

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY

Friday, October 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Tour begins at 8:30 am at Braker Board Room
SBH Health System
Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program
2175 Quarry Road, Braker Board Room
Bronx, NY 10457

ATTENDANCE: Paul Chu, Acting Chairperson; Martin Boorin, Lorraine Carhart, Eleanor Coney, Charles Grannum, Maureen Hankin, Tera Jenkins, Aristotle Lyssikatos, Kerry McEntee, Michael McGarvey, Roya Mohajer, and Katie Tonkin

SED STAFF: Steven Calderon, Michael Puspurs

ABSENT: Evelyn Salgado, Suzanne Cassata, Julie Varney, Karl Dixon, Stanley Smith

GUESTS: Michael Herrmann (NYSDA), Brittany R. Bonnell (HVCC)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Welcome and introductions were made.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Chu began by stating that he will give Dr. Cassata's chair report. He stated that Dr. Cassata will continue to email out the weekly AADB updates to Board Members
Dr. Cassata was contacted seven times to review OPD cases.

Dr. Chu stated that Dr. Cassata on August 3, 2025, forwarded to board members a copy of a recent American Association of Orthodontists Newsletter. This newsletter highlighted recent orthodontic advocacy that is occurring in the states of Utah, Georgia, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Texas.

Dr. Chu stated that Dr. Cassata participated in the Zoom Investigator Caucus that was sponsored by the AADB.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Chu began his report by stating that he was contacted four times to review OPD cases. Dr. Chu also informed members that the New York State Dental Foundation is submitting a grant application for the special need's population. Dr. Chu stated that he was the CODA consultant for Bronx care site visit. Dr. Chu ended his report by stating that he had 2 zoom meetings for anesthesia committee and one zoom meeting for the special needs committee.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Dr. Calderon began his report by stating that the RDH-CP Bill passed in both the NYS Senate and the Assembly.

Dr. Calderon stated that the Tele-dentistry guidelines are now posted on the OP Dentistry Professional Practice webpage.

He also stated that Regulations 52.26 and 61.13 were updated for Registered Dental Assistants applying fluoride varnish and they were posted on the OP dentistry laws, rules and regulations webpage.

Dr. Calderon informed board members that he will be attending the American Board of Dental Examiners Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit from October 16-19th, 2025 in Grapevine, Texas.

Dr. Calderon stated that the Anesthesia committee had their first meeting to address anesthesia regulation changes. Dr. Calderon said it will be an ongoing process to update the Anesthesia regulations, and they will get Legal involved to review the recommended changes.

Dr. Calderon stated that the Board Office was asked to provide comments on Assembly Bill A3244A which allows qualified foreign-trained dentists to work under supervision for five years in a hospital, dental school, or clinic settings in a dental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) to qualify for licensure in New York State.

Dr. Calderon ended his report by giving a new board member certificate to Dr. Katie Tonkin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 30, 2025:

Motion was made for the approval of the May 30, 2025, draft board meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously. The Board Office will make Dr. Boorin's corrections to the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage – Dr. McEntee, Chair; reported that the webpage committee made changes to the Do It Yourself' Dental/Orthodontic Treatment practice alert.

Dr. McEntee said the committee had questions about pathways for out of state dental assistants to get licensed as NYS Registered Dental Assistants. Ms. Carhart said she will provide the answers to those questions. Dr. McEntee said the committee is trying to finish making the pathway requirements webpage clearer for Registered Dental Assistants.

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

- Bill A02444 S00985 which exempts toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss from payment of sales tax. Dr. Lyssikatos informed members that the bill had a lot of sponsors.
- Bill S03157 A02341 authorizes a licensed dental hygienist, collaborative practice to provide services without supervision in collaboration with a licensed dentist under a collaborative practice agreement.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Carhart, Chair; reported that there has been another update to the mandated reporter training. Ms. Carhart informed members that if dentists or dental hygienists took the updated course by April 1, 2025, then they must now take the addendum. Ms. Carhart stated that you can either go to the place you took the previous course and take the addendum, or you can retake the free course through the Office of Children and Family services, but that will be three hours. Ms. Carhart informed members that the Addendum course must be completed by

November 17, 2026. The Board discussed how you get one additional CE hour for the addendum course and that you will get an updated new certificate of completion.

Corporate Practice – Dr. Grannum, Chair; reported that he handed out two corporate practice articles and how many DSOs are not profitable, yet they are still growing.

Anesthesia – Dr. Chu, Chair; reported that the committee had multiple long meetings on July 28th and September 20th.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Mohajer, Chair; reported that there is a new extra training for updated mandated reporters. Dr. Mohajer informed members that the NYC health department is giving new penalties for violations with x-rays.

Licensure – Dr. Chu, Chair; reported that for the restricted dental faculty license, the licensee must be employed full time at the hospital, and the Dean must provide in writing of the termination of the restricted dental faculty. Dr. Chu stated that Dr. McGarvey will be the new Chair of the Licensure committee starting after this board meeting.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Carhart, Chair; stated that Ms. Varney would like to be the Chair of this committee. Dr. Calderon stated that he will speak to Ms. Varney about it. Ms. Carhart stated that in July the Board was asked for guidance pertaining to questions from a registered dental assistant who works as a research coordinator. She asked about tasks that occur when conducting clinical studies and whether an RDA can perform those tasks or not. Ms. Carhart ended by stating that DANBE has not moved forward with its renewal program yet.

Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Chu on behalf of Dr. Salgado, Chair; reported that the Tele-dentistry guidelines are posted to the OP Dentistry Professional Practice webpage.

Special Needs – Dr. Chu; Chair; reported from the Helen Journal that Infant oral mutilation is still occurring in some countries as a remedy for common childhood illness. Dr. Chu stated that NYU now has a special needs curriculum that Dr. Chu sent to board members in a link. Dr. Chu informed members that the Eastman institute for Oral Health got a 2.1 million dollar grant for community-based training in underserved communities and to care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dr. Chu stated that he will email out the next link for a zoom training on special needs to the board members.

AADB – Dr. Chu reported on behalf of Dr. Cassata that Dr. Cassata continues to forward the AADB newsletters to fellow board members. Dr. Chu stated that Ms. Kimber Cobb was recently

selected as permanent director of the AADB and that Dr. Cassata sent her an email on June 18th to congratulate her on behalf of the NYS Dental Board. Dr. Chu stated that on June 27th, 2025, Dr. Cassata sent an email to board members that Louisiana is the first state to adopt the Interstate Dental & Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact (IDDHLC). Dr. Chu reported that on August 3, 2025, Dr. Cassata sent notice that registration is open for the Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit that will be held on the Gaylord Texan Resort from October 15-19, 2025. Dr. Chu stated that on September 24, 2025, Dr. Cassata participated in the AADB Investigator caucus, where they discussed non-licensed individuals practicing dentistry and advertising their services on social media. Dr. Chu reported that the AADB Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Dental Regulatory Summit in Grapevine Texas on October 18th and 19th. Dr. Chu stated that the 2026 AADB Midyear Meeting is scheduled for April 24 & 25th, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois.

ADEX and CDCA-WREB-CITA – Ms. Carhart wrote and presented this report on behalf of Mr. Dixon. Ms. Carhart reported that on August 12, 2025, the vote was unanimous for the merger with ADEX. The American Dental Board Examiners is the new name for the former ADEX-WREB-CDCA-RITA.

Wellness – Dr. Chu reported on behalf of Dr. Cassata and explained the purpose of the voluntary fund. Dr. Chu informed Board Members of expenditures and the current fund balance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Collaborative Practice/RDH-CP – Dr. Calderon contacted the stakeholders regarding the new regulations and worked to address their concerns. He informed the members that the bill is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Once it is signed, Dr. Calderon will have the regulation language reviewed by the Board and Legal, after which the Board will move forward with finalizing the 8 CE hour requirement.

Dental Assistants and LPN's administering topical fluoride – Dr. Calderon stated that this was passed, and the Regents signed into consent. Dr. Calderon informed members that the changes to Regulations 52.26 and 61.13 are posted on the OP dentistry laws, rules and regulations webpage.

AAPD Practice Guidelines – Dr. Chu informed members that there will be more to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Consumer Information- "Do It Yourself" Dental/Orthodontic Treatment – Motion to accept. (Lyssikatos/McGarvey). Dr. Calderon stated he will send it to Legal for review.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about how shield aprons and thyroid colors must still be used and it states this in NYS Regulation.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Friday, January 16th, 2025, in NYC.

Motion to move into Executive Session 11:05 a.m. (Lyssikatos/Grannum).

Discipline Cases were discussed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. (Lyssikatos / Coney).

ADJOURN:

Motion for adjournment 11:28 a.m. (Chu/Coney).