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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY
July 10, 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 July 10, 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
Vacancy, DDS Member

Absent: None

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Vonda Apking, Program Manager; Janis Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Tyler Walvoord, Department Attorney; T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General; Hayle Alvarado and Mark Meyerson via WebEx, Investigators; Tricia Allen, Program Manager 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 June 26, 2026, and revision posted July 7, 2026.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Giles moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve adoption of the agenda with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Item 10E will be moved to Closed Session. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

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 Miyamoto, to go into closed session at 9:05 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 and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Johnson Recused at 10:05 a.m.

Dr. Johnson Returned 10:11 a.m.

Board Break at 10:21 a.m.

Board Returned at 10385 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:39 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

There were no applications for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 27, 2026

Giles moved, seconded by Rennau, to approve March 27, 2026, minutes as presented. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Dr. Johnson will investigate if a 407 Review may be needed for the "Sedation Host Permit".

REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Department is requesting Vonda Apking, Program Manager, to review the Dental Regulations Title 172 NAC 53-58 for updates per Statutes prior to opening them for changes.

BOARD DISCUSSION(S)

A. ADEX (American Board of Dental Examiners) updates from Stephen Prisby, ADEX Director of Regulatory and Education Affairs and Dr. Robert Lauf, ADEX Board Member

With ADEX Membership, Nebraska Gains:

- Shape examination scoring, content, and criteria to meet national standards
- Join 49 other member jurisdictions at the ADEX Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit*
- Serve on the Dental Examination Committee and its subcommittees*
- Collaborate with regulators nationwide on emerging licensure issues
- Represent: Current and future Nebraska Dental Board Members can serve as ADEX Examiners

*Full participation on both the Dental and Dental Hygiene Councils on Examinations is available upon acceptance of the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination

Council on Examinations Structure:

- Dental Exam Committee
- Dental Hygiene Exam Committee
- Dental Subcommittees

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Subcommittees support exam sections and special needs - Dental:

- Prosthodontics
- Endodontics
- Periodontics
- Restorative
- Calibration

Shared Standards for Public Protection:

- National Licensure Exam for Dentist & Dental Hygienist
- Protection of Public through Standardized Exams – a single nationally recognized examination ensures consistent competency measures across all national candidates
- Portability of Licensure – Removes barriers to mobility increasing access to care nationally
- Continuous Evolution with Modern Healthcare – OSCE and Patient Simulations

ADEX Dental Exam:

- Prosthodontic
- Endodontic
- Periodontal
- Anterior and Posterior Restorative
- DLOSCE*
- Portable ADEX Dental Licensure

*The DLOSCE is overseen by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, is the property of the American Dental Association (ADA), and is used by ADEX under an exclusive license from the ADA

The American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) have reached an agreement for ADEX to license and incorporate the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) into the ADEX Dental Examination.

The updated model will:

- Maintain the assessment of clinical hand skills
- Continue evaluating treatment planning and decision making
- Sunset ADEX DSE OSCE and incorporate DLOSCE that also will assess clinical judgment through case-based scenarios
- Candidates registered for the ADEX exam after June 1, 2026, will take the DLOSCE
- 150 questions administered at the Prometric Testing Center
- 75 or greater to pass
- Scores release timing will be announced in June

DLOSCE CONTENT:

- Restorative 24% - Diagnosis, Preparations, Restorations Direct and Indirect
- Prosthodontics 19% - Removable, Fixed and Implants
- Oral Pathology, Pain Management, and Temporomandibular Dysfunction 13% - Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine & Orofacial Pain and TMD
- Periodontics 10% - Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Etiology
- Oral Surgery 9% - Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Extractions
- Endodontics 8% - Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Emergency Management & Post-Treatment Evaluation
- Orthodontics 6% - Treatment Screening, Space Management
- Medical Emergencies 6% - Diagnosis, Management
- Prescriptions 5% - Antibiotic and Analgesic

Periodontal Examination will be required (August 2026)

- Adding Calculus Detection & Adding Pocket Depth Measurements

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Prosthodontics Examination: Material Updates (August 2026)

- Discontinue #3 Cast Metal Crown and #5 PFM Crown
- Added Molar Zirconia #3 and Premolar Zirconia #5

The Board would like to Thank Mr. Prisby and Dr. Lauf for the ADEX updates and the Board will plan to discuss the possibilities of becoming an ADEX member at the next meeting in October.

B. Minimal Sedation Course Approval

Johnson moved, seconded by Giles to approve the minimal sedation course submitted by Dentaltown. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

C. Moderate Sedation Course Approval

Miyamoto moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the moderate sedation course submitted by CO Surgical Institute. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

D. Teledentistry Subcommittee Proposed Guidelines

Teledentistry Guidelines :

1. Source of Authority

- Teledentistry in Nebraska should be authorized under the Dental Practice Act, in coordination with Telehealth/Telemedicine statutes where applicable.
- The Nebraska State Board should issue directives and regulations to ensure compliance.

2. Types of Allowable Services

- Synchronous (real-time video or audio): Permitted for consultations, follow-ups, and diagnostic discussions.
- Asynchronous (store-and-forward, images, records, email/mobile apps): Allowed for case reviews, diagnostics, and coordination of care.
- Both models should be recognized to maximize access for rural and underserved populations.
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3. Required Modalities

- Synchronous Telehealth: Must use video or audio only platforms that meet HIPAA-compliant standards
(The Nebraska State Board should issue directives and regulations for the selection of allowable vendors)
- Other Modalities: Store-and-forward technologies (secure email, mobile apps, digital scans, radiographs) are permitted when clinically appropriate (The Nebraska State Board should issue directives and regulations for the selection of allowable vendor).

4. Patient Protections

- . Informed Consent
- Providers must document informed consent in the patient's chart.
- Consent must be obtained before or during the first telehealth visit.
- Patient of Record Requirement:
- Nebraska may adopt a flexible approach, allowing teledentistry services for both new and existing patients, provided that diagnostic standards are maintained.

5. Allowed Providers

- Dentists licensed in Nebraska.
- Dental Hygienists operating under collaborative or supervisory agreements.
- Providers must practice within their scope of licensure and comply with all state regulations.

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6. Dental Insurance Reimbursement

- Nebraska Dental Insurance should recognize CDT codes D9995 (synchronous teledentistry) and D9996 (asynchronous teledentistry).
- Even if direct reimbursement is limited, services delivered via teledentistry should be reimbursed at the same rate as in-person care when equivalent.

7. Compliance & Standards

- Providers must follow all HIPAA and state privacy requirements.
- Telehealth platforms must ensure confidentiality, security, and recordkeeping.
- Clinical documentation must meet the same standards as in-person visits.

8. Policy Notes

- Nebraska should periodically review and update teledentistry regulations as technology evolves.
- Consistency with national best practices (ADA, ADEA) should guide revisions.
- The Board should encourage data collection to evaluate access, quality, and outcomes of teledentistry in Nebraska.

DHHS Legal Department will review the guidelines presented and present the Board with their recommendations.

E. DDS Remediation Course

Giles moved, seconded by Killeen, to approve the course from Creighton. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

PRACTICE QUESTION(S)

- A. Can a Dental Assistant that has their coronal polishing certificate use an Air Polisher?
Would an EFDA (Extended Functions Dental Assistant) be able to use the Air Polisher?

Hannah moved, seconded by Rennau, that it is the opinion of the Board that neither a Dental Assistant or an EFDA would be able to use an air polisher. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

EMAIL BALLOT(S) SINCE LAST MEETING

Apking explained that the Department sent out 2 email ballots for the Board to review regarding two individuals that failed their clinical examination at least 2 times which requires the Board to approve their remediation course prior to accepting their passing score from an additional attempt at a clinical examination. Department legal representative suggested that the Board go into a closed session to discuss this issue.

O'Hara moved, seconded by Giles, to go into closed session at 12:11 p.m. to discuss the remediation courses sent through an email ballot. Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:19 p.m.

Johnson moved, seconded by Giles, to approve the University of Utah School of Dentistry remediation course presented through an email ballot and discussed "Closed Session". Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

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Johnson moved, seconded by Killeen, to approve the Creighton University School of Dentistry remediation course presented through an email ballot and discussed in "Closed Session". Voting aye: Giles, Johnson, Killeen, Lanphier, Medhi, Miyamoto, O'Hara, Randell and Rennau. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

CRDTS 2026 WORKSHOP & ANNUAL MEETING – August 28-29, 2026

The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at the Omaha Downtown Old Market, 555 S 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68102. Dr. Giles will be attending the meeting, and registration is open for anyone interested in attending.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2026.

To see the list of meeting dates, agendas and minutes go to:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vonda Apking, Program Manager, will coordinate a meeting where the public will be able to have input regarding future edits for draft Regulations.

Members of the Public that spoke during the meeting:

Todd Wragge, DDS - President NDA
Pierce, NE

Megan Christiansen, RDH, BS President NDHA
Lincoln, NE

Crystal Stuhr, NDAA Legislative CoChair
Southeast Community College
Lincoln, NE

Cindy Cronick, NDAA President & Legislative CoChair
Plattsmouth, NE

Connie Kugel, RDH – Dental Hygienist & CE Director UNMC College of Dentistry
Lincoln, NE

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ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

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