

**OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aarati Kalluri, D.D.S., President
Sheena Kalia, D.D.S., Vice President
Reza Sharifi, D.M.D.
Terrence Clark, D.M.D. (left meeting at 12:36)
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

STAFF PRESENT: Haley Robinson, Interim Executive Director
Angela Smorra, D.M.D., Dental Director/Chief Investigator
Winthrop “Bernie” Carter, D.D.S., Dental Investigator
Kathleen McNeal, Licensing Manager
Gabriel Kubik, Investigator
Dawn Dreasher, Office Specialist

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

VISITORS ALSO PRESENT: Brett Hamilton, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs (ODA); Lisa Rowley, Advocacy & Membership Director, Oregon Dental Hygienists’ Association (ODHA); Mary Harrison, Vice President, Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA); Tyler Anderson, Assistant Attorney General; Jen Coyne, CEO, The PEAK Fleet; Sarah Rosenberg Brown, Collaborative Leader, The PEAK Fleet

VIA ZOOM*: Amberlena Fairlee, D.M.D., President, Oregon Dental Association (ODA); Stephen Prisby, Regulatory & Educational Affairs Director, ADEX; John Paschal, Executive Recruiter, DAS CHRO; Sherry Lauer, Client Agency HR Manager, DAS; Bradley Guye, Business Development Manager, Ethics Boundaries Assessment Services

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:02 a.m. President Kalluri then read the Mission Statement as follows:

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.

President Kalluri reiterated that the Board's purpose and vision for meeting every other month included sharing ideas and making decisions regarding regulation, scope of practice, education, discipline, operations, and issues that need the most attention. President Kalluri welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the Board Members, Joanna Tucker-Davis, and Haley Robinson introduce themselves. President Kalluri announced that the Board had a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of December 12, 2025 Minutes

Dr. Kalluri moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board approve the minutes from the December 12, 2025, Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Oregon Dental Association (ODA)

Dr. Amberena Fairlee, President of ODA, introduced herself as the President of the Oregon Dental Association. Dr. Fairlee reminded the Board that we were 27 days into the 35-day 2026 Legislative Session and that things continued to move quickly. Dr. Fairlee stated that the ODA has focused its energy on a single priority bill this session – their dental insurance reform bill addressing prompt pay, retroactive denials, and assignment of benefits. Dr. Fairlee reported that the bill passed out of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services on Wednesday and was being heard by the Full Ways and Means Committee as she was speaking. Dr. Fairlee stated that the ODA remained encouraged by its progress and believed it was on a solid path as they approached the final days.

Dr. Fairlee highlighted that the Oregon Dental Conference (ODC) was coming up April 9th through 11th and encouraged everyone to explore the wide range of CE opportunities available. Dr. Fairlee noted that, because the work of the Board can be intense, the ODA was adding something new this year: Thursday Night Comedy at Revolution Hall on April 9th – a chance for the dental community to take a breather and reconnect.

Dr. Fairlee addressed the workforce shortage, which she said remains one of the most serious issues facing dentistry statewide and which has not shrunk. Dr. Fairlee explained

that while the ODA supported upskilling dental team members, as reflected in the Oregon Dental Assistant Shortage Proposal, they do not believe this alone will solve the problem. Dr. Fairlee added that workforce shortages are directly impacting patient access everywhere in Oregon and that the ODA believes the Board's leadership is essential in pursuing broader, more comprehensive solutions.

Dr. Fairlee respectfully encouraged the Board to make workforce and access to care challenges a top priority during the Strategic Planning process. Dr. Fairlee mentioned that the ODA was pleased but not surprised to see the issue ranked as a top priority in its member survey.

Dr. Fairlee asked that the Board evaluate multiple potential solutions and continue using a careful, evidence-based approach. Dr. Fairlee acknowledged that the Board has shown a strong willingness to innovate – whether through advancing dental therapy legislatively or approving dental assistant local anesthesia through rulemaking.

Dr. Fairlee concluded by stating that the ODA has pushed itself outside its comfort zone to meet the moment, and that she appreciated the Board's partnership as they work together to strengthen the profession and ensure Oregonians have access to the care they need.

Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA)

Lisa Rowley, Advocacy & Membership Director of ODHA, informed the Board that Sheba N. Jones, MSDH, RDH, CHSE, FADHA, is the new Dental Hygiene Program Director for **Concorde Career College** located in northeast Portland. Ms. Rowley said Sheba is a dental hygiene educator, program leader & clinical dental hygienist with nearly 25 years of experience in dentistry. Ms. Rowley added that Sheba's career spans private practice, corporate dentistry, public health, research, & higher education, with a strong focus on developing clinically confident, workforce-ready graduates.

Ms. Rowley presented an updated list of Oregon dental hygiene programs and their capacity, which together total about 180 graduates per year. Ms. Rowley highlighted two new programs at Concorde College and Rogue Community College. Ms. Rowley pointed out that Rogue Community College will serve a more rural area.

Ms. Rowley announced that ODHA is offering a **Winter-Spring Education Series** with four continuing education courses scheduled for Thursday evenings, February through May 2026. Ms. Rowley said course topics are forensic dentistry, advocacy, nitrous oxide sedation and lasers. Ms. Rowley explained that some of these courses will be offered in-person at one of the dental hygiene schools, and all courses will be offered virtually via Zoom & on demand as a video recording.

Ms. Rowley stated that the ODHA is looking forward to the Oregon Dental Conference

and is currently working on their courtesy table.

Ms. Rowley reported that ADHA has published her online article titled **Expanding Scope of Practice Without Legislation** <https://www.adha.org/hygienist-hub/expanding-scope-without-legislation/>. Ms. Rowley explained that her article describes how dental hygiene scope of practice could be expanded by making administrative rule changes through a state board of dentistry, as we have done in Oregon.

Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA)

Mary Harrison, Vice President of ODAA, offered her congratulations to Ms. Robinson and to the Board for choosing Ms. Robinson as its Executive Director.

Ms. Harrison thanked Dr. Aldrich and Dr. Clark for their time, their great questions, and the support they have shown towards dental assisting. Ms. Harrison stated that the ODAA very much appreciated the input they have shared, adding that she wished she could change their minds so they would serve another term. Ms. Harrison stated that the ODAA continues to support the DAWSAC committee and the views of dental assistants throughout the state with their thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

Ms. Harrison announced that March 1-7 is Dental Assisting Recognition Week. Ms. Harrison reminded everyone that the ODAA website is updated continuously and invited dentists to place job openings on the job postings page of the website.

Ms. Harrison reiterated that the ODAA agrees with the ODHA and ADHA on the OPA/scaling assistant issue. Ms. Harrison queried why the Board would establish another certificate instead of utilizing the existing EFDA team members as hygiene assistants. Ms. Harrison shared that she retired from an office that had done this for 20+ years, and that it had worked well. Ms. Harrison noted that ODAA's Executive Director had shared her thoughts on this, and that it would be a very good idea to consider rather than another certificate. Ms. Harrison added that she is hoping everyone is hearing this, and that it can become an important discussion and talking point.

Ms. Harrison noted that the ODC was just around the corner and that the ODAA will have a courtesy booth and fun photo booth. Ms. Harrison invited everyone to stop by for a picture. Ms. Harrison expressed her hope that the ODAA booths would be located with DANB and PCC for ease in answering dental assistant questions. Ms. Harrison recalled that, in the past, ODAA has met with the ODA. Ms. Harrison stated that she is hoping for such meetings again soon to discuss team issues along with the ODHA.

Ms. Harrison concluded by saying, "Think green, it's almost St. Patrick's Day!"

ODAA Executive Director Statement

Ginny Jorgensen, ODAA Executive Director, provided the written statement below:

Greetings from the ODAA!

We wish you, your family and friends a happy, peaceful 2025 holiday season. There are many things to be thankful for and one of those is having the opportunity to be a professional dental assistant who contributes to high quality dental treatment and access to care for all.

It is with great pride that we live in a progressive state where the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) listened to what dentists were requesting and followed up on approving a new rule allowing Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA) to complete an approved Local Anesthetic Course and obtain a Local Anesthetic Functions Certificate (LAFC).

“It makes total sense that dental assistants get the training and pass the exam that allows them to provide local anesthetic injections for dental patients”, said Dr. Dean Gregson who employs Marilyn Wilson, one of the first Oregon LAFC recipients. Although it took over 4 years to gain support from the dental community and passage of the rule by the OBD, there are now 106 Oregon LAFC’s. Marilyn does not provide injections for all the dental patients in Dr. Gregson’s practice but throughout the busy day when there are multiple patients needing anesthetic to have her be available, “reduces the feeling of being rushed and improves the flow of the day”. Dr Gregson also mentioned it is very beneficial to not have to ask his hygienists to leave their hygiene patient to provide anesthetic for a restorative patient. It lessens an unnecessary interruption to the hygiene appointment when a dental assistant is able to provide local anesthetic injections.

Of course, not all dentists want their dental assistants to provide local anesthetic. It is completely up to the dentist and assistant to make this decision. There are dental assistants who may not want to obtain the LAFC training and are perfectly happy engaging in and performing the duties they are currently responsible for. Marilyn happens to have 28 years of experience and 12 years of employment with Dr. Gregson. She was interested in growing her career and supporting the practice with an additional certificate. Dr. Gregson was supportive along with the dental hygienists in his practice and agrees that not all dental assistants, especially those that are newly graduated or have not had an opportunity for direct patient care experiences, would be appropriate candidates for obtaining the LAFC.

Another example of a LAFC holder is Charissa Griffith. She recently passed the course and exam and has 25 years of experience as a dental assistant. She has worked for the same dentist, Dr. Gregory Williams, for her entire career. Obtaining additional certificates is not new for Charissa. She currently holds the Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant certificate, Anesthesia Dental Assistant and the Initiation of IV line and Phlebotomy Blood Draw certificate. Charissa has challenged herself by following the Oregon dental assistant

career path that is available for all Oregon dental assistants. Adding the LAFC makes her an extremely valuable asset to Dr. Williams' practice. Charissa currently provides local anesthetic for all scheduled patients. Dr. Williams said, "It makes the day flow much better" and the "whole team is much happier".

Both Marilyn and Charissa took the 65 Hour, Local Anesthetic OBD approved course from Teacher Tina. (Tina Clarke, RDH, MEd) They agreed it was challenging yet doable with the excellent online preparation and the additional clinical training where the class participants practice injections on each other. Passing the exam was hard but they both felt like they were extremely prepared to provide local anesthetic for dental patients with an excellent understanding of anesthesia and injection techniques.

I spoke to one other LAFC holder, Joanne, who confirmed she is using her local anesthetic injection skills every day in the practice where she is employed. It has been a huge benefit to her dental practice. Joanne is currently enrolled in an OBD approved Restorative Functions (RFC) Course and will have her certification in the next few months. Combining the RFC with the LAFC will not only enhance access to care for dental patients but is a career advancement that is allowing her to grow her dental assisting career to the highest level possible without changing her path to hygienist or dentist.

The following Local Anesthetic approved courses are available for EFDA's:

- [Portland Community College](#)
- [Pacific University](#)
- [Teacher Tina](#)

Because this is a relatively new certification for EFDA's the dental community is still learning about the benefits and how it may fit into a dental practice. Both Dr. Gregson and Dr. Williams have discovered their patients are happy with local anesthetic being injected by their dental assistants and therefore they feel they are the lucky ones to have two of the first Oregon LAFC holders. Their dental practices are now reaping the benefits of increasing a less stressful, positive environment where their dental teams are working together to provide the best possible care for their patients. Hopefully this will encourage other dentists to promote the LAFC for their EFDA's.

The [ODAA Website](#) is filled with all things *Oregon Dental Assisting* including job postings and CE course information. Please take a moment to visit and as always, we would love to hear your feedback and how we can help to support you and your dental assisting career.

My Best to you and your families for a very special New Year.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Dental Assistant Workforce Shortage Advisory Committee (DAWSAC)

Dr. Clark reported that during the last DAWSAC meeting on February 17, 2026, discussions centered on the issues of OPA/scaling assistants, hygiene assistants, and workforce retention were divisive.

Ms. Jorgensen proffered that DAWSAC meetings are amazing in that they are informative and filled with different perspectives. Referring to her written statement on hygiene assistants, Ms. Jorgensen agreed with Dr. Fairlee's assessment that several options must be considered to address the workforce shortage.

Ms. Rowley clarified that the ODHA is not interested in any kind of litigation surrounding these issues and would want to work with the ODA on solutions.

The December 9, 2025, DAWSAC meeting minutes were included in the packet.

The February 17, 2026, DAWSAC draft meeting minutes were included in the packet.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board Member & Staff Updates

Interim Director Robinson announced that Dr. Michelle Aldrich has informed the Board that she will not seek reappointment to the OBD at the conclusion of her current term, which ends on April 3, 2026. Ms. Robinson shared that Dr. Aldrich joined the Board on April 3, 2022, and throughout her tenure has provided exemplary service and leadership. Ms. Robinson added that Dr. Aldrich's clinical experience, as well as her previous licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist, has brought significant depth and perspective to Board discussions and decision-making.

Ms. Robinson announced that Dr. Terrence Clark has also indicated that he will not seek an additional term on the OBD. Ms. Robinson stated that Dr. Clark joined the Board on April 3, 2022, and his current term concludes on April 3, 2026. Ms. Robinson shared that she is deeply grateful for Dr. Clark's service and steadfast support of the Board's mission. Ms. Robinson added that his experience in private practice and his thoughtful insight have been invaluable contributions to Board deliberations and decisions.

Ms. Robinson stated that during their service, Dr. Aldrich and Dr. Clark each chaired and participated in multiple OBD committees. Ms. Robinson added that they generously dedicated their time and expertise to regular and special Board meetings, committee meetings, rulemaking hearings, and workgroups. Their professionalism, leadership, and commitment have made a lasting impact on the Board's work.

Ms. Robinson announced that the Board member application is posted on the homepage of the OBD website under Board Member Positions Open. Ms. Robinson said she welcomed recommendations and that the application period would be open until the end of March. Ms. Robinson estimated that new Board members would start in June at the earliest but more likely at the August Board meeting.

Ms. Robinson stated that the Board looks forward to welcoming two new Board members. In the interim, she added, the Board appreciates that Dr. Aldrich and Dr. Clark have graciously agreed to continue serving until their successors are appointed, ensuring a smooth and seamless transition.

CODA – Site Accreditation Visits

State Board Representative: Michelle Aldrich, DMD
Rogue Community College
Grants Pass, OR
4/15/2026-4/16/2026
Program: Dental Hygiene

Dr. Aldrich confirmed that she will be present at the Rogue Community College site visit.

Ms. Robinson announced that OBD staff celebrated and recognized Dr. Bernie Carter for seven years of service with the OBD on February 1st.

OBD Budget Status Report

Ms. Robinson presented the attached latest budget report for the 2025 - 2027 Biennium. Ms. Robinson highlighted that this report, which is from July 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, shows revenue of \$1,095,992.66 and expenditures of \$1,125,810.09. **Attachment #1**

Customer Service Survey

Ms. Robinson reported that the legislatively mandated survey results from July 1, 2025 – February 17, 2026, show that the OBD continues to receive positive ratings from the majority of those who submit a survey. **Attachment #2**

FY 2025 Accounts Receivable Honor Roll

Ms. Robinson announced that the OBD again was recognized for financial controls, aligning with one of the OBD's annual goals. Ms. Robinson reiterated that the OBD strives to submit timely and accurate A/R reports, and that this honor roll recognition memorializes our success. **Attachment #3**

2026 Dental License Renewal

Ms. Robinson reported that the 2026 dental license renewal began in late January and will conclude on March 31 for those Oregon dentists whose licenses expire in 2026.

Board and Staff Speaking Engagements

Ms. Robinson reported that Kathleen McNeal gave a virtual License Application presentation to the graduating Dental Hygiene Students at OIT in Salem on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

2026 Legislative Session

Ms. Robinson reported that the 2026 Legislative Session began on February 2, 2026, and directed the Board's attention to HB 4040 for discussion. Ms. Robinson stated that she would be monitoring the insurance industry response to HB 4040. **Attachment #4**

American Association of Dental Boards Mid-Year Meeting

Ms. Robinson announced that the AADB Mid-Year Meeting is scheduled for April 24 – 25, 2026 in Rosemont, Illinois. Ms. Robinson explained that, despite a moratorium on out-of-state travel, she could send one Board member to the meeting by providing justification to the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO). Ms. Robinson offered that any Board Members interested in attending should confirm with her by the end of the next week, so she can assist with logistics and approve travel authorization. **Attachment #5**

CRDTS Annual Meeting

Ms. Robinson announced that the CRDTS Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 28 – 29, 2026 in Omaha, Nebraska. Ms. Robinson offered that any Board Members interested in attending should confirm with her, so she can assist with logistics and approve travel authorization. **Attachment #6**

Ms. Simmons indicated she would like to attend the CRDTS Annual Meeting. Ms. Robinson said she would register Ms. Simmons for the event.

Newsletter

Ms. Robinson announced that OBD staff will produce a late summer newsletter with updates on new board members, strategic planning session updates, and other important news for Licensees. Ms. Robinson said she hoped to include the newsletter at the August Board meeting.

Workday Training

Ms. Robinson presented an option for in-person Workday training for Board members. Board members chose the in-person option, and Ms. Robinson said she would provide logistical information at the April Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND RULES

Dr. Kalluri directed the Board's attention to a letter from the Oregon State Police regarding rule changes associated with fingerprint-based background checks. The Board discussed

the rule changes that would make fingerprinting for a national criminal history check compulsory, as opposed to discretionary.

Ms. Robinson reported that the other Oregon healthcare-related boards received this letter and that she is in talks with them about a joint effort to clean up the rule during the next legislative session.

CORRESPONDENCE

- February 12, 2026, ADEX letter in support of State Dental Boards
- February 5, 2026, Report of the ADEX Licensure Examinations
- OHA announcement of OHP Clinical Connections series
- February 13, 2026, email from Bradley Guye from Ethics Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS)

The Board discussed remediation and re-education services offered by EBAS and CRDTS.

OTHER

Items were in the Board meeting packet for informational purposes.

- OBD Recognition as 2025 Wellbeing First Champion – Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation
- OPMC Membership Recruitment Notice

Ms. Ludwig encouraged dental representation on the Oregon Pain Management Commission (OPMC).

- CSG Draft Rules for Public Hearing

The Board discussed the clinical assessment issues with which CSG is struggling.

- Other Public Comment (no comments)
- Tribes (no comments)

ARTICLES AND NEWS

- Artificial Intelligence in Dentistry: A Descriptive Review
- Overview of Artificial and Augmented Intelligence Uses in Dentistry

The Board discussed issues related to the use of artificial intelligence in dentistry. Dr. Smorra reminded the Board that there will be a fireside chat about AI at the ODC.

Ms. Robinson suggested exploring possible rule changes concerning patient and diagnostic records and other guidelines for AI use at the next Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee meeting.

The Board discussed meeting schedules for the standing committees and whether AI issues would be better placed on the Strategic Planning agenda.

Ms. Robinson suggested that she and Dr. Kalia, Committee Chair for Licensing, Standards and Competency, collaborate to schedule a committee meeting sometime in March.

Ms. Robinson announced that since the Board will be electing officers at the April Board meeting, she would be sending out survey forms in the next couple of weeks to get new members on committees.

- Trends in Dentists' Income, Revenue, and Hours Worked

The Board discussed practice ownership and staffing challenges in the current economic climate. The Board discussed trends in the types and numbers of Oregon licenses.

The Board turned its attention to Tab 18 - Strategic Planning and Tab 17 – License, Permit & Certification.

The Board took a 10-minute break.

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to Open Session at 9:40 a.m. President Kalluri took roll call and confirmed the Board had a quorum.

EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT

Executive Recruitment Overview: Sherry Lauer, Client Agency HR Manager from DAS, explained the need to revisit the Board's vote on the direct appointment of an Executive Director to the OBD.

President Kalluri reported that the governor's office was in support of the Board's decision to directly appoint Haley Robinson as Executive Director.

AAG Tyler Anderson explained that, as part of the statute, the Board's motion to appoint an Executive Director is subject to the approval of the governor's office. Mr. Anderson added that the governor's office thought it would be helpful for members of the public to have an opportunity to comment before making a motion to directly appoint the Executive Director.

Open Public Comment re: Executive Director Recruitment

- Open public comment period (no comments)

Dr. Clark moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board appoint Haley Robinson as Executive Director. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

Dr. Kalluri moved and Dr. Salathe seconded that the Board direct DAS to facilitate the Direct Appointment Process and Negotiation. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.345(4); ORS 192.660(2)(f), ORS 192.660(2)(f)(h) and (l); ORS 676.165, ORS 676.175(1) and ORS 679.320 to review records exempt from public disclosure, to review confidential materials and investigatory information, consider legal advice in regards to the Executive Director recruitment process, and to consult with counsel. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to Open Session at 12:24 p.m. President Kalluri took roll call and confirmed the Board had a quorum.

***Note the Board Members' votes are identified by their initials.**

CONSENT AGENDA

2026-0103, 2026-0112, 2026-0104, 2026-0110, 2026-0100, 2026-0113

Dr. Kalia moved and Dr. Clark seconded that the Board close the matters with a finding of No Violation or No Further Action. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

COMPLETED CASES

2026-0093, 2025-0199, 2025-0208, 2025-0206, 2026-0096, 2026-0050

Dr. Kalia moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board close the matters with a finding of No Violation or No Further Action. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0143

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Salathe seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0202

Dr. Salathe moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

PAUL K. CLARK, D.M.D.; 2025-0198 and 2026-0029

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Ms. Simmons seconded that the Board combine the cases and issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer the Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0197

Dr. Aldrich moved and Ms. Jorgensen seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2026-0010

Dr. Clark moved and Ms. Ludwig seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

SEAN S. KIM, D.M.D.; 2025-0191

Ms. Simmons moved and Ms. Ludwig seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer the Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand, a \$2,000.00 civil penalty payable within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, and completion of four hours of continuing education in area of dental record keeping from a Board approved course within 30 days of the effective date of the Order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2026-0060

Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2026-0061

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Salathe seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0213

Dr. Salathe moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

SHELLEY B. ROSS, R.D.H.; 2026-0058

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a

reprimand and a \$500 civil penalty be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

JOHN K. SULLIVAN, D.D.S.; 2026-0083, 2025-0194, 2025-0106, 2025-0126, 2025-0130, 2025-0136, 2025-0147, 2025-0148, and 2025-0154

Dr. Aldrich moved and Dr. Clark seconded that the Board accept Licensee's proposal and offer Licensee a Consent Agreement incorporating a reprimand, accepting Licensee's permanent Dental License resignation, ordering Licensee to pay a patient refund of \$1,987.00 to KPF payable within 180 days of the effective date of the Order, pay a patient refund of \$3,907.00 to patient JH within 180 days of the effective date of the Order, pay a patient refund of \$3,906.00 to patient JM within 180 days of the effective date of the Order, and pay a patient refund of \$1,752.00 to patient JH within 180 days of the effective date of the Order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

GERALD L. TORGESON, D.D.S.; 2026-0027

Dr. Clark moved and Ms. Simmons seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand, and civil penalty of \$2,900.00 payable within 30 days of the effective date of the Order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2026-0068

Ms. Simmons moved and Ms. Ludwig seconded that the Board close the matter with a Letter of Concern. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

PREVIOUS CASES REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

JOHN O. TURNER, D.M.D.; 2025-0080

Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board issue an Amended Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer the Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand, a \$1,500.00 civil penalty payable within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, \$4,501.00 restitution payable to patient MO within 60 days of the effective date of the Order, and a \$36,198.00 refund payable to patient MO within 450 days of the effective date of the Order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

ERIN E. WAID, D.M.D.; 2025-0203

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Kalia seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a Reprimand, and a \$1,000 civil penalty payable within 30 days. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye and Dr. Aldrich voting Nay.

Dr. Salathe moved and Dr. Kalia seconded that the Board deny Wallace Dick, D.D.S.

request to remove his disciplinary action from the Oregon Board of Dentistry website. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye. Dr. Aldrich recused herself.

LICENSING & EXAMINATION ISSUES

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board grant Isaac Arakaki, D.D.S. a minimal sedation permit based on training equivalent to the comprehensive training program consisting of at least 16 hours required by the current ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

Ms. McNeal stated that she would memorialize into the Licensing Handbook the Board's decision to accept two separate ADA approved courses that fulfill the comprehensive training requirement in the ADA Guidelines to obtain a minimal sedation permit. Ms. McNeal added that this information would also be shared in the next newsletter.

Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board approve the dental license for Robert Stockdale, D.D.S. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Dr. Kalia seconded that the Board ratify the licenses presented in Tab 16. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

LICENSE, PERMIT & CERTIFICATION

Ms. Simmons moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board approve the reinstatement of expired license for Tyler Andrew Fix, D.M.D. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

Dr. Salathe moved and Ms. Ludwig seconded that the Board approve the reinstatement of expired license for Dena M Schimel, R.D.H. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, TC, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2026 – 2029 STRATEGIC PLANNING

Ms. Robinson gave a preview of the strategic planning process that would take place over the next two days. The Board reviewed and discussed survey responses. Suggestions for future surveys were made, including asking for the practice location of respondents.

Ms. Rowley stated that she would like to see more robust representation on the standing committees, noting that there were only three hygienists on the Dental Hygiene Committee.

The Board discussed how to better utilize its committees.

