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MEETING NOTICE

DENTAL ASSISTANT WORKFORCE SHORTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (DAWSAC)

Oregon Board of Dentistry

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION (not an in person meeting)

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December 9, 2025

5 pm – 6:30 pm

Committee Members:

Co-Chair, Terrence Clark, DMD
Co-Chair, Ginny Jorgensen
Amberena Fairlee, DMD - ODA Rep.
Laura Vanderwerf, RDH - ODHA Rep.
Kari Hiatt - ODAA Rep.
Kimberly Perlot, RDH, DT – DT Rep

Lynn Murray
Carmen Mons
Cassie Gilbert
Megan Barron
Alexandria Case
Jessica Andrews
Alyssa Kobylinsky
Amanda Nash

AGENDA

Call to Order: Dr. Terrence Clark, Chair

- Public Meeting Notice
 - Governing bodies subject to Public Meetings Law – **Attachment #1**
- Review & Approve Minutes of September 23, 2025, DAWSAC Meeting
 - Meeting Minutes – **Attachment #2**
- OBD Letter to Governor – Board asking for discretion to hold DAWSAC Meetings as needed, not each quarter – **Attachment #3**
- Review HB 3223 and information regarding the formation of this Committee – **Attachment #4**

The Statute has been updated incorporating HB 3223 into statute.

ORS 679.330 Advisory committee on dental assistant workforce shortage. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide advice to the board on a quarterly basis on how to address the dental assistant workforce shortage in this state.

- Article – Arizona's New Dental Law Raises Serious Safety Questions – **Attachment #5**
- Timeline and status of items discussed/moved in DAWSAC – **Attachment #6**

Open Comment – this may be limited by the Chair and the meeting may end before 6:30 p.m. if all agenda topics have been covered by the committee.

This meeting is being held remotely via Zoom. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Haley Robinson at (971) 673-3200.

The date for the next DAWSAC Meeting will be set by the Co-Chairs and shared with all as soon as it is finalized.

Adjourn

This Committee is subject to Public Meetings Law

Governing Bodies Subject to Public Meetings Law

What governing bodies are subject to Public Meetings Law?

A governing body, per ORS 192.610(5), is:



Two or more
members of a
public body



With authority to make
decisions for or
recommendations to a
public body on policy or
administration

The governing bodies subject to Public Meetings Law, per OAR 199-050-0010(1), are:



Decision-Making Bodies

- Make decisions on policy or administration
- Including exercising governmental power and acting on behalf of the public body



Advisory Bodies

- Formed by public body
- To make recommendations to public body on policy or administration

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**OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DENTAL ASSISTANT WORKFORCE SHORTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
(DAWSAC)
September 23, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terrence Clark, DMD, Co-Chair
Ginny Jorgensen, Co-Chair
Amberena Fairlee, DMD – ODA Rep.
Kari Hiatt – ODAA Rep.
Lynn Murray
Carmen Mons
Alexandria Case
Jessica Andrews (joined meeting at 6:00pm)
Alyssa Kobylinsky
Amanda Nash

STAFF PRESENT: Angela Smorra DMD, OBD Dental Director/Chief Investigator
Dawn Dreasher, Office Specialist

VISITORS PRESENT:
VIA TELECONFERENCE* Mary Harrison, ODAA; Lisa Rowley, ODHA;

*This list is not exhaustive, as it was not possible to verify all participants at the teleconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Terrence Clark at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Self-Introductions of Committee Members

Chair Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the DAWSAC Members introduce themselves and share information about their current positions in the dental field.

Dr. Clark announced that the Committee had a quorum.

Public Meeting Notice

Dr. Clark announced that the Committee is subject to Public Meetings Law.

Approval of May 13, 2025 Minutes

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Ms. Hiatt seconded that the Committee approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025 DAWSAC Committee Meeting as presented. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

DAWSAC Packet Introduced

A copy of HB 3223 was attached for informational purposes.

OBD Letter to the Governor

Dr. Clark directed the Committee's attention to a copy of an OBD Letter to the Governor asking for Board discretion to hold DAWSAC Meetings as needed, not each quarter. Ms. Jorgensen clarified that the goal is to make DAWSAC a standing committee that would not be disbanded.

South Dakota

The Committee reviewed and discussed information from South Dakota and 13 other states about allowing dental assistants to monitor and/or administer and monitor nitrous oxide.

Ms. Hiatt moved and Ms. Case seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board consider allowing dental assistants to administer nitrous oxide under direct supervision. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Iowa Legislation

Dr. Clark directed the Committee's attention to an article about an Iowa law removing registration requirements for dental assistants.

Universal Dental Assistant License

The Committee reviewed and discussed a Dentistry IQ article making a case for a universal dental assistant license.

Dental Radiology Certification

Amanda Nash and Alex Case presented their rule change proposal allowing dental assistants who are Board approved radiologic proficiency instructors to sign off on proficiency. The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposal. Dr. Smorra suggested the Committee review rules from Radiation Protective Services.

Ms. Case moved and Ms. Nash seconded that the Committee present the rule change proposal allowing dental assistants who are Board approved radiologic proficiency instructors to sign off on proficiency to the Board for consideration. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Differences Between CDA & RDA and Policies in Neighboring States

Dr. Clark presented an article explaining the differences between CDA and RDA certifications and Ms. Jorgensen's summary of registered dental assistants in Idaho, Washington, California, Utah, and Nevada. The Committee discussed differences in state policies.

Chair Jorgensen's Submissions

Chair Jorgensen presented an opinion on Oral Preventative Assistants. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of expanding duties of dental assistants to include scaling and periodontal probing.

Ms. Jorgensen attached a Dentistry IQ article arguing against adopting military preventative dentistry models to address the dental hygiene workforce shortage.

Ms. Jorgensen presented an RDH Magazine article regarding proper CDT procedure codes for OPAs/scaling assistants performing supragingival scaling.

The Committee discussed issues related to requiring registration of dental assistants.

Ms. Murray moved and Ms. Mons seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board consider the registration of dental assistants. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

ODAA Statement

Ms. Harrison submitted the written statement below:

The Oregon Dental Assistant Association (ODAA) met and would like the DAWSAC committee to know that our association supports some type of Registration for dental assistants. The purpose would be to help and have some means of communicating with assistants throughout the state. This would not mean another certificate but rather a way to connect for Rules updates, education, other work-related notices and information. This would also be helpful and ensure that the assistant would receive information personally, rather than something sent to the office and never received by the assistant, which as history might show, often happens.

The ODAA also supports the ODHA position regarding the prohibited duties listed in the Rules to help with clarification of those duties including scaling and probing, by only dental hygienists. Another recent topic being discussed is that of a POA. The ODAA also supports ODHA's position on this issue. There are many topics and concerns regarding this as a possible duty for a dental assistant which ODAA opposes. Thank you for taking our position when considering this in your discussions.

Mary Harrison CDA Emeritus, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA
Legislative Chair, ODAA

ODHA Letter to DAWSAC

Ms. Rowley presented ODHA's letter to the Committee supporting proposed rule changes to OAR 818-042-0040. The Committee discussed the proposed rule change.

Ms. Hiatt moved and Ms. Mons seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the proposed rule changes to OAR 818-042-0040. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Dental Assisting Employment Trends

Ms. Hiatt presented her research concerning dental assisting employment trends in Oregon. The Committee discussed statistical information in the report.

Ms. Jorgensen presented the 2019 OBD dental assistant survey. The Committee discussed the survey results.

Ms. Case moved and Ms. Nash seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board conduct a survey similar to the OBD 2019 Dental Assisting Questionnaire and to incorporate questions about wages and certifications. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Phlebotomy Services

Dr. Clark initiated a conversation about simplifying certification for dental assistants to perform phlebotomy services. The Committee asked Dr. Smorra to draft proposed rule changes that would simplify pathways for dental assistants to get certified to perform phlebotomy services.

Ms. Nash moved and Ms. Hiatt seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board propose rule changes to OAR 818-042-0117 to allow dental assistants to become certified to perform phlebotomy services by completing a phlebotomy training course and to remove the requirement that the dental assistant possess a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant certificate. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, AN, and JA voting Aye.

Open Comment

Ms. Rowley reported that two weeks ago she had attended an all-day course sponsored by the ODAA. She said the panel presentation from dental assistants who had earned their LAFCs was especially impressive.

Dr. Clark brought up the idea of inviting the OBD to include wage history information from Ms. Hiatt's dental assisting employment trends presentation in the next newsletter in an effort to support higher wages. The Committee discussed dental office wage issues.

Ms. Nash moved and Ms. Andrews seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board include dental assistant wage history information in the next newsletter. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, AN, and JA voting Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Chair Jorgensen stated that the next DAWSAC meeting will be scheduled at a later date.



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June 25, 2025

Via Email

The Honorable Governor Kotek
Office of the Governor

Dear Governor Kotek,

The Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) met on June 13, 2025, at its regular board meeting. The Board Members discussed a number of issues and directed me to send me this letter to you on two important matters.

1.) HB 3223 passed in 2023, directed the OBD to address the dental assistant work force shortage in Oregon by convening a new advisory committee to make recommendations to the OBD on a quarterly basis. HB 3223 is now enshrined in law under ORS 679.330.

The OBD stood up the new Dental Assistant Workforce Shortage Advisory Committee (DAWSAC) in 2023. It has held regular quarterly meetings since the inaugural meeting on October 27, 2023. The issue is that the legislation did not have any end or sunset date to the meetings of this workgroup. It is directed to meet quarterly in essence forever.

Possible Language Amendment:

ORS 679.330 Advisory committee on dental assistant workforce shortage. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide advice to the board on a quarterly basis **or as needed at the Board's discretion** on how to address the dental assistant workforce shortage in this state.

The OBD recommends that legislation be introduced and supported to allow the OBD to have this advisory committee meet as needed and at the discretion of the OBD.

2.) HB 2220 passed in 2019, allowed Oregon licensed dentists to prescribe and administer vaccines to a patient, provided rules and criteria were met. HB 2220 is now enshrined in law under ORS 679.552. This historic legislation among the first in the U.S., was timely as the OBD implemented rules effective January 1, 2020, allowing this ahead of the worldwide covid pandemic that year. During the pandemic, dental hygienists were allowed to administer covid vaccines and there were no Board complaints or any negative consequences that came to the OBD's attention in helping combat the pandemic.

The OBD recommends that legislation be introduced and supported to allow Oregon licensed dental hygienists the opportunity to administer vaccinations under the supervision of an Oregon licensed dentist. This concept has widespread support in the oral health education community and with professional associations. The OBD would proudly introduce a legislative concept on this change and/or support legislators and professional associations to do so.

Respectfully,
Stephen Prisby
OBD Executive Director

The Mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to promote quality oral health care and protect all communities in the State of Oregon by equitably and ethically regulating dental professionals.

At the August 25, 2023 Board Meeting the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) established a new standing Advisory Committee named the “Dental Assistant Workforce Shortage Advisory Committee (DAWSAC)” per ORS 679.280, to review, discuss and make recommendations to the Board on addressing workforce shortages in accordance with HB 3223 (2023).

The section of HB 3223 relevant to this is included for reference:

8 **SECTION 5. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of**
9 **at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the**
10 **requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide**
11 **advice to the board on a quarterly basis on how to address the dental assistant workforce**
12 **shortage in this state.**
13 **(2)(a) In appointing members to the advisory committee, the board shall prioritize di-**
14 **versity of geographic representation, background, culture and experience.**
15 **(b) A majority of the members appointed to the committee must have experience working**
16 **as dental assistants.**
17 **SECTION 6. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
18 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

This advisory committee will meet no less than four times per calendar year once established, and generally be scheduled concurrently with regular OBD Board Meetings. The OBD President will designate two Co-Chairs of the Committee whom will be OBD Board Members. Preference will be given to Board Members who have past experience working as a dental assistant.

The advisory committee shall include five representatives from the Oregon dental assistant community who are currently or have worked as an Oregon dental assistant. The OBD President will select the members, and utilize the legislative criteria, if more than five people volunteer to serve on this advisory committee.

The advisory committee will also include one representative from each of the professional associations: The Oregon Dental Association, The Oregon Dental Hygienists’ Association and the Oregon Dental Assistants Association and eventually one from the Oregon Dental Therapy Association (should that be established).

The Advisory Committee members will bring relevant topics and agenda items to the meetings, be meaningfully engaged on the relevant issues, offer solutions and assist in gathering speakers, data and information.

The inaugural DAWSAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 27, 2023.



(Photo by Albert Serna Jr./The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism)

Arizona's new dental law raises serious safety questions

Melissa Obrotka, Guest Commentary - November 16, 2025

For patients across Arizona, a routine dental checkup has become a gamble. Senate Bill 1124, signed into law in April 2025, created a new category called “Oral Preventive Assistants” with a drastically abbreviated training pathway for dental assistants to perform scaling and prophylaxis procedures. The difference in educational requirements is substantial.

A registered dental hygienist accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation completes nearly 3,000 hours of comprehensive education covering pharmacology, anatomy, periodontics, dental radiology, microbiology, oral pathology and the clinical application of preventive and therapeutic care. The dental hygiene curriculum prepares these professionals to assess and care for patients across the spectrum — from routine preventive procedures to complex cases involving gum disease and systemic health connections.

Under the new law, Arizona now permits dental assistants to become oral preventive assistants and perform scaling procedures with 120 hours of training. That’s less than 4% of the education standard that CODA-accredited programs require.

While legislators intended to address Arizona’s dental workforce shortage, this approach may have created more problems than it will solve. Arizona’s oral health challenges are already significant, with children in rural counties and those from [lower-income communities experiencing disproportionate difficulties accessing quality care](#). And now because of SB1124, the state has a two-tiered system in

which the level of care you receive depends on whether your provider completed comprehensive training or an abbreviated program.

Graduates of alternative licensing programs often lack the foundational knowledge and clinical experience necessary to perform the essential screenings and assessments that registered dental hygienists provide. When a patient sits in the dental chair, they trust that the person treating them is a qualified, educated professional. SB1124 betrayed that trust, leaving vulnerable populations even more susceptible to missed diagnoses and preventable health complications.

Health care decisions should be based on the best available evidence and the highest achievable standards of care. When we compromise on training requirements, we're essentially conducting an experiment with public health — and the results may not be apparent until it's too late to address them.

Furthermore, as direct connections between oral health and systemic conditions continue to be uncovered, the frontline of oral health providers must be held to a higher, not a lower, standard. Due to the expanding medical insights across cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, and other care intersections with oral health, dental practices will struggle to meet the clinical demands of patients if they hire less-educated oral preventive assistants with potentially lower standards of care. Their ability to serve patients and the long-term sustainability of their businesses will be severely compromised.

As we look forward, a fundamental question remains – should addressing workforce shortages come at the expense of educational standards that were developed to protect public safety?

While it is admirable that Arizona's legislators have fought for solutions to address the state's dental workforce shortage, compromising the quality of care to fill a gap is not a viable solution. It's a dangerous shortcut. Yet, Arizona's approach is being watched by other states facing similar workforce challenges, including Nevada and Oklahoma. If abbreviated training programs become normalized without clear evidence of maintained safety and effectiveness, this model could spread.

The health of every Arizonan depends on educated, skilled health care professionals. The passage of SB1124 serves as a stark reminder to every state that the quality of provider education cannot be taken for granted. It's time for registered dental hygienists and allied dental professionals to speak out and demand better, not just for the health of their patients, but for the integrity of the industry as a whole.

In the meantime, Arizonans have the right and the responsibility to know what this means for their own health and their next dental appointment. Considering recent developments, every Arizonan should be an advocate for their own health.

Before your next dental appointment, consider asking your provider about the qualifications of their hygienist. Is your hygienist CODA-accredited? How many hours of training did they complete? What are their credentials for detecting oral pathology and managing medical situations? These aren't unreasonable questions — they're the kind of informed inquiries that help you make better health care decisions for your family, and demonstrate to dental clinics across Arizona that the public demands a higher standard for provider education than the state's legislators have assumed.

Melissa Obrotka is a board member of the Oral Health Awareness Project.

DAWSAC Requests to the Board as of December 2025

September 23, 2025 DAWSAC Meeting

- Ms. Hiatt moved and Ms. Case seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board consider allowing dental assistants to administer nitrous oxide under direct supervision. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Result: At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, Dr. Aldrich moved and Dr. Kalia seconded that the Board refer the issue of Nitrous Oxide Sedation by Dental Assistants under Direct Supervision to the Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and KL voting Aye.

- Ms. Case moved and Ms. Nash seconded that the Committee present the rule change proposal allowing dental assistants who are Board approved radiologic proficiency instructors to sign off on proficiency to the Board for consideration. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Result: At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board refer the issue of allowing dental assistants who are Radiologic Proficiency Instructors to sign off on proficiency to the Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and KL voting Aye.

- Ms. Murray moved and Ms. Mons seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board consider the registration of dental assistants. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Result: The Board asked OBD staff to consult with the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) regarding creating a volunteer Dental Assistant Registry. OBD staff is currently in contact with DANB regarding this request and will provide an update at the next DAWSAC meeting.

- Ms. Hiatt moved and Ms. Mons seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the proposed rule changes to OAR 818-042-0040. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Result: At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Clark seconded that the Board refer proposed rule changes to OAR 818-042-0040 to the Rules Oversight Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and KL voting Aye.

- Ms. Case moved and Ms. Nash seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board conduct a survey similar to the OBD 2019 Dental Assisting Questionnaire and to incorporate questions about wages and certifications. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, and AN voting Aye.

Result: *At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, the Board discussed the request but took no action.*

- Dr. Clark initiated a conversation about simplifying certification for dental assistants to perform phlebotomy services. The Committee asked Dr. Smorra to draft proposed rule changes that would simplify pathways for dental assistants to get certified to perform phlebotomy services.

Result: *At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board refer Proposed Amendment to OAR 818-042-0117 as presented in Option #1 to the Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and KL voting Aye.*

- Ms. Nash moved and Ms. Hiatt seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board propose rule changes to OAR 818-042-0117 to allow dental assistants to become certified to perform phlebotomy services by completing a phlebotomy training course and to remove the requirement that the dental assistant possess a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant certificate. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, AN, and JA voting Aye.

Result: *At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board refer Proposed Amendment to OAR 818-042-0117 as presented in Option #1 to the Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and KL voting Aye.*

Initiation of IV Line and Phlebotomy Blood Draw

The Board may certify a Dental Assistant to perform the expanded function anesthesia duties below if the applicant submits a completed application, pays the certification fee and:

- (1) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a ~~Certified Anesthesia~~ Dental Assistant may initiate an intravenous (IV) infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation, or general anesthesia under the Indirect Supervision of a dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit.
- (2) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a ~~Certified Anesthesia~~ Dental Assistant may perform a

phlebotomy blood draw under the Indirect Supervision of a dentist. Products obtained through a phlebotomy blood draw may only be used by the dentist, to treat a condition that is within the scope of the practice of dentistry.

- Ms. Nash moved and Ms. Andrews seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board include dental assistant wage history information in the next newsletter. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, LM, CM, AC, AK, AN, and JA voting Aye.

Result: *At the October 24, 2025 Board meeting, The Board instructed OBD staff to include dental assistant wage information in the next Newsletter.*

May 13, 2025 DAWSAC Meeting

No requests for the Board.

February 14, 2025 DAWSAC Meeting

- The Committee reviewed and discussed the attached Points and Questions to OBD regarding HB 3223. Ms. Kuntzelman moved and Ms. Hiatt seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board review the Points and Questions regarding HB 3223. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, LV, LM, AC, JA, AK, AN, CM, CG, and MB voting Aye.

Result: *At the February 28, 2025 Board meeting, Dr. Clark recounted DAWSAC meeting discussions regarding HB 3223 and recruitment efforts in high schools and community colleges. The Board discussed recruitment strategies. The Board directed Association leadership to focus on outreach to those students.*

- Ms. Case presented her attached July 2024 proposal regarding registration of dental assistants. The Committee reviewed and discussed the Proposal and related issues, including infection control, reliable workforce data, and costs. Ms. Case moved and Ms. Vanderwerf seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board consider creating a dental assistant registry. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, KH, KK, LM, JA, AK, AN, CM, CG, and MB voting Aye.

Result: *At the February 28, 2025 Board meeting, Dr. Clark moved and Ms. Jorgensen seconded that the Board refer Dental Assistant Registry issue to Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee. The motion passed with RS, AK, SK, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, GJ, and CD voting Aye.*

- Ms. Murray moved and Ms. Hiatt seconded that the Committee recommend that the Board submit a letter to ODA, ODAA and ODHA encouraging recruitment efforts in high schools from those organizations. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, LV, KK, AC, JA, AK, AN, CM, CG, and MB voting Aye.

Result: *At the February 28, 2025 Board meeting, Dr. Clark recounted DAWSAC meeting discussions regarding HB 3223 and recruitment efforts in high schools and community colleges. The Board discussed recruitment strategies. The Board directed Association leadership to focus on outreach to those students.*

November 13, 2024 DAWSAC Meeting

No requests for the Board.

July 17, 2024 DAWSAC Meeting

- Ms. Vanderwerf moved and Ms. Case seconded for the Board to seek approval from the Governor's office to move the effective date of HB3223 to July 1, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Result: *BOARD ACTION (from November 13, 2024 DAWSAC Minutes):*

Ms. Jorgensen announced that OBD Executive Director, Stephen Prisby reported at the August 23, 2024 Board Meeting, about the DAWSAC request was for the OBD to ask the Governor if she would intercede and ask the Legislative body if the effective date of HB 3223 could be extended one year from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026. Director Prisby reported that he had discussed it with one of the Governor's Policy Advisors, but that no new information was available at that time. Ms. Jorgensen reminded the committee that it is not the Board's decision to meet this request, as any changes to the bill must go through the legislature.

May 15, 2024 DAWSAC Meeting

- Mr. Clark requested that the Board summarize the information from the past DAWSAC meetings and bring specific recommendations to the next meeting. Mr. Prisby reminded the Committee that it is the task of the DAWSAC to formulate and make recommendations to the Board and that the Board was the facilitating body for that action. Mr. Prisby stated he would address the request regarding what the Board could

do to address the DA workforce shortage and reduce barriers to the profession at the July 17 meeting. A brief summary of past meeting would be provided as well.

Result: BOARD ACTION: *(from July 17, 2024 DAWSAC Minutes):*

OBD Supporting DA Workforce and Addressing Barriers

The committee discussed the memo provided by Mr. Prisby. The restrictions of HB 3223 and staffing/financial constraints were the main topics of discussion. Reducing barriers to the dental assisting field was also brought up. (See attachment below):

February 23, 2024 DAWSAC Meeting

No requests for the Board.

October 27, 2023 DAWSAC Meeting

No requests for the Board.