

1 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

2 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

3 BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

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5 **FINAL MINUTES**

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7 MEETING OF:

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9 **STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

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11 TIME: 11:14 A.M.

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13 Held at

14 **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

15 2525 North 7th Street

16 CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

17 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

18 as well as

19 **VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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21 November 14, 2025

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State Board of Dentistry
November 14, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

7 Jennifer Unis Sullivan, DMD, JD, Chairperson
8 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
9 Professional and Occupational Affairs
10 Shawn M. Casey, DMD, Vice Chairperson
11 Brice D. Arndt, DDS
12 Ana Chavez, EFDA
13 Godfrey Joel Funari, DMD
14 Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member
15 Joel S. Jaspan, DDS
16 Andrew Matta, DDS
17 LaJuan M. Mountain, DMD
18 Donna L. Murray, RDH, PHDHP, MSDH
19 Joyce Warwick, DMD
20 Brian Wyant, Public Health Program Director,
21 Department of Health designee
22 Molly Pohlhaus, Deputy Attorney General, Office of
23 Attorney General

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

28 Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel
29 Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
30 and Board Prosecution Liaison
31 Deidre Bowers, Board Administrator
32 Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
33 Denice M. Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
34 Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
35 Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
36 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide
37 Nichole Maloney, Division Chief, Bureau of
38 Professional and Occupational Affairs, Health
39 Licensing Division
40 Ronald Rouse, Esquire, PA Office of General Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

44 Joan Burke, CDA, EFDA, President, Pennsylvania Dental
45 Assistants Association
46 Steve Neidlinger, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
47 Academy of General Dentistry
48 Elizabeth Burdett, MPA, Legislative Analyst, Cozen
49 O'Connor Public Strategies

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

7 Nicole Payonk, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator,
8 Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health
9 Barbara Reiprich, RDH, PHDHP, FADHA President
10 Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association
11 Ann Hoffman, RDH, PHDHP, Director of Dental Program,
12 Central Penn College
13 Kimberly Bury, RDH, PHDHP, BS, President,
14 Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association
15 Alexis Delaughter, EFDA, CDA, Dental Program
16 Lecturer, Central Penn College
17 Wesley Rish, Attorney, Rish Law Office
18 Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
19 Pennsylvania Medical Society
20 Marisa Swarney, Director of Government Relations,
21 Pennsylvania Dental Association
22 Maria Lomnychuk, EFDA, CDA, York Technical Institute
23 Emily Hackman, Policy Analyst, General Assembly,
24 Pennsylvania House of Representatives
25 Richael Cobler, Executive Director, Central Regional
26 Dental Testing Service
27 Stephen Giovanisci, DDS
28 Ken
29 CS
30 Call-in # 1-412-478-8701
31 Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
32 Inc.

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[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 11:14 a.m.]

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

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Ms. Neal noted the meeting was being recorded and
20 voluntary participation constituted consent to be
21 recorded.

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

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2 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
3 Board of Dentistry was held on Friday, November 14,
4 2025. Jennifer Unis Sullivan, DMD, JD, Chairperson,
5 called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

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7 Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees
8 [Chair Sullivan requested a roll call of Board
9 members and introduction of attendees. A quorum of
10 board members was present.]

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12 Approval of minutes of the September 19, 2025 meeting
13 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

14 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

15 Do I have a motion to approve the
16 minutes as corrected?

17 DR. CASEY:

18 Casey, so moved.

19 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

20 Do I have a second?

21 MS. MURRAY:

22 Murray, second.

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24 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
25 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, abstain;

5 [The motion carried. Dr. Joel Funari, Ms. Ana
6 Chavez, and Dr. Andrew Matta abstained from voting on
7 the motion.]

9 Report of Prosecutorial Division

10 [Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
11 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-46-
12 013637.]

13 MS. NEAL:

17 At this time, I believe the Board
18 would entertain a motion to reject the
19 Consent Agreement as too lenient.

20 DR. CASEY:

21 | Casey motions.

22 MS. MURRAY:

23 Murray second.

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25 Claggett, ave; Sullivan, ave; Casev.

1 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
2 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
3 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
4 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report
9 [Laura Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel, updated the
10 Board on its current regulations. 16A-4635,
11 Licensure by Endorsement Act 41, was published as
12 final and is in effect.

13 Regulation 16A-4621, Anesthesia Update, was
14 adopted as a preamble at the March 2024 Board
15 meeting. Regulatory Counsel is drafting the
16 regulatory analysis form to be submitted for approval
17 and ultimately move on as a proposed regulation.

18 Regulation 16A-4622, Use of Botulinum Toxin
19 Products and Dermal Fillers, is in the beginning
20 phase of being drafted. Regulatory Counsel
21 anticipated a Draft Annex being presented to the
22 Board in mid to late winter.

23 Regarding Regulation 16A-4628, General Revisions,
24 the Preamble, Draft Annex and Regulatory Analysis
25 From have all been drafted. The Regulatory Analysis

1 Form was in the final stages of review by senior
2 Regulatory Counsel. Counsel anticipated submission
3 as a proposed rulemaking in the next couple of
4 months.

5 Regulation 16A-4629, Mobile Vans, was submitted
6 to the Board as a Draft Annex for review.

7 Regulation 16A-4630, Schedule of Civil Penalties,
8 is being drafted by Regulatory Counsel.

9 Regulation 16A-4637, Opioid Education, has been
10 drafted by the State Board of Nursing and is working
11 through the Regulatory Process. Ms. Neal stated,
12 like the other health boards, the Dental Board will
13 be using the Nursing package as a template to draft
14 its similar regulation.]

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16 MS. NEAL:

17 On Regulation 16A-4629, the Mobile
18 Vans, Madam Chair, I believe the Board
19 would entertain a motion at this time
20 to return the Draft Annex to the
21 Regulatory Committee for further
22 review.

23 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

24 The Mobile Van Regulation will be put
25 out for review and the public will be

1 invited to comment.

So do we have a motion?

3 DR. CASEY:

4 | Casey motions.

5 MS. MURRAY:

6 Murray, second.

8 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
9 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
10 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
11 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
12 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
13 aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudications and
17 Orders

18 MS. NEAL:

19 Item No. 6 is a Proposed Adjudication
20 and Order in the Matter of the
21 Application for Certificate to Practice
22 as an Expanded Function Dental
23 Assistant filed by Yildra Espinal, Case
24 No. 24-46-018213.

25 At this time, Madam Chair, I

1 believe the Board would entertain a
2 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
3 a Final Adjudication and Order
4 consistent with conversations during
5 Executive Session.

6 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

7 Do I have a motion?

8 DR. CASEY:

9 Casey.

10 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

11 Do I have a second?

12 MS. MURRAY:

13 Murray, second.

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15 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
16 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
17 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
18 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
19 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
20 aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 DR. SHAWN CASEY ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

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25 MS. NEAL:

1 I'll note for the minutes that Dr.
2 Sullivan has recused herself from Item
3 No. 7, and Dr. Casey has assumed the
4 role of Chair.

5 In the Matter of the Application
6 for a License to Practice Dentistry of
7 Maryam Khalili, Case No. 25-46-004442,
8 I believe the Board would entertain a
9 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
10 a Final Adjudication and Order
11 consistent with Board conversations
12 with Counsel during Executive Sessions.

13 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

14 Do I have a motion please?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

18 Second?

19 MS. MURRAY:

20 Murray, second.

21 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

22 Roll call please.

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24 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye;
25 Chavez, aye; Funari, aye; Fowler, aye;

1 Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain, aye;
2 Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye;
3 Pohlhaus, aye.

4 [The motion carried. Dr. Jennifer Sullivan was
5 recused from deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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7 DR. JENNIFER SULLIVAN RESUMED THE CHAIR.

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9 Report of Board Counsel - Petitions for Reinstatement
10 MS. NEAL:

14 At this time, Madam Chair, I
15 believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to grant the petition.

17 | CHAIR SULLIVAN:

18 Do I have a motion?

19 DR. CASEY:

20 | Casey, aye.

21 MS. MURRAY:

22 Murray, second.

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24 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
25 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,

1 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
2 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
3 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
4 aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 | Report of Board Chairperson

8 [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, DMD, JD, Chairperson,
9 welcomed Dr. Funari back to the Board and welcomed
10 new Expanded Function Dental Assistant Member Ms.
11 Chavez.

12 Ms. Chavez shared she has been an EFDA for almost
13 ten years and currently works in private practice.
14 She hoped to make positive changes with the Board.]

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16 | Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

18 | Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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20 Report of Committees

21 [Donna L. Murray, RDH, PHDHP, MSDH, shared, in
22 October 2025, she attended the American Association
23 of Dental Boards (AADB) and the Organization of the
24 American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) summit
25 meeting in Texas.

1 Regarding the ADEX meeting, she noted the ADEX
2 examination is the standard accepted exam in nearly
3 every U.S. jurisdiction including the U.S. Virgin
4 Islands and Puerto Rico. She added the exam is
5 growing internationally with exam locations in
6 Mexico, Canada, Jamaica and Saudi Arabia. ADEX
7 expects a nine percent examination increase for
8 foreign trained dental providers engaging in practice
9 in the United States. Ms. Murray shared the ADEX
10 meeting helped her realize the opportunities that lie
11 ahead for the dental profession to deliver safe,
12 equitable care to communities.

13 At the AADB meeting, she noted there was an
14 individual state caucus that shared concerns for
15 licensure, regulation and sanctions. Attendance
16 provided an opportunity to share common sanctions and
17 potential resolutions. Ms. Murray reported on
18 presentations regarding artificial intelligence
19 relating to utilization by dental providers and
20 insurance companies. She stated additional
21 presentations were on AI utilization by dental boards
22 to address regulatory problems, track legislation,
23 and as an additional credentialing tool. She also
24 noted closed-door sessions were held for individual
25 groups, such as chairs, attorneys, dental hygienists,

1 dentists, and administrators. She thanked the Board
2 for supporting her attendance at the summit.

3 Ms. Murray also shared she attended the
4 Pennsylvania Coalition of Oral Health (PCOH) Summit
5 with Board Member Brian Wyant November 12-13, 2025.
6 She noted Executive Director Helen Hawkey had shared
7 attendance at the summit was at its highest. She was
8 encouraged by seeing the growth of PCOH and noted Ms.
9 Hawkey's phenomenal leadership job.

10 Brice D. Arndt, DDS, shared he was also selected
11 to be an ADEX dental examiner. He recently
12 participated in exams at NYU and at the Baltimore
13 ADEX home office. He was excited to be a part of
14 ADEX and looked forward to listening, learning and
15 growing.

16 Dr. Jaspan asked if foreign students who
17 graduated from non-CODA accredited schools were
18 permitted to take the ADEX exam. Ms. Murray stated
19 she did not have the information in front of her and
20 recommended reaching out to ADEX directly or looking
21 on the ADEX website.]

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23 Review of Applications

24 MS. NEAL:

25 On the first application at Item No.

1 10, it's an application for Anesthesia
2 Permit Unrestricted by Wayland Easley.
3 This is an application that received
4 the table due to a need to get
5 additional documentation.

6 At this time, I believe the Board
7 would entertain a motion to
8 conditionally approve the application
9 based on discussions during Executive
10 Session.

11 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

12 Do I have a motion?

13 DR. CASEY:

14 Casey.

15 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

16 Do I have a second?

17 MS. MURRAY:

18 Murray, second.

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20 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
21 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
22 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
23 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
24 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
25 aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. NEAL:

At this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the application.

9 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

10 Do I have a motion?

11 DR. CASEY:

12 Casey.

13 | CHAIR SULLIVAN:

14 Do I have a second?

15 MS. MURRAY:

16 Murray, second.

17

18 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
19 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
20 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
21 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
22 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. NEAL:

2 I will present the next two as a group.
3 The first one is Item No. 12, Haylea
4 Craigmiles. This is an application for
5 a License as a Dentist by Endorsement.

6 Item 13, the next one, is an
7 application for a License as a Dentist
8 by Emily Horcha.

9 At this time, I believe the Board
10 would entertain a motion to grant both
11 licenses.

12 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

13 Do I have a motion?

14 DR. CASEY:

15 Casey.

16 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

17 Do I have a second?

18 MS. MURRAY:

19 Murray, second.

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21 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
22 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
23 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
24 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
25 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,

1 aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. NEAL:

5 I'll present the next group for a
6 collective motion. These are
7 applications by the following
8 individuals for the following licenses:

9 Item 14, Yulia Tonakanyan for a
10 License as a Dentist; Item 15, Clara
11 Sous for a License as a Dentist; Item
12 16, Mohamed Hania for a License as a
13 Dentist; Item 17, Omar Alquishaibi for
14 License as a Dental Hygienist; Item 18,
15 Diana Vargas, for Certification as an
16 Expanded Function Dental Assistant;
17 Item 19, Sade Condell, for
18 Certification as an Expanded Function
19 Dental Assistant; Item 20, Eva
20 Beaubrauth, for Certification as an
21 Expanded Function Dental Assistant;
22 Item 21, Lydia Kauffman, for
23 Certification as an Expanded Function
24 Dental Assistant; Item 22, Ashley
25 Manning, for Certification as an

7 | CHAIR SULLIVAN:

8 Do I have a motion?

9 DR. CASEY:

10 | Casey.

11 | CHAIR SULLIVAN:

12 Do I have a second?

13 MS. MURRAY:

14 Murray, second.

15

16 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
17 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Funari,
18 aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta,
19 aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
20 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
21 aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Election of
25 Officers

1 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

2 For the Board's information and
3 discussion, we will now have the
4 Election of Officers for 2026. Do I
5 have a nomination for the Chairperson?

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 I would like to nominate Dr. Joel
8 Funari for Chairperson.

9 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

10 Okay. Do we have any others? Hearing
11 none, do you have something to say?
12 You don't have to.

13 DR. FUNARI:

14 I'm honored to be considered for this,
15 particularly coming off a sabbatical.
16 It's going to be hard shoes to
17 fill, both literally and figuratively
18 with Jennifer. But the strength of the
19 Board is in its individual members.
20 And my job is to collectively herd you
21 and listen to the public.

22 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

23 May we have a vote please?

24

25 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,

1 aye; Arndt, aye; Chavez, aye; Fowler,
2 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,
3 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant,
4 aye; Pohlhaus, aye.

5 [The motion carried. Dr. Joel Funari did not vote on
6 the matter.]

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13 DR. CASEY:

I'll make sure to keep us entertained.

15 | CHAIR SULLIVAN:

16 May we have a roll call please?

17
18 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Arndt,
19 aye; Chavez, aye; Funari, aye; Fowler,
20 no audible response; Jaspan, aye;
21 Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;
22 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye; Pohlhaus,
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried. Dr. Shawn Casey did not vote on
25 the matter.]

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2 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

3 Do I have any nominations for the
4 position of Secretary?

5 DR. CASEY:

6 I'd like to nominate Dr. Brice Arndt.

7 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

8 Anyone else? Hearing none, may I have
9 a roll call vote please?

10

11 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,
12 aye; Chavez, aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspan,
13 aye; Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray,
14 aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye;
15 Pohlhaus, aye.16 [The motion carried. Dr. Brice Arndt did not vote on
17 the matter.]

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19 For the Board's Information/Discussion - September
20 2026 Meeting Date21 [Deidre Bowers, Board Administrator, reported the
22 Board voted on the 2026 meeting dates at its July
23 2025 meeting and selected September 18, 2026. She
24 stated September 18, 2026, was already selected by
25 another Board. She noted the only available Friday

1 in September 2026 was September 4.

2 The Board discussed looking at alternatives such
3 as a different day of the week or holding the meeting
4 in August instead of September. It was noted the
5 Friday before a holiday weekend might be difficult.
6 Acting Commissioner Claggett offered to look at
7 available dates and send them around to the Board.]

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9 Public Comment

10 [Nichole Maloney, Division Chief, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs, Health
12 Licensing Division, congratulated Ms. Bowers on a
13 promotion to Division Chief for the Medical and
14 Osteopathic Boards. Ms. Maloney noted she will be
15 filling in and assisting while a replacement is being
16 sought.]

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18 [There being no further business, the State Board of
19 Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m. The next
20 scheduled meeting date is January 16, 2026.]

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

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CERTIFICATE

John W. Smith

Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
11:14	Return to Open Session
11:14	Official Call to Order
11:14	Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees
11:16	Approval of Minutes
11:25	Report of Prosecutorial Division
11:34	Report of Board Counsel
11:44	Report of Board Chairperson
11:45	Report of Committees
11:52	Review of Applications
11:58	For the Board's Information/Discussion
12:04	Adjournment