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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY
March 27, 2026

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order by Terrence Lanphier, DDS, Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. on March 27, 2026, in the Husker Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Terrence Lanphier, DDS, MBA, MAGD, Chairperson
Gene Giles, DDS, Vice-Chairperson
Michael O'Hara, JD, PhD – Secretary
Brent Johnson, DDS
Amy Killeen, DDS, MS
Lynlee Medhi
Takanari Miyamoto, DDS, PhD, MBA, MDA, CAGS
Hannah Randell, MHPTT, RHD, PHRDH
Abby Rennau, RDH, BSDH, PHA
David Verbik, DDS, PhD

Absent: None

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Vonda Apking, Program Manager; Janis Gadenken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney; Marly Sandberg, Department Attorney; T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General; Trevor Klaassen, Alexandria Belcher and Mark Meyerson, Investigators with the Investigation Unit.

Lanphier announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on March 16, 2026, and revision posted March 23, 2026.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Giles moved, seconded by Rennau, to approve adoption of the agenda with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell, Rennau and Verbik. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

CRDTS DENTAL EXAMINATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – BOARD FEEDBACK

The Board had no comments at this time regarding the report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made at this time in the meeting.

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INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Johnson moved, seconded by Randell, to go into closed session at 9:03 a.m. 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. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell, Rennau and Verbik. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Board Break at 9:55 a.m.
Board Returned at 10:05 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:07 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

There were no applications for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2026

O'Hara moved, seconded by Killeen, to approve January 16, 2026, minutes as presented. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell, Rennau and Verbik. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

There are no updates at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Vonda Apking indicated that the Department would open the Regulations for changes regarding coronal polishing, dental radiography and reciprocity issues for Dental Assistants.

O'Hara moved, seconded by Miyamoto to have Dr. Giles speak on behalf of the Board regarding Regulation changes. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell, Rennau and Verbik. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Giles, representing the Board, Marley Sandberg, Department Attorney and Vonda Apking, Program Manager, will work together to address the language needed for the Regulation changes. The proposed language will be presented to the Board for approval at their next meeting.

Dr. Giles brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the NDA (Nebraska Dental Association) supporting these Regulation changes.

Adam Lamprecht, DDS
President
NDA

Dr. Lamprecht reiterated that the NDA discussed training pathways that may address workforce challenges for the dental community, especially in rural and western Nebraska.

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Below is the letter that the NDA sent to the Board of Dentistry:

February 12, 2026

Dear Dr. Lanphier and Members of the Nebraska Board of Dentistry,

On behalf of the Nebraska Dental Association (NDA), thank you for your continued leadership and for the ongoing collaboration between our two organizations. The NDA values the strong working relationship we have long shared with the Board of Dentistry and appreciates the open communication that allows us to work together in support of both the profession and the public.

At our recent NDA Board of Trustees meeting, the Board discussed training pathways for dental assistants, particularly as they relate to coronal polishing and radiology, and how thoughtful updates may help address workforce challenges—especially in rural and western Nebraska—while maintaining patient safety and quality of care.

Following that discussion, the NDA Board of Trustees voted to support the following framework for consideration as the Board of Dentistry evaluates training and regulatory options:

- Support for a 500-hour clinical experience requirement for coronal polishing, with no change to current radiology requirements*
- Use of online didactic education with a competency assessment prior to matriculation into in-person clinical training*
- In-person clinical testing conducted by a CODA-accredited institution*
- Consideration of reciprocity, allowing assistants with equivalent licensure or experience from another U.S. state to perform these duties in Nebraska, with a waiver process where appropriate*
- Availability of courses in western Nebraska, in addition to existing dental institutions and previously approved training sites*
- A waiver option for dentists to apply under special circumstances*

The NDA Board of Trustees believes these principles strike an appropriate balance between access to care, workforce development, and patient safety. We also acknowledge the Board of Dentistry's recent approval of licensure portability for dentists. In that same spirit, the NDA would support consideration of appropriate changes that allow similar flexibility for qualified auxiliary team members.

We see this as an opportunity for continued collaboration and are eager to support the Board of Dentistry as it considers potential regulatory changes or implementation strategies. We look forward to continued collaboration and opportunities to work together in support of the dental community.

Thank you again for your leadership and for your commitment to the oral health of Nebraskans. Please do not hesitate to reach out if further discussion would be helpful.

Warm regards,

Adam Lamprecht, DDS
President

Lisa Sypal
Executive Director
Nebraska Dental Association

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Crystal Stuhr, DA
Southeast Community College
Lincoln NE

Crystal Stuhr indicated that their accredited courses provide legitimacy for practicing safely. Courses include online didactic education, and the in-person/hands-on clinical testing can be performed by preceptors at various sites in different areas of Nebraska, including rural and western Nebraska.

BOARD DISCUSSION(S)

A. ADEX (American Board of Dental Examiners) February 2026 Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the report.

B. Collaborative Practice Agreements (CPA) between Dentists and Pharmacists – 38-2867.03

Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney, indicated that there is nothing in Statute to prevent a DDS to enter into a CPA with a Pharmacist. The DDS just needs to take care that it is within their scope of practice and that if any changes in the original CPA are introduced then a new CPA would need to be refiled.

C. Dental Radiology Course for Dental Assistants

Vonda Apking indicated that there really is no need to change the current Regulations regarding the different methods for qualification, however when the Regulations are opened for changes the current language can be modified/updated.

D. CRDTS 2025 Dental Hygiene School Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the report.

E. Statutory Changes needed to Address Anesthesia Concerns – Host Permits

Vonda Apking indicated to the Board that the best method to address Statutory changes would be to ask for the assistance of the NDA to take on this issue through their committees and seek sponsorship of a Legislator.

Giles moved, seconded by O'Hara to have Dr. Johnson prepare a statement to be approved by the Board for a standard that needs to be followed regarding Sedation/General Anesthesia being performed in the Dental office by other healthcare professionals prior to Statutory changes so that safety with dental proceeds can be maintained. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell, Rennau and Verbik. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2026.

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<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

Michael O'Hara, JD, PhD, Secretary
Board of Dentistry