

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
REGULATORY MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 10:01 a.m., on May 16, 2025, at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, in Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

PRESIDING: Sidra Butt, D.D.S., Secretary-Treasurer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President
William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Erin Weaver, Deputy Executive Director
Arne Owens, Director of the Department of Health Professions
Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Sarah Moore, Executive Assistant

QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

Ms. Sacksteder read the emergency evacuation procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Butt explained the parameters for public comment and opened the public comment period.

Written Public Comment from Joyce Turcotte, Professional Learning Services, regarding Dental Hygiene Refresher Programs, was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Tyler Craddock, VDHA, signed up for Public Comment and provided a written testimony from Dr. Misty L. Messimer, Program Director, Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene, Germanna Community College, regarding the Eligibility of Dental Hygienists for Dental Assistant II Registration.

Dr. Butt closed the Public Comment Period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Butt asked for a motion to approve the October 27, 2023, Regulatory Meeting Minutes. Mr. Martinez made the motion, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**LEGISLATION,
REGULATION AND
GUIDANCE:**

Discussion of Regulatory Changes for Restorative Pathway for Dental Hygienists - Ms. Barrett explained the regulatory changes necessary to create a pathway for dental hygienists to perform restorative procedures without registering as a dental assistant II (DAII). She addressed the necessary changes in the draft amendments to Chapters 21,25, and 30 included in the provided agenda, and the research presented in the Dental Hygienists Restorative Duties - State charts. This was discussed by the Board. The Board noted these changes would make a less burdensome and less costly process for the dental hygienists and be impactful in the dental community.

DECISION:

Dr. Chaudhry made a motion to recommend to the full Board at the June 2025, Board Meeting, to adopt fast-track regulatory amendments to create a pathway for dental hygienists to perform restorative procedures without registering as a DA II. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Recommendation of next steps for regulatory action from 2022 Petition for Rulemaking - Ms. Barrett reviewed with the Board the recommendation of next steps for regulatory action following effective date of fast-track regulatory action. She explained that the Petition for Rulemaking regarding refresher courses required for reinstatement was received and submitted in January 2022. The NOIRA related to the petition to amend Chapters 21 and 25 was received from the Executive Branch and published on August 21, 2024, and public comment was received and considered.

- **Review of Refresher Course Program Information** – Ms. Sacksteder explained the CODA accredited Refresher Course and ADA/ADHA/AADH Refresher Course program information. She advised there have been no complaints received regarding the inability to locate a CODA Accredited refresher course. She also noted the responses from many other states indicating their approval of only CODA Accredited programs, due to CODA's accreditation process include peer reviews to evaluate the quality of dental education programs vs. ADA/ADHA/AADH vs. ADA/ADHA/AADH does not endorse or approve individual courses or instructors.

DECISION:

After a Board discussion, Dr. Chaudhry made a motion to recommend the Board's current position that CODA Accredited Programs would be the only approved refresher programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to withdraw the NOIRA, and to present the recommendation to the full Board at the June 2025, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

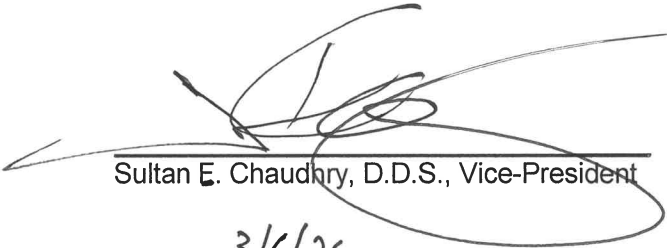
**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
TOPICS:**

Consideration of Public Comments – Dr. Butt asked for any Board Member's wanting to discuss the Public Comments and none were requested.

Review of the need of adding more radiological providers Ms. Sacksteder led the Board in discussion of the potential need of adding more radiological providers for dental staff to obtain radiation certification, topic was referred to the regulatory committee from the December 2024 Board Meeting. She noted there have been no complaints received regarding lack of radiological providers and training. Committee members agreed that there wasn't a shortage of radiological providers in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Martinez made a motion that the Board maintain the current status of providers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the panel adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., Vice-President

Date 3/6/26



Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

Date 3/9/26