

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Room, 1st Floor
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://youtu.be/hRMZviDg5a8>

Members Present: Andrew Tseu, D.D.S., J.D., Chair, Dental Member
Paul Guevara, D.M.D, M.D.S., Dental Member
Steven Pine, D.D.S., Dental Member
Joy Shimabuku, Public Member
Joyce Yamada, Ed.D., R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
Timmy Hirano, D.D.S., Dental Member
Marianne Timmerman, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
Christopher Woo, D.D.S., Dental Member
Jonathan Lau, D.D.S., Vice-Chair, Dental Member
Julie Tanabe Goo, D.D.S., Dental Member

Members Excused: Craig Yamamoto, D.D.S., Dental Member
Geri Young, M.D., Public Member

Staff Present: Adrian Stinardo, Executive Officer (“EO Stinardo”)
Chrissy Hoogland (“EO Hoogland”)
Christopher Han, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Han”)
David Winber, Administrative Assistant

In-Person Guests: Melissa Pavlicek
Charles Kamimura
Dr. Joseph Mayer

Zoom Webinar
Guests: Maury Murphy
Charles Kamimura

Virtual Meeting
Instructions: A short video regarding virtual meetings was played for attendees.

¹ Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in these minutes.

Dr. Pine and Ms. Yamada provided information on internet and phone access for the virtual meeting and announced that the meeting was being recorded, to be posted on the Board's web page.

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Roll Call: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present; those on Zoom confirmed they were present and alone.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Ongoing Business: **2026 Legislative Session**

EO Stinardo gave an overview of the Board's roles and responsibilities during legislative session.

M. Pavlicek, representing the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA), provided testimony concerning the legislative bills. She stated that the HDA's position on House Bill 1671, identified as the primary active bill, is to offer comments only, rather than taking an active stance in support or opposition.

SB 481 Relating to Community Service Licenses

EO Stinardo gave an overview of the Bill and detailed items of discussion for the Board.

Dr. Joseph Mayer gave testimony in support of SB 481.

The board questioned the measurement of 5,000 community service hours and raised concerns about waiving national exams, noting the American Board of Dental Examiners ("ADEX") exam's international availability as a basic standard.

The Board expressed concerns about public safety and welfare, noting that current safeguards like requiring an active, unrestricted license in another state or the five-year limitation on the National Board exam help ensure clinical competence.

Dr. Lau moved to oppose SB481 as written, Dr. Pine seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

HB 1671 HD 1 Relating to Health – Companion Bill SB 2854

EO Stinardo gave overview of the Bill and detailed items of discussion for the Board.

No public testimony was given.

The Board discussed the specified Continuing Education ("CE") accreditation requirements, noting they differ from other statutes which allow the Board to approve courses and raised concerns about tracking hours if the Board were to take responsibility for approving courses.

The Board questioned the logistics of the 4-hour training by a dentist and whether removing decay, a part of tooth structure, falls within the hygienist's scope of practice, which typically excludes irreversible procedures. The Board also questioned if the scope is limited to public health settings or includes private practice. The Board generally expressed support of the Bill.

Dr. Guevara motioned to express the Board's support for the Bills, Dr. Lau seconded, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously, with Dr. Pine and Chair Tseu recusing themselves.

SB 2854 Relating to Health – Companion Bill 1671 HD 1

EO Stinardo gave an overview of the Bill and reported that SB 2854 did not pass its second reading and would not be proceeding.

DAG Han stated that since the bill was not proceeding, the Board did not need to take a position.

The Board deferred taking a position on the Bill.

HB 1431 HD2 Relating to Oral Health – Companion Bill SB 1516

EO Stinardo gave an overview of the Bill and detailed items of discussion for the Board.

No public testimony was given.

The Board decided to track the bill as it primarily concerns access to care needs rather than direct board member involvement or public health/safety issues.

SB 1516 Relating to Oral Health – Companion Bill HB 1431HD2

EO Stinardo reported that this Bill is a companion to HB 1431 with the same content and reported it will not be continuing through the process.

No public testimony given.

The Board deferred taking a position on the Bill.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the Open & Executive Session Minutes of January 26, 2026 Meeting

Dr. Mayer provided testimony regarding the Open Session Minutes from the previous meeting. He suggested amending the language to clarify that "no public testimony" was offered during a specific section, rather than "further public testimony."

The Board discussed the change to the Open Session Minutes.

Dr. Lau motioned to approve the Open Session Minutes with corrections and approve the Executive Session Minutes, as is. Ms. Shimabuku seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Steering Committee summary

Ms. Yamada, the Board's representative on the CRDTS Steering Committee, confirmed the report for this item was complete.
No public testimony was given.
No comments or discussion given by the Board.

**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Report of ADEX
Licensure Examinations**

EO Stinardo noted the report contains statistics for 2025 ADEX Council of Examinations.
No public testimony was given.
No comments or discussion given by the Board.

**Scope of practice inquiry from Jerin Murray regarding the
application of Curodont by licensed dental hygienists**

Jerin Murray inquired if the application of Curodont, falls within the scope of practice of licensed dental hygienists under existing statutes and supervision requirements
No public testimony was given.
The Board discussed the nature of Curodont and its application.
The Board decided to defer the item, pending further research and a future presentation by Dr. Pine at a later meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 13, 2026
10:00 a.m.

In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual

Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Adrian Stinardo

/s/ David Winber

Adrian Stinardo
Executive Officer

David Winber
Administrative Assistant

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4/24/26

[] Minutes approved as is.

[X] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of May 11, 2026.