

**OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reza Sharifi, D.M.D., President
Aarati Kalluri, D.D.S., Vice President
Sheena Kansal, D.D.S.
Terrence Clark, D.M.D.
Michelle Aldrich, D.M.D.
Olesya Salathe, D.M.D.
Kristen Simmons, R.D.H., E.P.P.
Sharity Ludwig, R.D.H., E.P.P.
Ginny Jorgensen
Charles "Chip" Dunn

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Prisby, Executive Director
Angela Smorra, D.M.D., Dental Director/ Chief Investigator
Winthrop "Bernie" Carter, D.D.S., Dental Investigator
Kathleen McNeal, Licensing Manager
Dawn Dreasher, Office Specialist

ALSO PRESENT: Joanna Tucker-Davis, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS PRESENT
VIA ZOOM*

*It was not possible to verify all participants on the Zoom.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President at 3:00 p.m.

President Reza Sharifi welcomed everyone to the meeting, took roll call, and announced that the Board had a quorum. President Sharifi then read the Mission Statement as follows:

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

Dr. Sharifi had the Board Members, Joanna Tucker-Davis, and Stephen Prisby introduce themselves. Dr. Sharifi briefly reviewed the meeting agenda and declared a quorum of the Board was assembled.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Prisby provided updates and information regarding the 2025 Legislative Session, which began on January 21, 2025. Mr. Prisby noted that the 2025 Legislative Session Calendar was included in the Meeting Packet.

Mr. Prisby provided an overview of the Oregon Legislative Process.

Mr. Prisby presented the Bill Tracker Report which listed details and links to the bills he is tracking that may intersect with the OBD's work in some way or may be of interest to the Board members.

OBD BUDGET UPDATES

Mr. Prisby provided updates on the OBD budget and related issues. Mr. Prisby announced that the presentation of the OBD Budget Bill (SB 5512) is scheduled for February 18, 2025. Mr. Prisby presented the Budget Document – POP and background information that was used to shape the budget. The Board discussed issues relevant to the Budget and briefly discussed the HPSP. Mr. Prisby stated he would work with the OBD's DOJ attorney on options to assist the current people in the HPSP and for options after June 30, 2025 when the OBD is no longer participating in it.

OTHER BOARD UPDATES

Mr. Prisby announced that the new Public Board Member is scheduled to attend the February 10, 2025 Senate Subcommittee meeting regarding appointment to the Board. Mr. Prisby added that, if confirmed, their service would begin April 1, 2025.

Mr. Prisby presented the OBD 2025 Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sharifi announced that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. and will be held in person with a virtual option available as well. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Reza J. Sharifi, D.M.D., President