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Jim Pilla, Governor

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Date Posted January 6, 2026
REVISION POSTED January 14, 2026

Hampton Inn & Suites
Husker Conference Room
7343 Husker Circle
Lincoln, NE 68504-9816

Friday
January 16, 2026
9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held by WebEx conference and In-Person. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session discussion at the Hampton Inn & Suites. A WebEx line has also been established for the public rather than visit the open meeting location. If you wish to attend the meeting by WEBEX please let Jan Gadeken-Harris know by January 15, 2026 via email at janis.gadeken-harris@nebraska.gov or you can join by using the below WebEx link:

<https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m3d0b2d20b12433c21908df47961c9ca8>

or call in information is: 1-408-418-9388 using meeting number of: 2481 539 5084

Here is a link to the Open Meetings Act:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/display_html.php?begin_section=84-1407&end_section=84-1414

Here is a link to a copy of all the Open Session discussion items:

<https://dhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Meeting-Documents.aspx>

For information, contact Jan Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator, at 402/471-2118, or Janis.Gadeken-Harris@nebraska.gov

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

Announcement: There is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted near the door to the meeting room

2. Adoption of Agenda – Additions, Modifications, Reordering

3. Board of Dentistry Awards Presentations:

Dr. Dean Cope, DDS – Board Member 12/1/2015 – 11/30/2025

Dr. Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS – Board Member 1/24/2017 – 11/30/2025

4. Presentation: CRDTS (Central Regional Dental Testing Service) CARE Program – Sheli Cobler **(15-20 minutes)**

5. CRDTS Dental Examination Review Committee Zoom Meeting Report – Sam Jacoby, DDS

6. Public Comments

(Approx. time to go into Closed Session: 10:15 am)

7. Investigational Reports – **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-1,105 (The Board will go into closed session for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals).**

A. Investigation Cases

B. Compliance Monitoring Reports

C. Proposed Agreed Settlement

8. Application Review – **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1410**

A. Minimal Sedation Permit Application(s)

(Approx. time to reconvene Open Session: 10:45 am)

9. Application Review – **OPEN SESSION**

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10. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2025

11. Legislation Update

12. Regulations Update

13. Discussion(s):
 - A. Radiography Courses – Content, Availability and Acceptance – Dr. Giles
 - B. Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Miyamoto, Dr. Lanphier and Abby Rennau, RDH
- C. Regulation 172 NAC 53.010.01 (B) – requirements for Dental Assistants for coronal polishing**
14. Practice Question(s): Do you have to hold an expanded function permit to place attachments for clear liners?
15. Designation of the Method by which This Body will Give Public Notice of Its Meetings
16. Election of Officers for 2026
17. Board of Dentistry Meeting Schedule – Next scheduled meeting March 27, 2026
18. Public Comments
19. Adjournment

****The Board will work through LUNCH****

Based on discussion during the Board of Dentistry meeting held on January 5, 2024, if there are requests for additional Board meetings besides the Board's regularly scheduled meetings, a written request with justification of need for the meeting is required except to the extent otherwise allowed by law. Please send these requests to dhhs.medicaloffice@nebraska.gov or via regular mail to the Office of Medical & Specialized Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94986, Lincoln NE 68509-4986.

All items known at time of distribution of this agenda are listed; a current agenda is available on the First Floor, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Notice: A tape recording of the meeting will be made for the purpose of preparing minutes of the meeting. Said tape will not be transcribed but will be available to the public until such time that the minutes of this meeting are approved by the Board. In accordance with the records retention schedule of the Licensure Unit as authorized by Nebraska Statute, the Division may dispose of the tapes ten (10) days after the meeting; however, staff shall retain the tapes until the Board has approved the minutes.

Auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations needed to participate in a meeting can be requested by calling (402) 471-2118. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call DHHS via the Nebraska Relay System at 711 or (800) 833-7352 TDD at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.