**The Illinois State Dental Board** convened an open meeting at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 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
Tanner Flaherty, DMD, Member
Joseph Hagenbruch, DMD, Member
Hillarie Hudson, DMD, Member
Jessica Lozano, RDH, Member
Christopher Ware, Public Member

Maggie Schaefer-Gilpin, DMD, Member; Roxanne Kozal, RDH, Member
And John Williams, DDS, Member did not attend the meeting.

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

Janel Haretoun, General Counsel
Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison
Jane Livingston, Administrative Assistant

**Departent staff on WebEx for the meeting:**
Mary Ranieli, Dental Coordinator

**Guests Attending Meeting on WebEx**

Lindsay Wagahoff, Illinois State Dental Society
Christine Bethel, Illinois Dental Hygienists Association
Sherri Foran, Illinois Dept of Public Health
Anushree Tiwari – Illinois Dept of Public Health
Brett O'Donnell, IL Dental Solutions
Eric Larson, Illinois State Dental Society
Mary Ellen Murphy
Wendy Szymarek
Monica Dunn

**Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at: 9:02 a.m.

**Announcements/Correspondence**
Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison introduced staff and had guests introduce theirselves
Jerry R. Miller Board Liaison announced Bita M. Mehdinejad-Fayz, Board Vice Chair has resigned from the Board.

**Open Minutes**

MOTION and SECOND (Hagenbruch/Ware) to approve the open minutes from the: January 27, 2026 dental meetings. All in favor? The motion is approved

**Old Business**

Stephen Jagielo, Board Chair requested an addition to today's agenda under Old Business: Discussion of dental assistants applying selant, silver diamine fluoride, and glass ionorers. A motion was made and seconded (Hagenbruch/Drahos) to add. The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded (Drahos/Hagenbruch) to recommend to the Department that the didactic portion of dental assistant training may be online but clinical training shall be hands-on (in-person) and the testing portion shall also be in-person.

A motion was made and seconded (Hagenbruch/Cimino) to recommend to the Department that dental pit and fissure sealants performed by appropriately trained dental assistants may only include composite resin, glass ionomers, and similar hybrid materials.

A motion was made and seconded (Dietz/Cimino) to recommend to the Department that dental assistants be allowed to apply silver diamine fluoride under the direct supervision of a dentist after sufficient training. (motion failed 5-4)

**New Business**

<u>AADB</u>
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.

<u>CRDTS</u>
Roxanne Kozal was absent from meeting; however, emailed a post meeting summary. Mary Ranieli read the summary: CRDTS dental exams program continues to see success, dental hygiene continues to grown the number of exams administered. The CRDTS annual meeting will be Augusust 28-29, 2025 in Omaha, NE.

ABDE
No report

ISDS – Legislative
Lindsay Wagahoff reported ISDS continues to push a bill that will update licensing entity names. Compact did not make it to committee.

Illinois Dental Hygienists
No report

DANB
No report.

IL Dept of Public Health
Anushree Tiwari of the Oral Health Section introduced herself to the Board.

Public Comments
None

## Closed Session

A motion was made and seconded (Drahos/Ware) to close the session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Yes: Jagielo, Cimino, Dietz, Drahos, Flaherty, Hagenbruch, Hudson, Lozano, Ware. The motion passed and the session closed at 10:13 a.m.

Review of the closed minutes from the January 27, 2026, dental board meeting.

The closed session included the review of 5 applications: Approve applications for: Lauren Michelle Ming, and Ahmed Alsayed. and approve 3 applications pending receipt of additional information: Justina Mockunas, Karin El Othmani, and Nikita Puri.

## Return to Open Session

A motion was made and seconded (Hudson/Dietz) to reconvene the open session. The motion passed by voice vote and the session opened at 10:35 am.

Mr. Miller reported that the Dental Board made the following recommendations in closed session: Approved closed minutes from the January 27, 2026 meeting; approve applications for: Lauren Michelle Ming, and Ahmed Alsayed. and approve 3 applications pending receipt of additional information: Justina Mockunas, Karin El Othmani, and Nikita Puri.

A motion was made and seconded (Hudson/Dietz) to approve the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded (Ware/Hagenbruch) to adourn the meeting, The meeting closed at 10:42 a.m.