist representative for the American Board of Dental Examiner's position.

Do I have a motion?

DR. JASPAN:

So moved.

MS. MURRAY:

Second.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

May we have a roll call vote, please?

Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyatt, aye; Jaspan, aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

[The motion passed unanimously.]

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[Chair Sullivan discussed receipt of a letter from the PA Oral Health Summit announcing their upcoming but tentative summit. She stated the dates, thus far, were November 12th and 13th, 2025. Helen Hawkey was able to confirm that the summit was in person in Harrisburg, PA.]

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Adjournment

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

Do I have a motion to adjourn? I don't think we need a roll call vote for this.

CHAIR SULLIVAN:

We’re adjourned until of next meeting which is going to be November 13, 2025.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

Derek Richmond,
Minute Clerk
Sargent’s Court Reporting
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