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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: 11:12 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**

November 15, 2024

State Board of Dentistry  
November 15, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson  
Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Vice Chairperson  
Brice D. Arndt, D.D.S.  
Barbara (Bonnie) L. Fowler, Public Member  
Godfrey Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D.  
Joel S. Jaskan, D.D.S.  
Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D.  
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 - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison  
Gregory S. Liero, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
Sarah E. Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Michael Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
James Abels, Board Administrator  
Thomas Leech II, Administrative Officer 2  
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Department of State  
Amanda Richards, Fiscal Supervisor, Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of State  
Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist, Bureau of Finance and Operations, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

Sarah Baker, Esquire, Kiernan Trebach LLP  
Elizabeth Burdett, MPA, Legislative Analyst, Cozen  
O'Connor Public Strategies  
Nicole Payonk, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator,  
Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health  
Steve Neidlinger, CAE, Executive Director,  
Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry  
Kimberly Bury, RDH, PHDHP, BS, President-Elect,  
Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association  
Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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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 Ronald K. Rouse, 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 11:00 a.m.]

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12 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed  
13 everyone that the meeting of the State Board of  
14 Dentistry was being held in a hybrid format, 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.

19 Mr. Rouse noted the meeting was being recorded  
20 and voluntary participation constituted consent to be  
21 recorded.

22 Mr. Rouse 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 15,  
4 2024. Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D.,  
5 Chairperson, called the meeting to order at  
6 11:12 a.m.

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

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13 Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2024 meeting  
14 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

15 Moving to approval of the minutes. Has  
16 everyone had a chance to review the  
17 minutes? Are there any additions or  
18 corrections? Hearing none.

19 Do I have a motion to approve the  
20 minutes?

21 DR. FUNARI:

22 I will support that motion.

23 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

24 Second?

25 MS. MURRAY:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

3 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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5 Claggett, aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye;

6 Funari, aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye;

7 Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick,

8 aye; Wyant, aye; Casey, aye; Sullivan,

9 aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Prosecutorial Division

13 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
14 and Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent  
15 Agreement for Case No. 24-46-012409.]

16 MR. ROUSE:

17 Regarding the Consent Agreement at item  
18 2 on the agenda, Case No. 24-46-012409,  
19 after discussion in Executive Session,  
20 I believe the Chair would entertain a  
21 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement.

22 DR. FUNARI:

23 So moved.

24 MS. MURRAY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

2 May I have a roll call vote?

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4 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
5 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
6 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
7 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant,  
8 aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously. That is in the  
10 Matter of the License to Practice as a Dentist held  
11 by Confidential, Case No. 24-46-012409.]

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13 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
14 and Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent  
15 Agreement for Case No. 24-46-014608.]

16 MR. ROUSE:

17 Regarding the Consent Agreement at item  
18 3 on the agenda, Case No. 24-46-014608,  
19 after discussion in Executive Session,  
20 I believe the Chair would entertain a  
21 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement.

22 DR. FUNARI:

23 So moved.

24 MS. MURRAY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

2 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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4 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
5 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
6 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
7 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant,  
8 aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously. That is in the  
10 Matter of the License to Practice as a Dentist held  
11 by Confidential, Case No. 24-46-014608.]

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13 [LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D., exited the meeting at  
14 11:21 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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16 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
17 and Prosecution Liaison, on behalf of Timothy J.  
18 Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
19 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-46-  
20 011753.

21 Mr. Rouse presented questions regarding language  
22 concerning reactivation and questioned the term of  
23 the probation listed for no less than five years and  
24 no less than three years.

25 Mr. Jarabeck noted the time frame is five years,



1 which will be corrected, and offered to withdraw item  
2 5 on the agenda. The Board members agreed.]

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4 [LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D., reentered the meeting at  
5 11:27 a.m.]

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7 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
8 and Prosecution Liaison, on behalf of Timothy J.  
9 Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
10 presented the Consent Agreement for Case Nos. 21-46-  
11 015721 & 22-46-017479.

12 Dr. Funari asked whether OSHA training  
13 requirement compliance was up to date when the  
14 investigation was performed.

15 Ms. Buhite did not believe that was inquired into  
16 at the time of the investigation, but the staff had  
17 been retrained and are compliant at this time.

18 Ms. Murray asked whether the public was notified  
19 and whether there were any outbreaks.

20 Mr. Jarabeck noted it to be a low-level infection  
21 control case and not at a level of notification of  
22 patients.

23 Ms. Murray requested information regarding the 10  
24 continuing education credits versus bootcamp.

25 Mr. Jarabeck explained that the violation is not

1 one size fits all, and they would reserve bootcamp  
2 for cases where somebody may be coming back from  
3 suspension or on a longer term of probation because  
4 of the severity of the violation.

5 Ms. Fowler asked how long did the situations  
6 exist in both offices and how many patients were  
7 exposed to risks.

8 Mr. Jarabeck cautioned in terms of risks, because  
9 it is not the same type of case where there is a  
10 license or group within the office that may have a  
11 significantly deficient process, which could then  
12 have the issue of disease transfer. He noted the  
13 period of time would have been in October 2022 and  
14 prosecution was present in November of 2022. He also  
15 noted not knowing how long something existed prior to  
16 the investigation.

17 Board members agreed to return to Executive  
18 Session on this matter.]

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20 [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson,  
21 and LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D., exited the meeting at  
22 11:36 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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VICE CHAIR CASEY ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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1 [Gregory S. Liero, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
2 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-46-  
3 007235.]

4 MR. ROUSE:

5                   Regarding the Consent Agreement at item  
6                   4 on the agenda, Case No. 24-46-007235,  
7                   after discussion in Executive Session,  
8                   I believe Vice Chair Casey would  
9                   entertain a motion to adopt the Consent  
10                  Agreement.

11 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

12                   Could I have a motion, please?

13 DR. FUNARI:

14                   So moved.

15 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

16                   Second?

17 MS. MURRAY:

18                   Second.

19 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

20                   Roll call, Jim.

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22                   Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye;  
23                   Fowler, inaudible; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
24                   aye; Matta, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick,  
25                   aye; Wyant, aye.

1 [The motion carried. Jennifer Unis Sullivan and  
2 LaJuan Mountain recused themselves from deliberations  
3 and voting on the motion. Bonnie Fowler experienced  
4 technical difficulties and did not vote on the  
5 motion. This is the Matter of BPOA v. Carrie  
6 Leasure, Case No. 24-46-007235.]

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8 [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson,  
9 and LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D., reentered the meeting  
10 at 11:45 a.m.]

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12 CHAIR SULLIVAN RESUMED THE CHAIR

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14 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations  
15 Annual Budget Presentation

16 [Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,  
17 Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of  
18 State, presented the Annual Budget Report. She  
19 referred to the license population over the last  
20 seven years. She noted the biennial license  
21 population in the first section of 29,000 licensees  
22 and an average biennial licensee population for the  
23 second section of 31,642, showing an increase of  
24 2,543 licensees.

25 Ms. Laudenslager addressed the breakdown of

1 license renewal fees by license class. She noted the  
2 2025 renewal was their second step of an incremental  
3 increase at 18%, 2027 was the third step, and going  
4 to 2029 and 2031 with no changes. She noted the last  
5 Board approval increase was in 2019.

6 Ms. Laudenslager discussed revenue on a biennial  
7 basis and reported 95.9% of revenue came from  
8 renewals and applications. She also noted the Board  
9 receives revenue from other categories but is not a  
10 consistent form of revenue. She noted the first  
11 biennial revenue, the second nonrenewal year, and the  
12 total biennial revenue figures.

13 Ms. Laudenslager noted expenses can hit the Board  
14 through timesheet-based charges, direct charges, and  
15 license population. She also noted expenses are  
16 calculated on a biennial basis and reported on the  
17 figures in the first and second biennial periods.

18 Ms. Laudenslager stated the increase in expenses  
19 for this period is due to a new information  
20 technology (IT) system, the move from One Penn Center  
21 to Thea Drive for the legal department, and the  
22 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) modernization.

23 Ms. Laudenslager addressed expenses and revenue,  
24 noting the Board's balance, biennial revenue and  
25 biennial expenses. She also noted the biennial

1 balance.

2 Ms. Laudenslager stated the Board is in the  
3 middle of an increase in license fees and referred to  
4 FY24-25 and FY25-26, showing a negative balance,  
5 where expenses are exceeding revenue. She noted the  
6 Board does take a turnaround and by FY30-31 and FY31-  
7 32 that the Board is back into healthy available  
8 restricted funds. She informed Board members that no  
9 fee increase is necessary at this time.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

12 Admitted

13 MR. ROUSE:

14 Item 9 on the agenda is BPOA v.  
15 Lawrence Patrick Rudolph, D.M.D., Case  
16 No. 22-46-000746. This was a matter  
17 that was discussed in Executive  
18 Session.

19 Regarding that matter, I believe  
20 the Chair would entertain a motion to  
21 grant the Motion to Deem Facts Admitted  
22 and to direct Board Counsel to prepare  
23 an Adjudication and Order in accordance  
24 with the discussion in Executive  
25 Session.

1 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

2 Do I have a motion?

3 DR. FUNARI:

4 So moved.

5 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

6 Second?

7 MS. MURRAY:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

10 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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12 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
13 aye; Arndt, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
14 aye; Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray,  
15 aye; Warwick, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously. Bonnie Fowler  
17 experienced technical difficulties. Brian Wyant was  
18 not present and did not vote on the motion.]

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20 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and  
21 Order

22 MR. ROUSE:

23 Item 10 on the agenda is the Proposed  
24 Adjudication and Order in the Matter of  
25 BPOA v. Daniel W. Fink, D.M.D., Case

1 No. 23-46-010551.

2 Regarding that matter, I believe  
3 the Chair would entertain a motion to  
4 adopt the hearing examiner's  
5 Adjudication and direct Board Counsel  
6 to prepare the Board's Final Order.

7 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

8 Do I have a motion?

9 DR. FUNARI:

10 So moved.

11 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

12 Do I have a second?

13 MS. MURRAY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

16 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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18 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
19 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
20 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
21 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously. Brian Wyant was not  
23 present and did not vote on the motion.]

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25 MR. ROUSE:



1 Item 11 on the agenda is the Matter of  
2 the Application for a License by  
3 Endorsement to Practice Dentistry of  
4 Fazia Bouakiz, D.M.D., Case No. 24-46-  
5 001538.

6 I believe that matter is being  
7 tabled. Is that correct?

8 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

9 Yes.

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11 Review of Applications

12 MR. ROUSE:

13 Item 16 on the agenda is Fabiane  
14 Goncalves. This is an Application for  
15 a Dentist by Endorsement License.

16 Regarding the Application at item  
17 16 on the agenda, I believe the Chair  
18 would entertain a motion to  
19 provisionally deny the Application for  
20 Licensure by Endorsement.

21 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

22 Do I have a motion?

23 DR. FUNARI:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

1 Do I have a second?

2 MS. MURRAY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

5 May I have a roll call vote, please?

6

7 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
8 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
9 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
10 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. Brian Wyant was not  
12 present and did not vote on the motion.]

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14 MR. ROUSE:

15 Item 17 on the agenda is Jean-Marc  
16 Edouard Choufani. This is an  
17 Application for a License by  
18 Endorsement as a Dentist.

19 Regarding the Application at item  
20 17 on the agenda, I believe the Chair  
21 would entertain a motion to  
22 provisionally deny the Application for  
23 Licensure by Endorsement to Practice  
24 Dentistry.

25 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

1 Do I have a motion?

2 DR. FUNARI:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

5 Do I have a second?

6 MS. MURRAY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

9 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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11 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
12 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
13 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
14 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously. Brian Wyant was not  
16 present and did not vote on the motion.]

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18 MR. ROUSE:

19 Item 18 on the agenda is the  
20 Application for a Dentist License of  
21 Richard Rolle.

22 Regarding this matter at item 18 on  
23 the agenda, I believe the Chair would  
24 entertain a motion to provisionally  
25 deny the Application for a License to

1 Practice Dentistry.

2 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

3 Do I have a motion?

4 DR. FUNARI:

5 So moved.

6 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

7 Do I have a second?

8 MS. MURRAY:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

11 May I have a roll call vote, please?

12

13 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
14 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
15 aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
16 aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously. Brian Wyant was not  
18 present and did not vote on the motion.]

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20 MR. ROUSE:

21 Item 19 on the agenda is Yildra  
22 Espinal. This is an Application for an  
23 Expanded Function Dental Assistant  
24 Certificate/License by Endorsement.

25 At item 19, I believe the Chair

1                   would entertain a motion to  
2                   provisionally deny the Application for  
3                   a Certificate/License by Endorsement as  
4                   an EFDA.

5 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

6                   Do I have a motion?

7 DR. FUNARI:

8                   So moved.

9 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

10                  Do I have a second?

11 MS. MURRAY:

12                  Second.

13 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

14                  May I have a roll call vote, please?

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16                  Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
17                  aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
18                  aye; Jaspan, aye; Matta, aye; Mountain,  
19                  aye; Murray, aye; Warwick, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. Brian Wyant was not  
21 present and did not vote on the motion.]

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23 MR. ROUSE:

24                  Item 21 on the agenda is Mohammed Ayaz  
25                  Khan. This is an Application for a

1 Dental Hygienist License by  
2 Endorsement.

3 Regarding that matter, I believe  
4 the Chair would entertain a motion to  
5 provisionally deny the Application for  
6 Licensure by Endorsement as a  
7 Hygienist.

8 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

9 Do I have a motion?

10 DR. FUNARI:

11 So moved.

12 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

13 Do I have a second?

14 MS. MURRAY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

17 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MR. ROUSE:

2 Item 22 on the agenda is Season  
3 Northstrom. This is an Application for  
4 a Dental Hygienist Local Anesthesia  
5 Permit by Endorsement.

6 Regarding item 22 on the agenda, I  
7 believe the Chair would entertain a  
8 motion to grant the Application for a  
9 Dental Hygienist Local Anesthesia  
10 Permit by Endorsement.

11 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

12 Do I have a motion?

13 DR. FUNARI:

14 So moved.

15 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

16 Do I have a second?

17 MS. MURRAY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

20 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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

1 aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Item 23 on the agenda is Nicole Horn.  
6 This is an Application for a Dental  
7 Hygienist Local Anesthesia Permit by  
8 Endorsement.

9 Regarding item 23 on the agenda, I  
10 believe the Chair would entertain a  
11 motion to grant the Application for a  
12 Dental Hygienist Local Anesthesia  
13 Permit by Endorsement.

14 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

15 Do I have a motion?

16 DR. FUNARI:

17 So moved.

18 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

19 Do I have a second?

20 MS. MURRAY:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

23 May I have a roll call vote, please?

24

25 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,



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

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Vice Chair, exited the  
8 meeting at 12:05 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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10 MR. ROUSE:

11                                   Item 20 on the agenda is Jocelyn  
12                                   Andrews. This is an Application for an  
13                                   Expanded Function Dental Assistant  
14                                   Certificate/License by Endorsement.

15   Regarding item 20 concerning  
16                                   Jocelyn Andrews, I believe the Chair  
17                                   would entertain a motion to grant the  
18                                   Application for Licensure by  
19                                   Endorsement as an Expanded Function  
20                                   Dental Assistant.

21 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

22                                   Do I have a motion?

23 DR. FUNARI:

24                                   So moved.

25 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

1 Do I have a second?

2 MS. MURRAY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

5 May I have a roll call vote, please?

6

7 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Arndt,  
8 aye; Fowler, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
9 aye; Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray,  
10 aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye.

11 [The motion carried. Shawn Casey recused himself  
12 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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14 [Shawn M. Casey, D.M.D., Vice Chair, reentered the  
15 meeting at 12:06 p.m.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations

18 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to  
19 the Status of Regulations Report. He noted the  
20 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) had  
21 no comments regarding 16A-4635 licensure by  
22 endorsement. If it was delivered as a final form  
23 without any changes, it would be deemed approved.

24 Mr. Rouse addressed 16A-4629 regarding mobile  
25 vans. He noted the Board wanted additional

1 discussions. He noted Ms. Murray provided additional  
2 documentation for the Board to review and will be  
3 taken into consideration for the drafting of the  
4 annex.

5 Dr. Arndt commented that the committee  
6 appreciated Mr. Rouse's efforts and looked forward to  
7 seeing the annex at the next meeting.

8 Ms. Murray asked Mr. Rouse to explain the  
9 timeline of the regulatory process.

10 Mr. Rouse stated Pennsylvania has a very robust  
11 regulatory process to make sure the regulatory  
12 community is heard, along with public discussion. He  
13 noted the normal regulatory process is between 18 and  
14 24 months and provided an overview of the process,  
15 including the annex, preamble, Regulatory Analysis  
16 Form, and internal review.

17 Mr. Rouse explained that he and regulatory  
18 counsel go before IRRC after all of the approvals to  
19 defend the final regulation for IRRC to decide as to  
20 whether the regulatory amendments are in the best  
21 interest of the public. He also noted the regulation  
22 is then reviewed by the Office of Attorney General  
23 and then published as a final regulation in the  
24 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

25 Chair Sullivan asked whether the Board had time

1 to make changes to the licensure by endorsement  
2 regulation.

3 Mr. Rouse explained that changes may delay some  
4 of the process and suggested putting changes in  
5 something else, like the general revisions package.

6 Dr. Funari asked whether it would be helpful if  
7 the committee chair began drafting the annex or  
8 whether it is too technical and the product would not  
9 be worth their time. He asked whether the annex he  
10 provided for anesthesia was helpful or used in any  
11 way in developing the final annex.

12 Mr. Rouse noted Dr. Funari's annex draft for  
13 anesthesia updates was helpful and that part of the  
14 annex was also based on past discussions of the  
15 Board. He noted appreciation for all of the work of  
16 the Board members because their expertise is very  
17 much needed for the regulations.

18 Ms. Fowler commented, as the co-chair of the  
19 Regulations Committee, that she did not believe it is  
20 their role to write the materials. She noted the  
21 Board is composed of experts who provide input and  
22 review. She mentioned that there are exceptions such  
23 as Dr. Funari's work on anesthesia to bring them into  
24 compliance and some of the other regulations that  
25 they wanted to mirror or complement.]

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2 Report of Committees - Legislative and Regulatory  
3 Committee - No Report

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5 Report of Committees - Accreditation and Licensing  
6 Committee

7 [Joel S. Jaspan, D.D.S., noted representing the Board  
8 at the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)  
9 evaluation for the Philadelphia Dental Hygiene  
10 Program. He reported that all deficiencies found  
11 were corrected.

12 Chair Sullivan thanked Dr. Jaspan for  
13 representing the Board.]

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15 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening  
16 Committee

17 [LaJuan M. Mountain, D.M.D., noted the Probable Cause  
18 Screening Committee reviewed three matters since the  
19 last meeting.]

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21 Report of Committees - Scope of Traditional and  
22 Emerging Practice Committee - No Report

23 [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson,  
24 assigned Joyce Warwick to the Scope of Traditional  
25 and Emerging Practice Committee.]

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2 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous - Election of  
3 Officers

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Is there a nomination for Chair of the  
6 State Board of Dentistry?

7 DR. CASEY:

8 I'd like to nominate Jennifer Sullivan.

9 MR. ROUSE:

10 Is there a second?

11 MS. MURRAY:

12 Second.

13 MR. ROUSE:

14 Are there any other nominations for  
15 Chair of the State Board of Dentistry?  
16 Hearing none.

17 Is there a motion to elect Jennifer  
18 Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., JD, as Chair of  
19 the State Board of Dentistry?

20 DR. CASEY:

21 I'll make the motion.

22 MR. ROUSE:

23 Is there a second?

24 DR. FUNARI:

25 I'll second it.

1 MR. ROUSE:

2 Roll call.

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4 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye;  
5 Fowler, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan, aye;  
6 Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray, aye;  
7 Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MR. ROUSE:

11 Is there a nomination for Vice Chair of  
12 the State Board of Dentistry?

13 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

14 I nominate Dr. Shawn Casey.

15 MR. ROUSE:

16 Is there a second?

17 MS. MURRAY:

18 Second.

19 MR. ROUSE:

20 Are there any other nominations for  
21 Vice Chair of the State Board of  
22 Dentistry? Hearing none.

23 Is there a motion to elect Dr.

24 Shawn Casey as Vice Chair of the State  
25 Board of Dentistry?

1 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

2 I'll make that motion.

3 MR. ROUSE:

4 Is there a second?

5 MS. MURRAY:

6 Second.

7 MR. ROUSE:

8 Roll call, please.

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10 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Arndt,  
11 aye; Fowler, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspan,  
12 aye; Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray,  
13 aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MR. ROUSE:

17 Is there a nomination for Secretary of  
18 the State Board of Dentistry?

19 DR. CASEY:

20 I nominate Godfrey Joel Funari.

21 MR. ROUSE:

22 Is there a second?

23 MS. MURRAY:

24 Second.

25 MR. ROUSE:



1 Are there any other nominations for  
2 Secretary of the State Board of  
3 Dentistry? Hearing none.

4 Is there a motion to elect Godfrey  
5 Joel Funari, D.M.D., as Secretary of  
6 the State Board of Dentistry?

7 DR. CASEY:

8 I'll make that motion.

9 MR. ROUSE:

10 Is there a second?

11 MS. MURRAY:

12 Second.

13 MR. ROUSE:

14 Roll call.

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16 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
17 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Jaspán,  
18 aye; Matta, aye; Mountain, aye; Murray,  
19 aye; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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24 Report of Acting Commissioner

25 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of

1 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board  
2 members that a vendor was selected for replacement of  
3 the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS), and System  
4 Automation will be implemented at the end of 2025.]

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6 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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8 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
9 at 12:33 p.m. the Board entered into Executive  
10 Session with Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
11 to have attorney-client consultations and for the  
12 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on  
13 items 6, 12, and 15 on the agenda. The Board  
14 returned to open session at 2:50 p.m.]

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16 [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson,  
17 and Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D., exited the meeting at  
18 2:50 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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20 VICE CHAIR CASEY ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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22 MR. ROUSE:

23 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
24 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into  
25 Executive Session with Board Counsel to

1 have attorney-client consultations and  
2 for the purpose of conducting quasi-  
3 judicial deliberations.

4 We are starting with item 12 on the  
5 agenda, which is Gregory William Long,  
6 D.M.D. v. BPOA State Board of  
7 Dentistry, Docket No. 1341 C.D. 2024,  
8 at Case No. 20-46-010433.

9 After discussion in Executive  
10 Session, I believe that the Chair would  
11 entertain a motion to direct Board  
12 Counsel to proceed as discussed in  
13 Executive Session.

14 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

15 Yes, I would. Do I have a motion?

16 DR. FUNARI:

17 So moved.

18 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

19 Second?

20 MS. MURRAY:

21 Second.

22 VICE CHAIR CASEY:

23 Jim, Roll call, please.

24

25 Claggett, aye; Casey, aye; Arndt, aye;

1                   Fowler, aye; Funari, aye; Jaspán, aye;  
2                   Mountain, aye; Murray, aye; Warwick,  
3                   aye; Wyant, aye.

4   [The motion carried. Jennifer Sullivan and Andrew  
5   Matta recused themselves from voting on the motion.]

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7   [Jennifer Unis Sullivan, D.M.D., J.D., Chairperson,  
8   and Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D., reentered the meeting at  
9   2:52 p.m.]

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11    CHAIR SULLIVAN RESUMED THE CHAIR

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13   MR. ROUSE:

14    Item 6 on the agenda is the Consent  
15    Agreement at Case Nos. 22-46-015721 &  
16    22-46-017479.

17    Regarding that Consent Agreement at  
18    item 6, after discussions in Executive  
19    Session, I believe the Chair would  
20    entertain a motion to adopt the Consent  
21    Agreement.

22   CHAIR SULLIVAN:

23    Do I have a motion?

24   DR. FUNARI:

25    I'll make that motion.

1 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

2 Do I have a second?

3 DR. WARWICK:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

6 May I have a roll call vote, please?

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8 Claggett, aye; Sullivan, aye; Casey,  
9 aye; Arndt, aye; Fowler, aye; Funari,  
10 aye; Jaspan, aye; Mountain, aye;

11 Murray, nay; Warwick, aye; Wyant, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously. Andrew Matta's name  
13 was not called and did not vote on the motion. Donna  
14 Murray opposed the motion. That was the Matter of  
15 BPOA v. Jagruti D. Desai, D.D.S., Case Nos. 22-46-  
16 015721 & 22-46-017479.]

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18 MR. ROUSE:

19 Item 15 on the agenda is the Berks  
20 Technical Institute 200-hour EFDA  
21 Program.

22 Regarding the Berks Technical  
23 Institute Application at item 15, I  
24 believe the Chair would entertain a  
25 motion to grant the Application for

1 Registration as a 200-hour EFDA  
2 Program.

3 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

4 Do I have a motion?

5 DR. FUNARI:

6 I'll make that motion.

7 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

8 Do I have a second?

9 MS. MURRAY:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

12 Roll call vote, please?

13

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

18 [The motion carried unanimously. Andrew Matta was  
19 not present and did not vote on the motion.]

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21 Adjournment

22 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

23 I wish everyone happy holidays. Do I  
24 have a motion to adjourn?

25 DR. FUNARI:

1 I'll make that motion.

2 DR. CASEY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SULLIVAN:

5 Thank you.

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7 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
8 Dentistry Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.]

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11 CERTIFICATE

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

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