

**OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aarati Kalluri, D.D.S., President
Sheena Kansal, D.D.S., Vice President
Reza Sharifi, 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. (via Zoom)
Ginny Jorgensen

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Prisby, Executive Director
Angela Smorra, D.M.D., Dental Director/Chief Investigator
Winthrop “Bernie” Carter, D.D.S., Dental Investigator
Haley Robinson, Office Manager
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, Oregon Dental Association (ODA); Lisa Rowley, Advocacy & Membership Director, Oregon Dental Hygienists’ Association (ODHA); Mary Harrison, Vice President, Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA); Gail Aamodt, R.D.H.; Matt Sinnott, Willamette Dental; Amy Coplen, R.D.H., DT, Pacific University

VIA ZOOM*: Caroline Zeller, D.D.S., President, ODA Board of Trustees; Katherine Landsberg, Director of Government Relations, Dental Assisting National Board (DANB); Alica Riedman; Dr. Julie Spaniel; Raelene Cabrera, DT; Mary Ann Wren; Mindy Davis; Sammi Snyder

*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 8:00 a.m.

President Aarati Kalluri welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the Board Members, Joanna Tucker-Davis, and Stephen Prisby introduce themselves. Dr. Kalluri announced that Board members Dr. Terrence Clark and Mr. Kieshawn Lewis had excused absences.

Dr. Kalluri announced that the Board had a quorum and 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of April 25, 2025 Minutes

Dr. Kansal moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board approve the minutes from the June 13, 2025 Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Oregon Dental Association (ODA)

Caroline Zeller, DDS, MPH, President of the ODA, announced the ODA Regional Event November 7-8, 2025 at Salishan Coastal Lodge where attendees could earn up to eleven hours of continuing education. Dr. Zeller directed everyone to the ODA website for details about the event.

Dr. Zeller shared that the ODA recently held a two-phase Hope For The Day (HFTD) Wellness Ambassador Training supporting mental health in both peer-to-peer and professional dental environments. Dr. Zeller shared details about the event and announced that there will be an upcoming opportunity in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month (September) to participate in these trainings for free. Dr. Zeller said she would share information about those upcoming events with the Board.

Dr. Zeller presented ODA's report to the Board regarding scaling dental assistants. Dr. Zeller respectfully urged the Board to postpone rulemaking on the proposed revisions to OAR 818-042-0040 and instead assign staff to conduct a thorough analysis of the potential impacts of scaling dental assistants in Oregon.

Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA)

Lisa Rowley, Advocacy & Membership Director, stated that the ODHA strongly recommends that the Oregon Board of Dentistry move the proposed amendment to OAR 818-042-0040, that would clarify that dental assistants are prohibited from performing periodontal probing and removing supra- and subgingival stains and deposits from teeth, to a public rulemaking hearing to allow the public and interested parties to provide feedback on this issue before the Board makes a decision on this proposal. Ms. Rowley stated that the Rules Oversight Committee has recommended that the Board send 818-042-0040 Prohibited Acts for dental assistants to a public rulemaking hearing, and that the ODHA urges the Board to move forward with the committee's recommendation in keeping with the Board's regular rulemaking process.

Ms. Rowley stated that the proposed rule would not prevent future discussions about expanding the scope of practice for dental assistants and reminded the Board that the ODHA supported the local anesthesia functions certificate for dental assistants and would continue to support expanding scope of practice for dental assistants with appropriate education and certification.

Ms. Rowley reminded the Board that ORS 680.020 states that (1) It is unlawful for any person not otherwise authorized by law to practice dental hygiene or purport to be a dental hygienist without a valid license to practice dental hygiene issued by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

Ms. Rowley clarified that dental hygienists are educated and licensed to perform periodontal probing and to remove supra- and subgingival stains and deposits from the teeth. Ms. Rowley stressed that these two skills are the foundation of dental hygiene practice, expounding that dental hygiene education programs must include at least two academic years of full-time college level instruction, or its equivalent, because it takes at least two years to develop these skills. Ms. Rowley stated that the public deserves to receive this treatment from licensed dental providers who have demonstrated competency in these skills while they are in an accredited dental education program.

Ms. Rowley reported that this year 159 dental hygiene students have or will graduate from Oregon dental hygiene education programs. Ms. Rowley pointed out that in fall 2024, two new dental hygiene education programs opened in Oregon. Ms. Rowley announced that the new program at Concorde Career College is scheduled to graduate 32 students in October 2025 and the new program at Rogue Community College is scheduled to graduate 20 students in June 2026. Ms. Rowley added that a list of Oregon's dental hygiene education programs was included with this report along with information about dental hygiene as a career and an overview of CODA accreditation of dental hygiene education programs.

Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA)

Mary Harrison, Vice President of ODAA, stated that this is a very exciting time for dental assistants. Ms. Harrison reported that the courses for local anesthetic are filling up or full, noting

that the interest was amazing and very interesting. Ms. Harrison added that dental assistants are excited to accept new and helpful functions for their careers and the support of the dental offices that will take advantage of this new assistant function. Ms. Harrison reported that ODAA has been asked about the benefits these assistants should receive. Ms. Harrison stated that, as a professional membership organization, ODAA did not have this information, but that ODAA looked forward to gathering data in the future to better serve and support their members.

Ms. Harrison announced that the Oregon Association of Dental Labs (OADL) holds their annual meeting September 12th, 2025 and that the ODAA will be joining them for the second time. Ms. Harrison added that it will be a day of education for the whole dental team with a special gathering for the new LAC assistants. Ms. Harrison said the ODAA's theme is: Growth. Beyond the Chair: From Skill to Impact featuring speakers Dr. David Carsten, Dentistry 2035; Haley Robinson, OBD Update; Heather Wynkoop, Unbreakable Teams: Build Trust That Sticks; Tina Clarke, Unbreakable Teams: Build Trust That Sticks; and The Empower Hour: Celebration meets opportunity. Ms. Harrison said a panel of recent LACs and RFCs will lead a discussion regarding new DA functions and how they are being implemented into practice.

Ms. Harrison announced that the entire program and registration would be available soon at the [ODAA website](#) and that she was looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Ms. Harrison reminded the Board that the ODAA continues to support ODHA's position on the OPA. With concerns about a shortage of dental assistants, Ms. Harrison questioned why an assistant would leave their assistant duties to move to another area to scale a patient. Ms. Harrison suggested that, if an assistant is interested in scaling, she/he would leave assisting and return to school to study hygiene. Ms. Harrison elaborated that dental hygiene is not a simple function, and that many other issues needed to be included, such as probing, attachments, anatomy, etc. Ms. Harrison pointed out that letters have been written and testimony presented opposing the OPA on local and national levels.

Ms. Harrison recounted that, after discussion, a motion was made at the Rules Committee meeting to direct OBD staff to develop a dental assistant registration process. Ms. Harrison reported that members of the committee agreed that more time and discussion was needed to gather information about this possibility. Ms. Harrison stated that presently there is no way to know who is employed as an assistant in Oregon, adding that, without contact information, there is no way to share information about new rules and updates to these individuals themselves except through a message to the dentist employer. Ms. Harrison offered that ODAA would be very happy to assist in any way needed to make this happen. Ms. Harrison stated that ODAA believes this listing would be helpful for the entire dental team.

The Board discussed issues related to scaling and probing and dental assistant duties.

Mr. Prisby introduced a discussion of issues related to creating a dental assistant registry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND RULES

Mr. Prisby reviewed the rulemaking process and recommended that the Board hold a virtual public rulemaking hearing on September 30, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. on proposed rule changes with the effective date of December 1, 2025. Mr. Prisby clarified that the Board would hold public rule comments open from September 2, 2025 through October 10, 2025. Mr. Prisby added that the Board would review comments and vote on rule changes at the October 24, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Aldrich moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board move OAR 818-001-0087 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-001-0087

Fees

(1) The Board adopts the following fees:

(a) Biennial License Fees:

(A) Dental — \$4490;

(B) Dental — retired — \$0;

(C) Dental Faculty — \$4385;

(D) Volunteer Dentist — \$0;

(E) Dental Hygiene — \$25579;

(F) Dental Hygiene — retired — \$0;

(G) Volunteer Dental Hygienist — \$0;

(H) Dental Therapy - \$25579;

(I) Dental Therapy - retired - \$0;

(b) Biennial Permits, Endorsements or Certificates:

(A) Nitrous Oxide Permit — \$40;

(B) Minimal Sedation Permit — \$75;

(C) Moderate Sedation Permit — \$75200;

(D) Deep Sedation Permit — \$75400;

(E) General Anesthesia Permit — \$4400;

(F) Radiology — \$75;

(G) Expanded Function Dental Assistant — \$50;

(H) Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant — \$50;

(I) Instructor Permits — \$40;

(J) Dental Hygiene Restorative Functions Endorsement — \$50;

(K) Restorative Functions Dental Assistant — \$50;

(L) Anesthesia Dental Assistant — \$50;

(M) Dental Hygiene, Expanded Practice Permit — \$75;

(N) Non-Resident Dental Background Check - \$100.00;

(c) Applications for Licensure:

(A) Dental — General and Specialty — \$445;

(B) Dental Faculty — \$405;

(C) Dental Hygiene — \$210;

(D) Dental Therapy - \$210;

(E) Licensure Without Further Examination — Dental — \$890.

(F) Licensure Without Further Examination — Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy — \$820

(d) Examinations:

(e) Jurisprudence — \$0;

(f) Duplicate Wall Certificates — \$50.

(2) Fees must be paid at the time of application and are not refundable.

(3) The Board shall not refund moneys under \$5.01 received in excess of amounts due or to which the Board has no legal interest unless the person who made the payment or the person's legal representative requests a refund in writing within one year of payment to the Board.

Dr. Kalluri moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board move OAR 818-042-0080 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-042-0080

Certification – Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)

The Board may certify a dental assistant as an expanded function assistant:

(1) By credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or

(2) If the assistant submits a completed application, pays the fee and provides evidence of;

(a) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and satisfactory completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation; or

(b) ~~Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and passage of the Oregon Basic, Infection Control or Certified Dental Assisting (CDA) examination, and the Expanded Function Dental Assistant examination;~~ Oregon Expanded Functions with Infection Control examination, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or prior passage of the Certified Dental Assistant examination or Infection Control Examination and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions General Dental Assisting exam, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by DANB or any other testing entity authorized by the Board; and certification by an Oregon licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully removed supra-gingival excess cement from four (4) crowns and/or fixed partial dentures (bridges) with hand instruments; placed temporary restorative material in three (3) teeth; preliminarily fitted four (4) crowns to check contacts or to adjust occlusion outside the mouth; removed four (4) temporary crowns for final cementation and cleaned teeth for final cementation; fabricated four (4) temporary crowns and/or fixed partial dentures (bridges) and temporarily cemented the crowns and/or fixed partial dentures (bridges); polished the coronal surfaces of

teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis in six (6) patients; placed matrix bands on four (4) teeth prepared for Class II restorations. The dental assistant must submit within six months' certification by a licensed dentist that the dental assistant is proficient to perform all the expanded function duties in subsection (b). If no expanded function certificate is issued within the six months, the dental assistant is no longer able to continue to perform expanded function duties until EFDA certification is achieved.

Dr. Kansal moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board move OAR 818-042-0110 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-042-0110

Certification - Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)

The Board may certify a dental assistant as an expanded function orthodontic assistant:

- (1) By credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or
- (2) Completion of an application, payment of fee and satisfactory evidence of:
 - (a) Completion of a course of instruction in a program in dental assisting accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or
 - (b) Passage of the ~~Oregon Basic, Infection Control, Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) examination, and Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant examination,~~ Oregon Orthodontic Expanded Functions with Infection Control examination, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or prior passage of the Certified Dental Assistant, Certified Orthodontic Assistant or Infection Control Examination administered by DANB and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assisting exam, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by DANB, or any other testing entity authorized by the Board; and certification by an Oregon licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully placed and ligated orthodontic wires on ten (10) patients and removed bands/brackets and remaining adhesive using an ultrasonic, hand scaler or a slow speed hand piece from teeth on four (4) patients. The dental assistant must submit within six months' certification by a licensed dentist that the dental assistant is proficient to perform all the expanded function duties in subsection (b). If no expanded function orthodontic certificate is issued within the six months, the dental assistant is no longer able to continue to perform expanded orthodontic function duties until EFODA certification is achieved.

Dr. Kalluri moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board move OAR 818-042-0113 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-042-0113

Certification — Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants (EFPDA)

The Board may certify a dental assistant as an expanded function preventive dental assistant:

- (1) By credential in accordance with OAR 818-042-0120, or
- (2) If the assistant submits a completed application, pays the fee and provides evidence of:
 - (a) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and satisfactory completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
 - (b) Certification of Radiologic Proficiency (OAR 818-042-0060); and passage of the ~~Oregon Basic or Infection Control examination, and Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) examination, or the Expanded Function Dental Assistant examination, or the Coronal Polishing (CP) examination,~~ Oregon Expanded Functions with Infection Control examination; or passage of the Coronal Polishing with Infection Control examination, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB), or any other testing entity authorized by the Board, or prior passage of the Infection Control Examination and passage of the Oregon Expanded Functions General Dental Assisting exam or Coronal Polishing exam, or equivalent successor examinations, administered by DANB, or any other testing entity authorized by the Board; and certification by an Oregon licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully polished the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains on six (6) patients. The dental assistant must submit within six months' certification by a licensed dentist that the dental assistant is proficient to perform all the expanded function preventive duties in subsection (b). If no expanded function preventive certificate is issued within the six months, the dental assistant is no longer able to continue to perform expanded function preventive duties until EFPDA certification is achieved.

Dr. Adrich moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board move OAR 818-012-0010 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-012-0010

Unacceptable Patient Care

The Board finds, using the criteria set forth in ORS 679.140(4), that a licensee engages in or permits the performance of unacceptable patient care if the licensee does or permits any person to:

- (1) Provide treatment which exposes a patient to risk of harm when equivalent or better treatment with less risk to the patient is available.
- (2) Fail to seek consultation whenever the welfare of a patient would be safeguarded or advanced by having recourse to those who have special skills, knowledge and experience; provided, however, that it is not a violation of this section to omit to seek consultation if other competent

licensees in the same locality and in similar circumstances would not have sought such consultation.

- (3) Fail to provide or arrange for emergency treatment for a patient currently receiving treatment.
- (4) Fail to exercise supervision required by the Dental Practice Act over any person or permit any person to perform duties for which the person is not licensed or certified.
- (5) Fail to ensure radiographic and other imaging are of diagnostic quality.
- (6) Render services which the licensee is not licensed to provide.
- (7) Fail to comply with ORS 453.605 to 453.755 or rules adopted pursuant thereto relating to the use of x-ray machines.
- (8) Fail to maintain patient records in accordance with OAR 818-012-0070.
- (9) Fail to provide goods or services in a reasonable period of time which are due to a patient pursuant to a contract with the patient or a third party.
- (10) Attempt to perform procedures which the licensee is not capable of performing due to physical or mental disability.
- (11) Perform any procedure for which the patient or patient's guardian has not previously given informed consent provided, however, that in an emergency situation, if the patient is a minor whose guardian is unavailable or the patient is unable to respond, a licensee may render treatment in a reasonable manner according to community standards.
- (12) Use the behavior management technique of Hand Over Mouth (HOM) without first obtaining informed consent for the use of the technique.
- (13) Use the behavior management technique of Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.
- (14) Fail to determine and document a dental justification prior to ordering a Cone Beam CT series with field greater than 10x10 cm for patients under 20 years of age where pathology, anatomical variation or potential treatment complications would not be otherwise visible with a Full Mouth Series, Panoramic or Cephalometric radiographs.
- (15) Fail to advise a patient of any recognized treatment complications.
- (16) Fail to maintain proper storage or handling of medications, including injectables, according federal regulations, guidelines, standards, and manufacturer recommendations.**
- (17) Fail to obtain and maintain a written informed consent prior to administering Botulinum Toxin Type A or dermal fillers.**

Dr. Kansal moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board move OAR 818-035-0025 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-035-0025

Prohibited Acts

A dental hygienist may not:

- (1) Diagnose and treatment plan other than for dental hygiene services;

- (2) Cut hard or soft tissue with the exception of root planing, except as provided in OAR 818-035-0065;
- (3) Extract any tooth;
- ~~(4) Fit or adjust any correctional or prosthetic appliance except as provided by OAR 818-035-0030(1)(h);~~
- (4) Perform intraoral adjustment of fixed and removable prosthesis or appliances.
- (5) Prescribe, administer or dispense any drugs except as provided by OAR 818-035-0030, OAR 818-035-0040, OAR 818-026-0060(12), OAR 818-026-0065(12) and 818-026-0070 (12);
- (6) Place, condense, carve or cement permanent restorations except as provided in OAR 818-035-0072, or operatively prepare teeth;
- (7) Irrigate or medicate canals; try in cones, or ream, file or fill canals;
- (8) Use the behavior management techniques of Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.
- (9) Place or remove healing caps or healing abutments, except under indirect supervision.
- (10) Place implant impression copings, except under indirect supervision.
- (11) Any Act in violation of Board statute or rules.

Dr. Kansal moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board move OAR 818-035-0030 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-035-0030

Additional Functions of Dental Hygienists

- (1) In addition to functions set forth in ORS 679.010, a dental hygienist may perform the following functions under the general supervision of a licensed dentist:
 - (a) Make preliminary intra-oral and extra-oral examinations and record findings;
 - (b) Place periodontal dressings;
 - (c) Remove periodontal dressings or direct a dental assistant to remove periodontal dressings;
 - (d) Perform all functions delegable to dental assistants and expanded function dental assistants providing that the dental hygienist is appropriately trained;
 - (e) Administer and dispense antimicrobial solutions or other antimicrobial agents in the performance of dental hygiene functions.
 - (f) Prescribe, administer and dispense fluoride, fluoride varnish, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing or other non-systemic antimicrobial agents.
 - (g) Use high-speed handpieces to polish restorations and to remove cement and adhesive material.
 - (h) Apply temporary soft relines after manufacturer required denture preparation to complete dentures for the purpose of tissue conditioning.
 - (i) Perform all aspects of teeth whitening procedures.
- (2) A dental hygienist may perform the following functions at the locations and for the persons described in ORS 680.205(1) and (2) without the supervision of a dentist:

- (a) Determine the need for and appropriateness of sealants or fluoride; and
- (b) Apply sealants or fluoride.
- (3) In addition to functions set forth in ORS 679.010, a dental hygienist may perform the following functions under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist:
 - (a) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a dental hygienist 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.
 - (b) Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a dental hygienist 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.
- (4) Perform extraoral adjustment of fixed and removable prosthesis or appliances.**
- (5) A dental hygienist with a local anesthesia endorsement may utilize Botulinum Toxin Type A to treat conditions that are within the oral and maxillofacial region after completing a minimum of 10 hours in a hands on clinical course(s) in Botulinum Toxin Type A, and the provider is approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE) or by the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP). Alternatively, a dental hygienist with a local anesthesia endorsement may meet the requirements of subsection (4) by successfully completing training in Botulinum Toxin Type A as part of a CODA accredited program.**

Dr. Aldrich moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board move OAR 818-042-0040 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, MA, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye and SK, RS, and OS voting Nay.

OAR 818-042-0040

Prohibited Acts

No licensee may authorize any dental assistant to perform the following acts:

- (1) Diagnose or plan treatment.
- (2) Cut hard or soft tissue.
- (3) Any Expanded Function duty (OAR 818-042-0070 and OAR 818-042-0090) or Expanded Orthodontic Function duty (OAR 818-042-0100) or Restorative Functions (OAR 818-042-0095) or Expanded Preventive Duty (OAR 818-042-0113 and OAR 818-042-0114) or Expanded Function Anesthesia (OAR 818-042-0115) without holding the appropriate certification.
- (4) Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth except as provided by OAR 818-042-0100.
- (5) Adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient's mouth.
- (6) Administer any drug except as allowed under the indirect supervision of a Licensee, such as

fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, topical tooth whitening agents, over the counter medications per package instructions or drugs administered pursuant to OAR 818-026-0050(5), OAR 818-026-0060(12), OAR 818-026-0065(12), OAR 818-026-0070(12) and as provided in OAR 818-042-0070, OAR 818-042-0090 and OAR 818-042-0115.

(7) Prescribe any drug.

(8) Place periodontal packs.

(9) Start nitrous oxide.

(10) Remove stains or deposits except as provided in OAR 818-042-0070.

(11) Use ultrasonic equipment intra-orally except as provided in OAR 818-042-0100.

(12) Use hand instruments, air polishers, ultrasonic equipment or other devices to remove supragingival and subgingival stains and deposits from tooth surfaces.

(1~~3~~2~~3~~) Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095, and only for the purpose of adjusting occlusion, contouring, and polishing restorations on the tooth or teeth that are being restored.

(1~~3~~4) Use lasers, except laser-curing lights.

(1~~4~~5) Use air abrasion or air polishing.

(1~~5~~6) Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure.

(1~~6~~7) Cement or bond any fixed prosthesis or orthodontic appliance including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances except as provided in OAR 818-042-0100.

(1~~7~~8) Condense and carve permanent restorative material except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095.

(1~~8~~9) Place any type of retraction material subgingivally except as provided in OAR 818-042-0090.

(~~12~~20) Apply denture relines except as provided in OAR 818-042-0090(2).

(2~~0~~1) Expose radiographs without holding a current Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency issued by the Board (OAR 818-042-0050 and OAR 818-042-0060) except while taking a course of instruction approved by the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Public Health Division, Office of Environmental Public Health, Radiation Protection Services, or the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2~~4~~2) Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient.

(2~~2~~3) Perform periodontal assessment and periodontal probing.

(2~~3~~4) Place or remove healing caps or healing abutments, except under indirect supervision.

(2~~4~~5) Place implant impression copings, except under indirect supervision.

(2~~5~~6) Perform intraoral adjustment of fixed and removable prosthesis or appliances.

(27) ~~Any a~~Act in violation of Board statute or rules.

Dr. Kansal moved and Ms. Jorgensen seconded that the Board move OAR 818-042-0096 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-042-0096

Local Anesthesia Functions of Dental Assistants

(1) The Board shall issue a Local Anesthesia Functions Certificate (LAFC) to a dental assistant who holds an Oregon EFDA Certificate, and has successfully completed a Board approved curriculum from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board.

(2) The Board shall issue a Local Anesthesia Functions Certificate (LAFC) to a dental assistant who holds an Oregon Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant Certificate, and has successfully completed a Board approved curriculum from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board.

(23) A dental assistant may administer local anesthetic agents and local anesthetic reversal agents under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist. Local anesthetic reversal agents shall not be used on children less than 6 years of age or weighing less than 33 pounds.

Dr. Kansal moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board move OAR 818-042-0115 as presented to a public rulemaking period. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OAR 818-042-0115

Expanded Functions — Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant

(1) A dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit may verbally authorize a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant, who possesses a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant certificate from the Oregon Board of Dentistry to:

(a) Administer medications into an existing intravenous (IV) line of a patient under sedation or anesthesia under direct visual supervision.

(b) Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the licensee in an emergent situation under direct visual supervision.

(c) Perform phlebotomy for dental procedures in accordance with OAR 818-042-0117.

(2) A dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit may verbally authorize a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant to dispense to a patient, oral medications that have been prepared by the dentist and given to the anesthesia dental assistant by the supervising dentist for oral administration to a patient under Indirect Supervision.

Mr. Prisby directed the Board's attention to a letter from Raelene Cabrera, MDT to the Board requesting a proposed amendment to OAR 818-038-0020. The Board discussed issues regarding dental therapists placing space maintainers.

Ms. Simmons moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board to refer Proposed Amendment to OAR 818-038-0020 as presented to the Dental Therapy Rules Oversight Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OBD Budget Status Report

Director Prisby presented the latest budget report for the 2023 - 2025 Biennium. Mr. Prisby indicated that this report, which is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, shows revenue of \$4,024,194.06 and expenditures of \$3,567,439.36. Mr. Prisby announced that the final reconciliation and numbers for the 2023 – 2025 Biennium will be available in October.

Customer Service Survey – FY 2025

Mr. Prisby presented the attached legislatively mandated survey results for FY 2025, which is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Mr. Prisby shared that the results of the survey show that the OBD received positive ratings from the majority of those that submitted a survey.

OBD Letter to the Governor

Mr. Prisby recounted that at the June 13th Board Meeting, Board Members directed him to send a letter to the Governor addressing legislation: proposing some flexibility on scheduling DAWSAC meetings and a proposal for dental hygienists to administer vaccinations.

2025 Legislative Session

Mr. Prisby presented legislation tracked on behalf of the OBD.

Agency Head Financial Transactions FY 2025 Report (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Mr. Prisby explained that Board Policy requires that annually the entire Board review agency head financial transactions for the last Fiscal Year and that acceptance of the report be recorded in the minutes. Mr. Prisby asked the Board to review the report and, if there were no objections, approve it. Mr. Prisby added that this report follows the close of the recent fiscal year and offered to answer any questions regarding the report.

Dr. Kansal moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board approve the Agency Head Financial Transactions FY 2025 Report as presented. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

Delegated Duties Executive Director & Staff

Mr. Prisby stated that annually the Board is asked to review & approve delegated duties and position description of the executive director.

Dr. Kalluri moved and Dr. Salathe seconded that the Board approve Delegated Duties and Position Description of the Executive Director as presented. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

Board Best Practices Self-Assessment & Score Card

Mr. Prisby explained that as a part of the legislatively approved Performance Measures, the Board needs to affirm or not, that the Best Practices have been completed for the fiscal year. Mr. Prisby clarified that the Self-Assessment Score Card is utilized to memorialize this, so that it can be included as a part of the FY 2025 annual progress report. Mr. Prisby announced that he will provide the FY 2025 annual progress report at the October 24, 2025, Board Meeting.

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that the Board affirm that Best Practices have been Completed for the Fiscal Year as presented. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2026 Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Prisby provided 2026 Board Meeting dates for the Board to consider for next year.

Dr. Kalluri moved and Ms. Simmons seconded that the Board approve proposed 2026 Board Meeting Dates as presented. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

Implementation of govDelivery email

Mr. Prisby reported that Ms. Robinson and he met with a Granicus representative on July 2, 2025. Mr. Prisby pointed out the attached document showing the implementation timeline and process ahead for OBD staff to implement the new email delivery system.

Dental Hygiene & Dental Therapy License Renewal

Mr. Prisby reported that the license renewal period started in mid-July and ends on September 30, 2025, and that it was progressing well. Mr. Prisby gave a friendly reminder that audits of Continuing Education are planned to be conducted after the renewal period closes, as it was for the dentists who renewed their licenses earlier in the year. Mr. Prisby stated that audits will commence in October on a select number of those who renewed their licenses, adding that the Board has audited licensees for compliance with Continuing Education requirements since 1999.

Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit – Educators Conference

Mr. Prisby shared that this fall a summit will host the annual meetings of the CDCA-WREB-CITA, the American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) and the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) for a collaborative event at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine, Texas from Oct 15 – 19, 2025. Mr. Prisby announced that Ms. Simmons will attend this event and invited other Board members who are interested in attending to reach out to him.

Newsletter

Mr. Prisby announced that the OBD Newsletter is now available.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Kalluri reported that the OBD's committee and liaison assignments for May 2025 - April 2026 were available on the OBD website and noted that the assignments were attached for informational purposes.

Ms. Jorgensen announced that the next DAWSAC meeting is on September 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

- June 6, 2025 AADB Letter to State Boards
- CRDTS 2025 Notice of Annual Meeting
- June 30, 2025 DANB Letter to OBD regarding Exams
- July 14, 2025 ADA Leadership Communication to State Boards – Wellness Resources
- EFPDA Pathways Rule Change Proposal from Dr. Paul Fox

The Board discussed Dr. Fox's rule change proposal.

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Dr. Sharifi seconded that the Board refer Proposed Amendment to OAR 818-042-0113 as presented to the Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

OTHER

Items were in the Board meeting packet for informational purposes.

- OGEK – Prohibited Communication FAQ
- JCNDE Annual State Dental Board Forum

Ms. Simmons and Dr. Smorra reported that they attended the Joint Commission on National Dental Examiners 2025 State Dental Board Forum. Dr. Smorra explained that the forum reviewed candidate skills evaluations through various professional examinations. Dr. Smorra shared that a preview DHLOSCE will be available in the coming weeks if Board members wish to review this examination.

- HPRB – OHA Health Care Workforce Reporting Program
- CSG D/DH License Compact Commission Meeting Agendas and Minutes from Recent Meetings

ARTICLES AND NEWS

- National Dental Therapy Conference December 8-10, 2025
- Dentistry IQ – The Case for a Universal Dental Assistant License in the US
- ADEX MOU Announcement

- JOMI probing article
- Louisiana Passes New Compact Legislation – State #1
- ADTA Newsletter – July 2025
- Oregon Capital Chronicle – Oregon Ethics Commission Pursues Legislative Action, Further Revision on Meetings Policy

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.606 (2)(f)(L); ORS 676.165; ORS 676.175 (1), and ORS 679.320 to review confidential investigations, consider exempt records and to consult with legal counsel.

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to Open Session at 12:46 p.m. President Kalluri took roll call and announced the Board had a quorum.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

2026-0006, 2026-0004, 2025-0182, 2025-0172, 2025-0201, 2025-0209, 2025-0179, 2025-0210, 2025-0200, 2025-0211, 2026-0011, 2026-0003, 2025-0188, 2026-0017, 2026-0002, 2025-0211, 2025-0173, 2026-0008, 2026-0007, 2025-0181, 2025-0183

Dr. Kansal 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, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

COMPLETED CASES

2025-0158, 2025-0159, 2025-0084, 2026-0012, 2025-0204, 2025-0175, 2025-0187, 2025-0186, 2025-0205, 2025-0145, 2025-0121, 2025-0095, 2025-0101, 2025-0156

Dr. Kansal 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, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0120

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

MICHAEL D. CARLEY, D.D.S.; 2025-0169

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand and a \$2,000 civil penalty be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0051

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

2025-0122

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

2025-0142

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

JAMES A. KLUSMIER, D.D.S.; 2025-0170

Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Salathe seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand and a \$2,000 civil penalty to be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

SCOTT R. NEISH, D.M.D.; 2025-0059

Dr. Aldrich moved and Ms. Jorgensen seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a Reprimand; require two hours of continuing education related to record keeping within thirty days after the effective date of the Order; refund patient AG \$1,000 within thirty days of the effective date of the Order; and pay a \$1,000 civil penalty within sixty days of the effective date of the Order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

ROBERT H. PETERSON, D.D.S.; 2025-0144

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer the Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand, a civil penalty of \$6,000.00, and shall successfully complete a one hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority, and four additional hours of Board approved continuing education in the area of medications for managing dental pain. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0135

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

2025-0137

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

THORNTON D. SIMNITT, D.M.D.; 2025-0097

Dr. Salathe moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action and offer the Licensee a Consent Order incorporating a reprimand, and a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 paid within 30 days of the effective date of the Order. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

PREVIOUS CASE REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

DELON K. GILBERT, D.D.S.; 2010-0133

Ms. Ludwig moved and Dr. Aldrich seconded that the Board grant Licensee relief per OAR 818-001-0083. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

2025-0072

Dr. Aldrich moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board deny the request for the investigation file under ORS 676.175. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

LICENSEE; 2014-0066

Dr. Sharifi moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board move to vacate the ICO. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

DAVID C. PATTERSON, D.D.S.; 2025-0162

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

JOHN K. SULLIVAN, D.D.S.; 2025-0106

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Dr. Kalluri seconded that, in the matter of cases 2025-0106, 2025-0126, 2025-0130, 2025-0136, 2025-0147, 2025-0148, and 2025-0154, the Board issue a Final Default Order, suspending Licensee's license, until all previously requested documents are provided and approved by the Board. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

NATHAN M. TANNER, D.M.D.; 2024-0065, 2024-0100, and 2024-0127

Dr. Salathe moved and Dr. Kansal seconded that the Board deny the Licensee's request to withdraw the settlement agreement. The motion passed with AK, SK, RS, MA, OS, KS, SL, and GJ voting Aye.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES

LICENSE, PERMIT & CERTIFICATION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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