



# IDFPR

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**The Illinois State Dental Board** convened an open meeting at 9:03 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The meeting was held in the IDFPR offices located at 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60661 and at 320 W. Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62786. The locations were connected by video conferencing.

**A quorum of board members were physically present for the meeting:**

Stephen Jagielo, DDS, Chairperson  
Victor Cimino, MD, DDS, Member  
Gregory Dietz, DMD, Member  
Gary Drahos, DDS, Member  
Joseph Hagenbruch, DMD, Member  
Hillarie Hudson, DMD, Member  
Maggie Schaefer-Gilpin, DMD, Member  
John Williams, DDS, Member  
Roxanne Kozal, RDH, Member  
Jessica Lozano, RDH, Member  
Christopher Ware, Public Member

Bitra M. Mehdinejad Fayz, DDS, Vice Chairperson; Tanner Flaherty, DMD, Member; John Williams, DDS, Member did not attend the meeting.

**Department staff were physically present for the meeting:**

Janel Haretoun, General Counsel  
Mary Ranieli, Dental Coordinator  
Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison

**Guests Physically Present for the meeting (Chicago)**

Flavia Lamberghini, DDS

**Guests Attending Meeting on WebEx**

Mary Hayess, IL Society Pediatric Dentists  
Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society  
Laura Baus, Illinois Dental Hygienists Association  
Sherri Foran, Illinois Dept of Public Health  
Brett O'Donnell, IL Dental Solutions  
Adam Braundmeir

Serraj  
Dan Ta  
Monica Dunn  
Briana Lantz  
Christine Bethel  
Mona Martin

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at: 9:03 a.m.

### **Announcements/Correspondence**

Jerry R. Miller introduced staff and had guests introduce their selves.  
A new dental board member was introduced, Gregory Dietz a pediatric dentist from Bloomington.

### **Open Minutes**

MOTION and SECOND (Ware/Schaefer-Gilpin) to approve the open minutes from the: December 2, 2025 dental meetings. All in favor? The motion is approved

### **Old Business**

Janel Haretoun reported dental assistant training in person versus remote will need a rule change.

Janel Haretorn asked for board members to submit any first notice comments on the dental rules to her or Craig Cellini. After public comments are received, she will respond to them then they will be filed for 2<sup>nd</sup> notice.

### **New Business**

#### AADB

Joseph Hagenbruch, DMD, Member; announced the mid-year conference will be held April 24-25, 2026 at Double Tree Hilton in Rosemont, Illinois. The conference will feature sessions designed to keep participants up to date on key state board issues.

#### CRDTS

Roxanne Kozal reported CRDTS had their meeting in Kansas City past weekend where states discussed their opinions on the compact, and information on licensing. The annual session will be August 28, 2026 in Omaha, Nebraska.

#### ABDE

No report

### ISDS – Legislative

Lindsay Wagahoff reported session started a couple of weeks ago. Bills are still being filed. The deadline to file is February 6, 2026. ISDS has a bill to file that will clean up the testing agency names due to the new names that have emerged. The current statute does not currently reflect them.

### Illinois Dental Hygienists

No report

### DANB

No report.

### IL Dept of Public Health

No report.

### Public Comments

Brett O'Donnell from IL Dental Solutions, requested a conversation regarding sealants, glass ionomers, and silver diamine fluoride and their appropriateness for dental assistant use. General Counsel advised it could be discussed at an upcoming board meeting.

Christine Bethel wanted to introduce herself. She is the newly elected President of the Illinois Dental Hygienist Association.

### **Closed Session**

A motion was made and seconded (Hagenbruch/Drahos) to close the session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Yes: Jagielo, Cimino, Dietz, Drahos, Hagenbruch, Hudson, Kozal, Schaefer-Gilpin, Kozal, Lozano, Ware. The motion passed and the session closed 9:30 a.m.

Review of the closed minutes from the December 2, 2025, dental board meeting.

The closed session included the review of 4 applications: Approve application for: Assad Qasim and approve 3 applications pending receipt of additional information: Vishal Jagsih Avanti, Robert Benjamin Scott, and Craig Peterson.

The board reviewed 1 deliberation:

2020-00822 Charles Owens 019-020907

A motion was made and seconded (Drahos/Ware) to revoke license 019-020907 and impose a \$20,00.00 fine.

Roll call vote - Yes: Jagielo, Cimino, Dietz, Drahos, Hagenbruch, Hudson, Kozal, Schaefer-Gilpin, Kozal, Lozano, Ware. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Return to Open Session**

A motion was made and seconded (Schaefer/Hagenbruch ) to reconvene the open session. The motion passed by voice vote and the session opened at 10:00 am.

Mr. Miller reported that the Dental Board made the following recommendations in closed session: Approved closed minutes from the December 2, 2025 meeting; Approve 1 application: Assad Qasim; and approve 3 applications pending receipt of additional information: Vishal Jagsih Avanti, Robert Benjamin Scott, and Craig Peterson. The board reviewed a deliberation for Charles Owens. The board voted to revoke license 019-020907 and impose a \$20,000 fine.

A motion was made and seconded (Schaefer-Gilpin/Hagenbruch) to approve the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded (Ware/Cimino) to adjourn the meeting, The meeting closed at 10:03 a.m.