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The Illinois State Dental Board convened an open meeting at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 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
Maggie Schaefer-Gilpin, DMD, Member
John Williams, DDS, Member
Roxanne Kozal, RDH, Member
Jessica Lozano, RDH, Member
Christopher Ware, Public Member

Hillarie Hudson, DMD, Member, did not attend the meeting.

Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

Janel Haretoun, General Counsel
Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison
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
Brett O'Donnell, American Dental Assistant Association
Eric Larson, Illinois State Dental Society
Mary Ellen Murphy, Dental Assisting Nation Board and Government Relations
Stephen Prisby, ADEX
Dave Palmer
Dr. Scott Tomar
Dawn Piper
Ann Toucher, Chicago Dept of Public Health, Oral Health Programs
Dr. Gregory Jacob

Guest Attending In Office

Yue Hu – Dental Sedation B Permit applicant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 9:01 a.m.

Announcements/Correspondence

Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison introduced staff and had guests introduce themselves

Open Minutes

MOTION and SECOND (Hagenbruch/Williams) to approve the open minutes from the: March 31, 2026 dental meetings. All in favor? The motion is approved

Old Business

Janel Haretoun advised the Board she is working on the Rules, 2nd notice draft.

New Business

AADB

Joseph Hagenbruch, DMD, Member; announced the mid-year conference held April 24-25, 2026 was successful with over 200 attendees. The mid-year meeting will be October 17-18, 2026 at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland.

CRDTS

Roxanne Kozal CRDTS annual meeting will be August 28-29, 2025 in Omaha, NE.

ABDE

John Williams announced the annual meeting is October 17-18 in Maryland. He advised the ABDE will pay for board members expenses to attend the meeting. John indicated we need representation at the meeting. The ABDE will start having separate meetings instead of just state meetings. Illinois is in the Midwest region. John encouraged members to sign up to be an examiner

ISDS – Legislative

Lindsay Wagahoff reported the legislation session is complete. The new bills passed are now with the Governor for his signature. The first one the Dental Practice Act Bill that updates the name of the licensing agencies, the second, changes the Teledentistry statute. It outlines what can be done via teledentistry with examinations, and then following a teledentistry exam, what it really means and when it does not apply. The bill is specific about what it cannot be applied for and when it cannot be used. Finally, legislation that IDFPR pushed for all healthcare professions related to professional misconduct reporting with will include dentist and dental hygienist. It defines what type of misconduct to report and the timeline to report.

Illinois Dental Hygienists Association

No report

DANB

Mary Ellen Murphy put a link to the State of the States Report in the Chat section on the Web-Ex meeting for the board to review.

IL Dept of Public Health

Sherri Foran indicated she has nothing to report.

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

Public Comments

Guest, Yue Hu who is applying for a Dental Sedation Permit B wanted to address the board. He presented his education to the board. Board chair told applicant what is needed to review the Sedation Permit B application.

The Board Liaison, Jerry R. Miller announced the Dental Hygienist license application is now on our new licensing system, CORE. All applicants will now need to provide an official transcript, or certified letter on school letterhead that indicates they have completed their program and graduated. The Rosters submitted by the colleges are no longer acceptable.

Closed Session

A motion was made and seconded (Williams/Hagenbruch) 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, Lozano, Ware. The motion passed and the session closed at 9:36 a.m.

Closed Minutes.

As motion was made and seconded (Williams/Hagenbruch) to approve the closed minutes from the March 31, 2026, dental board meeting. The motion passed.

The closed session included the review of 7 applications: Amit Unnackat, Benjamin Hilton, Bryce Miller, Jermin Joseph, Mustafa Saad, Dental Professionals of Old Orchard and Nikita Puri.

A motion was made and seconded (Hagenbruch/Schaefer-Gilpin) to approve the application for Dental Professionals of Old Orchard. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded (Hagenbruch/Cimino) to deny the dental application from Nikita Puri. The motion passed.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made and seconded(Hagenbruch/Williams) to reconvene the open session. The motion passed by voice vote and the session opened at 10:13 am.

Mr. Miller reported that the Dental Board made the following recommendations in closed session: Approved closed minutes from the March 31, 2026 meeting; approve applications for: Jermin Joseph, Mustafa Saad, and Dental Professionals of Old Orchard. And defer 3 applications pending receipt of additional information: Benjamin Hilton, Amit Unnadkat, and Bryce Miller. Deny application for Nikita Puri.

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

A motion was made and seconded (Hagenbruch/Cimino) to adjourn the meeting, The meeting closed at 10:19 a.m.