

**APPROVED**

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 2025**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:31 a.m., on June 13, 2025, at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, in Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

**PRESIDING:** Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S., Vice-President  
Sidra Butt, D.D.S., Secretary-Treasurer  
William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.  
Surya Dhakar, D.D.S.  
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.  
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.  
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.  
Jennifer Szakaly, D.D.S.

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director  
Erin Weaver, Deputy Executive Director  
Sarah Moore, Executive Assistant  
Arne Owens, Agency Director, DHP  
Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
Yetty Shobi, Director of Healthcare Workforce Data Center

**COUNSEL PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With 9 members of the Board present, a quorum was established.  
Ms. Sacksteder read the emergency evacuation procedures.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Chaudhry explained the parameters for public comment and opened the public comment period.  
  
No one registered for public comment.  
  
Dr. Chaudhry closed the public comment period.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Dr. Chaudhry asked if there were any edits or corrections to the December 13, 2024, Board Business Meeting Minutes, the December 13, 2024-Formal Hearing Minutes, the January 17, 2025-Telephone Conference Call Special Session Minutes, the March 6-7, 2025 -Formal Hearing Minutes, or the May 16, 2025-Telephone Conference Call Special Session Minutes. Hearing none, Dr. Hendricksen moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**DHP DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Arne Owens, Agency Director, thanked the Board for their continued service. He discussed the wrapping up of the 2025 General Assembly session. He advised the bill to eliminate the Board of Health Professions was passed during this session and their workload would be carried on by the individual DHP boards and administration. He discussed the ongoing bi-annual budget preparations and the appropriation process for the agency. He also discussed the creation of the DHP efficiency workgroup that is reviewing DHP expenditures to ensure the agency is good stewards of the licensing fees that are received for the support of the DHP administration and staff.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:**

Mr. Rutowski advised he is focusing on the Board's four appeals currently in various stages. The Uribe case of moral turpitude had no procedural errors by the Board and the judge ruled that moral turpitude could be interpreted by the Board, the Board's ruling was upheld in Virginia Beach Circuit Court. This ruling could still be appealed.

**PRESENTATION:**

**2024 Virginia Dental Workforce** – Dr. Yetty Shobo, Healthcare Workforce Data Center Director, presented on the workforce survey of dentist and dental hygienist's results for 2024.

**LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Regulatory Meeting, May 19, 2025,** Dr. Butt reported the Regulatory Committee met and discussed the Regulatory Change for Creating a Pathway for Dental Hygienists to become a DA II. She advised the Recommendation by the Committee to adopt fast-track regulatory amendments to create a pathway for dental hygienists to perform restorative procedures without registering as a DA II. The Committee also discussed the 2022 Petition for Rulemaking considering other avenues of refresher courses and the criteria for CODA Accredited Programs vs. ADA/ADHA/AADH courses, which do not endorse individual courses or instructors. She advised the Recommendation by the Committee to maintain the Board's current position in regulation to only accept CODA accredited refresher courses and withdraw the NOIRA. The Committee further discussed the need for more radiological providers and their recommendation to maintain the Board's current status of providers listed within the regulations.

**CWC Examiner Participation:** Dr. Chaudhry shared that he had participated in several examinations this spring. He advised that the standard with which they test is at a high level, ensuring a competent and credible workforce entering the profession.

**LEGISLATION,  
REGULATION, AND  
GUIDANCE:**

**JCNDE Meeting:** Dr. Hendricksen shared about the meeting and advised that the group of participating professionals discussed current accepted licensing exams throughout the country.

**Status Report on Regulatory Actions Chart** – Ms. Barrett reviewed the updated Regulatory Actions Chart listing of the ongoing regulatory actions as of May 20, 2025, which was included in the agenda packet. A synopsis of the progress of the bills was provided. She advised that the action for 18VAC60-30 -Elimination of direct pulp-capping as a delegable task, has now moved to the Governor’s office for consideration.

**Legislative Report:** Ms. Barrett reviewed the Legislative Report as of June 2025, of House and Senate Bills related to the Board of Dentistry and the status of each bill.

- SB1899: Passed, deleting the sunset provision
- SB1475: Workgroup will happen in the summer of 2025
- HB1478: is now a dead bill
- HB1861: is a DHP agency-wide bill
- SB826: adds procedures for criminal history effective July 1, 2025
- SB1293: is a recommendation-only, for licensees to obtain further training in CE courses for Autism Spectrum patients
- SB1363: eliminated the DHP Board of Health Professions

**Consideration of fast-track regulatory action to create a pathway for dental hygienists to perform restorative procedures without registering as a DA II:** Ms. Barrett reviewed the draft amendments for Chapters 21,25, and 30. She discussed the Regulatory Committee recommendation to include the changes to remove the requirement to hold a second credential. This was discussed by the Board. Dr. Hendricksen made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Regulatory Committee to initiate a fast-track action. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**NOIRA regarding the Dentist and Dental Hygienists Compact:** Ms. Barrett discussed the recommended action to create a NOIRA to establish the follow parameters for the compact:

- Changes necessary to conform to rules established by the Compact.
- Setting a fee to practice on a Compact privilege in Virginia.
- Specify renewal requirements for Compact privilege holders; and
- Incorporate individuals practicing under a Compact privilege into disciplinary provisions of the Board.

Ms. Lemaster made a motion to adopt the NOIRA to implement these Compact parameters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Consideration of next steps following publication of NOIRA related to 2022 petition for rulemaking:** Ms. Barrett reviewed the petition and NOIRA. She discussed the recommendation of the Regulatory Committee to not continue the existing regulatory action and instead withdraw the action keeping the existing regulatory requirement to complete a refresher course offered only by a CODA

Accredited program. This was discussed by the Board. Mr. Martinez made a motion to withdraw the regulatory action related to the 2022 petition for rulemaking. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

**Letter from American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine:** Dr. Chaudhry referenced the letter in the packet and asked the Board for any further discussion. No Board member asked for further discussion.

**2026 BOD Calendar:** Ms. Sacksteder discussed the 2026 BOD Calendar. Dr. Hendricksen made a motion to adopt the calendar. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Disciplinary Report -** Ms. Weaver updated the Board on the Disciplinary Report for November 21, 2024 – May 21, 2025. She advised there are about 50-60 cases received and cases closed per month. She advised there were 2 Summary Suspensions, 1 Voluntary Permanent Surrender, and 0 Revocation of licenses during this period.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Update on DDH Compact:** Ms. Sacksteder is a member of the Full Commissioner Committee, Executive Committee and Rule Committee for the Compact. She advised that they are currently discussing a RFP for a database for the Compact privileges.

**Presentations at VCU:** Ms. Sacksteder successfully presented twice to the D4 VCU students regarding the licensing process, current trends in discipline and fielded questions and follow ups.

**VDHA Conference:** Ms. Sacksteder advised the VDHA Conference was held in March and was very well attended with great questions and discussion.

**AADA And AADB Meetings:** Ms. Sacksteder advised these meetings discussed areas of concern in the industry, state round tables of problem solving and sharing of best practices.

**DANB Professional Model:** Ms. Sacksteder served on this year-long workgroup creating a model for the Dental Assisting profession to be recommended for adoption from all states.

**Cash Balance Report:** Ms. Sacksteder reviewed the FY2025 Budget – Cash Balance, Revenue and Expenditures as of February 28, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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

  
Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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