

YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY

Friday, May 30th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

New York State Education Department

Catalog Room, 2nd Floor Rotunda

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12234

ATTENDANCE: Suzanne Cassata, Chairperson, Paul Chu, Vice Chairperson; Martin Boorin, Lorraine Carhart, Eleanor Coney, Karl Dixon, Charles Grannum, Maureen Hankin, Aristotle Lyssikatos, Kerry McEntee, Roya Mohajer, Evelyn Salagao, Stanley Smith, and Julie Varney.

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Steven Calderon, Michael Puspurs, Lisa “Penni” Newman, Azriel Paris and Faylee Frazier

ABSENT: Tera Jenkins, Michael McGarvey

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Patricia Haberman, Julie Ruggiero, Ralph Epstein, Ronnie Myers, Robert Duthie and Audra Haynes

GUESTS: Beth Krueger (NYDHA); Mary George, Patricia Lucas

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 9: 05 a.m. Welcome and introductions were made.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Dr. Cassata began by stating that on March 31, 2025 she participated in the Office of Professions interview process for Dr. Calderon.

Dr. Cassata informed members that on April 11⁻¹², 2025 she attended the AADB Mid- Year Meeting in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Cassata attended the AADB Attorney Roundtable Meeting and presented the 2024-25 New York State Dental Board Highlights during the AADB State Dental Board Forum. Dr. Cassata also represented NYS during the Eastern Regional Caucus Meeting.

Dr. Cassata ended her report by telling members that she will continue to send out the AADB Weekly updates to board members.

VICE CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Dr. Chu began by stating that on April 29, 2025 he attended virtually, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) meeting and it was very informative.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Dr. Cottrell informed members that she has been busy getting Dr. Steven Calderon up to speed in his new role as Executive Secretary.

Dr. Cottrell explained to the board members how and when they should reach out to the board office staff.

Dr. Cottrell expressed appreciation for the exemplary service of all the dental board members and extended board members that she has worked with over the past fifteen years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 10, 2025:

A motion was made for approval of the January 10, 2025 draft board meeting minutes (Lyssikatos/Chu). Minutes approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage – Dr. McEntee, Chair; stated that there is nothing new to report.

Legislative –Dr. Lyssikatos Chair; The following bills were discussed:

- A1364 S6929 relates to dental laboratories intending to operate or do business in the state to register with the NYS Education Department.
- Bill S3966 A3244: authorizes the use of approved programs at Foreign dental schools to satisfy the experience requirement for licensure as a dentist. The Board had a lengthy discussion on this.
- Bill S0020- allows out of state health care professionals to perform services at the Ironman Lake Placid 2025.
- Bill S6744 A3894 permits dentists to administer influenza and COVID vaccinations and vaccinations related to a declared public health emergency.
- Bill S6532 A5928 is about forming a new profession of dental therapy. The Board discussed expanding the scope of practice for dental hygiene.
- Bill S5727 A0098 provides that a dental hygienist shall not administer local block anesthesia without a certificate and under the personal supervision of a dentist. Ms. Krueger said that NYSDA and NYDHA support the bill. Dr. Cottrell informed members that when passed, dental hygienists will have a separate certificate to administer local block anesthesia.
- Bill S5339 A2339 provides for dental loan repayment for dentists who practice in underserved areas in New York State.
- Bill S3157 A2341 authorizes a licensed dental hygienist, collaborative practice to provide services without supervision in collaboration with a licensed dentist, under a collaborative practice agreement. Ms. Krueger stated NYDHA supports this bill. It will allow hygienists to work in nursing homes, among other areas. Ms. Krueger informed members that this will create a new category of hygienists known as an RDH-CP. The RDH-CP would require eight hours of CE, three years of practice and 4,500 hours minimum of work time.
- Bill S5857 A3796 removes “restoring and maintaining dental health” from the scope and replaces it with “restoring and maintaining oral health”.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Carhart, Chair; reported that the Board had a question from a sales rep about purchasing anesthesia medication for a dental assisting program. The dental hygienists on the Board answered that the supervising dentist must purchase the anesthesia medication.

Ms. Carhart informed members that there is an ADA resolution to allow foreign trained dentists to practice dental hygiene. The Board had a lengthy discussion about this.

Corporate Practice –Dr. Grannum, Chair; reported that most DSO's have access to dental students, with some operating in 45 states. The Board discussed the growing trend of preferring employment with DSO's.

Anesthesia – Dr. Chu, Chair; reported that the committee had a zoom meeting to discuss the DOCS anesthesia course. Dr. Chu stated that both Dr. McEntee and Dr. Boorin audited the DOCS course. Dr. Boorin audited the IV recertification course. Dr. Boorin stated that the course had a self-study component of pre-recorded lectures to be watched, and it was very extensive. Dr. Boorin informed members that the second component was a mandatory all day live zoom lecture with combination of sedations. Dr. Boorin mentioned that the course discussed how to manage an airway at the end of a very long day. He felt that airway management should be reviewed at the beginning of the live zoom lecture. Dr. McEntee discussed a master's course she audited about MD's doing anesthesia. Dr. Chu reported on two anesthesia articles. Dr. Cottrell stated that in NYS dentists are supposed to report anesthesia morbidity and mortality to the board office. Dr. Chu brought up the need to update the anesthesia regulations.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Mohajer, Chair; reports the emergence of digital dentistry, AI, and robotics.

Licensure – Dr. Chu, Chair; reported that more states are participating in the dental compacts. Dr. Cottrell stated that NYS's participation in compacts is limited by PGY-1. Dr. Cottrell stated as part of NYSDA House of Delegates is meeting, PGY-1 and dental licensure is on agenda for discussion. A vote was taken to see how many board members were in agreement with NYSDA Resolutions 6 and 10. The Board discussed how the residency component makes them better practitioners.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Carhart, Chair; reported that the ICE RDA exam is now available in Spanish.

Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Salgado, Chair; reported that the role of tele dentistry is in everyday dentistry and the Tele-Dentistry guidelines are still with Legal.

Special Needs – Dr. Chu; Chair; reported that the committee had a virtually meeting with the dental task force with OPWDD on April 29, 2025 and they are trying to get patients with special needs access to dental care.

AADB – Dr. Cassata; Chair; reported that on April 11⁻¹², 2025 she attended the AADB Mid-Year Meeting in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Cassata encouraged board members to attend. Dr. Cassata informed members that she emailed out the notice for the AADB Representative for JCNDE, and to please send a cover letter and CV to Stephanie Beeler at AADB if you are interested in being an AADB Representative. Dr. Cassata stated that the next AADB Annual

Meeting will be on October 18-19, 2026 in Texas. Dr. Cassata informed members that Dr. Cottrell's picture was put up as one of the co-chairs of the DANB workforce group. The goal of the workforce group is to recommend national standardizing of tasks for assistants. Dr. Cottrell stated that the public comment for the DANB workforce group ended, and they will be meeting again on June 30, 2025. Dr. Cassata ended her report by stating that there is now Pop-up dentistry, where unlicensed individuals are promoting themselves on TikTok.

ADEX and CDCA-WREB-CITA –Dr. Cassata on behalf of Mr. Dixon gave the report. Dr. Cassata told members that Ms. Peggy Soldner is retiring from CODA after 26 years.

Wellness – Dr. Cassata, Chair; explained the purpose of the voluntary fund. She informed Board Members of expenditures and the current fund balance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Collaborative Practice/RDH-CP – This was covered in the legislative report.

Dental Assistants and LPN's administering topical fluoride- Dr. Cottrell stated that this was on the consent agenda, and it passed at the May Board of Regents Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

AAPD Practice Guidelines- Dr. Cottrell stated that the Board Office will email these AAPD Practice Guidelines to the Anesthesia Committee so they can review them.

Discussion of Proposed new Doctor of Science in Dentistry Degree (DScD)- Dr. Mohajer stated that NYU wants to issue this degree, which is a degree that will focus on teaching and dentistry research. Having a DDS or a DMD is a pre-requisite. The Board agreed that they are supportive of the proposal.

Practice Alert Regarding "Do It Yourself" Dental/Orthodontic Treatment-Dr. McEntee stated her committee will look at the DIY Practice Alert and make recommended changes. Dr. Cottrell informed members that the consumer alert is already posted on the OP website.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Friday, October 3, 2025 at the Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) in Rome, NY.

ADJOURN:

Motion for adjournment 1:08 p.m. (Grannum /Smith).

Motion to go into Executive Session 1:12 p.m. (Carhart/Smith).

Discipline Cases were discussed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 1:33 p.m. (Coney/Carhart)