

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING<sup>1</sup>**

Date: May 11, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar  
<https://youtu.be/QiYKB1-lPn0?si=MQB0u6reRT3DDfl5>

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 (exited at 11:58)  
Joyce Yamada, Ed.D., R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member  
Timmy Hirano, D.D.S., Dental 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 (entered at 10:15)  
Craig Yamamoto, D.D.S., Dental Member  
Geri Young, M.D., Public Member

Members Excused: Marianne Timmerman, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member

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

In-Person Guests: Charles Kamimura

Zoom Webinar  
Guests: Honan Lesiak  
Gayle Chang  
Jen’s Phone  
Stephen Prisby  
Tina Clark

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- Virtual Meeting Instructions: A short video regarding virtual meetings was played for attendees.
- 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, excluding Dr. Tanabe-Goo who entered virtually at 10:15 a.m.
- Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- Approval of Minutes: **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 9, 2026 Meeting**
- The Chair raised two corrections, the addition of Dr. Tanabe-Goo to members present and the correction of Jerin Murray's name regarding the previous meeting's scope of practice inquiry regarding the application of Curodont.
- Dr. Lau motioned to approve the Open Session Minutes with corrections. Ms. Shimabuku seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried. Dr. Young abstained from the vote.
- New Business: **Welcoming reconfirmed Board members, Dr. Woo, Dr. Hirano, Dr. Tanabe-Goo, and Dr. Young**
- The Chair welcomed and offered congratulations to reconfirmed members and expressed gratitude for their continued public service.
- No public testimony was given.
- No comments or discussion given by the Board.
- Board discussion regarding Dentists as auxiliary personnel for certification in anesthesia administration (i.e., whether a dentist may hire a dental anesthesiologist to perform general anesthesia on a patient in-office)**
- Ms. Shimabuku moved to enter Executive Session for discussion, Dr. Pine Seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion carried unanimously at 10:15 a.m.
- Dr. Lau moved to leave Executive Session, Ms. Yamada seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously at 10:45 a.m.
- The Chair stated that the Board has consulted with its Attorney General

on the matter.

EO Hoogland provided background clarifying that the discussion was due to general inquiries received by the Board.

No public testimony was given.

DAG Han gave an overview of what was discussed in executive session, explaining that should a dentist intend to hire someone to administer anesthesia, that individual would typically be a licensed physician or a nurse anesthetist, pursuant to HRS § 448-29(b). However, if a licensed dentist wishes to hire another licensed dentist to perform anesthesia in-office, that hired dentist must meet three specific conditions: the hired dentist must be licensed to practice dentistry in Hawaii, the hired dentist must have received a permit from the Board to apply anesthesia, and the site where the general anesthesia is to be performed must have been inspected by the Board with the hired dentist on-site.

Old Business:

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

The Chair provided background information on the item as it was discussed and deferred at the Board's March 9, 2026 meeting.

EO Hoogland shared the full inquiry from Jerin Murray.

Dr. Pine provided an overview of Curodont and its application. Dr. Pine stated that Curodont is a biometric, non-invasive dental material used to treat early enamel lesions. It functions as a self-assembling peptide that re-mineralizes enamel-like characteristics by forming new hydroxyapatite crystals, aiming to reverse or remineralize these lesions. While it is applied topically and involves phosphoric acid etching, Dr. Pine it does not involve the removal of enamel tissues.

No public testimony was given.

Board members discussed whether Curodont's application falls within the scope of practice for licensed dental hygienists.

The chair moved to approve the position that the application of Curodont is within the scope of practice for licensed Dental Hygienists in Hawaii. Dr. Lau seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Applications:

**Ratification Lists**

After reading the license numbers on the ratification lists, the Chair asked if there was any public testimony or Board discussion.

Seeing none, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the ratification lists.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lau, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, it was unanimously carried to approve the following ratification lists:

1) Approved Dentists

|           |                             |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| DT-3285-0 | Oluwabamidele Thomas Opeifa |
| DT-3286-0 | Alex Todd Mueller           |
| DT-3287-0 | KE'ALE WILLIAM LOUIE        |
| DT-3288-0 | Jamie Lisa Chan             |
| DT-3289-0 | JORDAN O. A. REID           |
| DT-3290-0 | Michael Sherwin Wang        |
| DT-3291-0 | Amy Meili Leilani Uehara    |
| DT-3292-0 | HUY QUOC PHAM               |
| DT-3293-0 | LINA KAMAL ABIDEEN          |
| DT-3294-0 | JANELLE LANI TAM            |
| DT-3295-0 | JENNIFER CHUN               |
| DT-3296-0 | VERONICA LEE                |
| DT-3297-0 | Esther M Stetson            |

2) Approved Dental Hygienists

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|-----------|---------------------------------|
| DH-2575-0 | Alexis J Casali                 |
| DH-2576-0 | HANNAH RHAE KEASTER             |
| DH-2577-0 | YASMIN M HAMZEH                 |
| DH-2578-0 | Francesca Renee Eubank-Thompson |
| DH-2579-0 | JESSICA LYNN HOLT               |
| DH-2580-0 | NAHE REGO EDWARDS               |
| DH-2581-0 | Samantha Ashley Eckstrom        |
| DH-2582-0 | Jennifer Ann Minnis             |
| DH-2583-0 | Erika Angelina Soto             |
| DH-2584-0 | Maryann Stone                   |
| DH-2585-0 | Angelee Nicole Laxa Caparas     |
| DH-2586-0 | JESSICA MARY NADEAU             |
| DH-2587-0 | Mary Vu Tolentino               |
| DH-2588-0 | GAIL J. N. BAKER CLARK          |
| DH-2589-0 | Nicole Marie Domagalski         |
| DH-2590-0 | REBECKA PRICE MICHLITSCH        |
| DH-2591-0 | Arianna Rosemarie Hardney       |

3) Approved Community Service Dentists – None

Applications:

Dr. Pine moved to enter Executive Session for discussion regarding Dentist and Anesthesia Permits applications. Dr. Woo Seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion carried unanimously at 10:56 a.m.

Dr. Pine moved to leave Executive Session, Ms. Yamada seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously at 11:51

a.m.

### **Dentists**

a) William Harrison Austin II

The Chair stated that the Board had discussed applications during the Executive Session, and inquired if there was any public testimony or Board comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lau, seconded by Dr. Pine, it was unanimously carried to approve the application of Dr. Austin.

### **Anesthesia Permits**

b) DT-2213 Terry Nguyen

The Chair inquired if there was any public testimony or Board comments. There were none.

Dr. Lau motioned to deny Anesthesia Permit applications for 65-1230 Hawaii Belt Road site and the 280 Ponahawaii Street site.

Ms. Shimabuku seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried. Dr. Tanabe-Goo abstained from the vote.

Dr. Lau motioned to reinspect and reevaluate 1236 Keeaumoku Street and 784 Kinoole Street sites where Dr. Nguyen currently holds an Anesthesia permit.

Ms. Shimabuku seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried. Dr. Tanabe-Goo abstained from the vote.

### **Approved Sponsoring Organizations**

c) Teacher Tina RDH: Fundamentals of Local Anesthesia

d) Teacher Tina RDH: Local Anesthesia Refresher Course

The Chair provided background information regarding the two above courses. The courses were deferred at the January 26, 2026 Meeting with the Board requesting additional information from Ms. Clark. EO Hoogland noted that an updated letter, application, and resumes had been provided.

Christina Clark, the course provider, waived her right to testify in executive session. Ms. Clark explained that the application proposed two pathways for dental hygienists to obtain local anesthesia certification in Hawaii: one for those never certified (a comprehensive course) and another for those certified in other states who need to meet Hawaii's

specific standards.

The Chair inquired if there was any public testimony or Board comments.  
There were none.

Dr. Lau made a motion to approve the Fundamentals of Local Anesthesia  
and Local Anesthesia Refresher courses.

Dr. Guevara seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion  
carried. Dr. Pine abstained from the vote.

Executive Officer's  
Report:

**Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) 2025 Dental  
Hygiene Schools' Report**

EO Hoogland noted the report contains testing statistics.

No public testimony was given.

No comments or discussion given by the Board.

**American Dental Association and American Board of Dental  
Examiners Advance Dental Licensure Examinations Through New  
Agreement**

EO Hoogland noted the statement contains updates regarding the ADEX  
examination.

No public testimony was given.

No comments or discussion was given by the Board.

**Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) Spring 2026 State of the  
States Report regarding dental assisting state legislative and  
regulatory changes from August 2025-April 2026**

No public testimony was given.

No comments or discussion given by the Board.

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 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 12:02 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Adrian Stinardo

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Adrian Stinardo  
Executive Officer

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☒ Minutes approved as is.

☐ Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Chrissy Hoogland

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Chrissy Hoogland  
Executive Officer