



In-Service Training
Thursday, January 8, 2026
2:00 – 4:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
3. Ethics Training/Presentation – Hetzel and Elkins
4. Adjourn



Board Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2026

8:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes - December 5, 2025
6. Approval of Financials - November 2025
7. Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. ADPH Strategic Plan 2024-2026
 - ii. SCPH December report
 - b. Special Reports
 - i. Wellness Committee Report – Dr. Mike Garver/Dr. John Bennett
 - ii. Legislative Report – Ragan Ingram, Windom Galliher
 - iii. Anesthesia Committee Report – Dr. Koslin
 - c. Board Member Reports
 - i. Discussion regarding the creation of a Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee – Ms. Perry
 - ii. Continuing Education – Dr. York
 - d. Standing Committee(s)
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Vote to approve:
 - [Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama Amend Rule 270-X-3- 10 Proposal Duties of Allied Dental Personnel](#)
 - b. [Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama Amend Rule 270-X-2- 17 Proposal Criteria for On-Site Inspection for the Use of General Anesthesia and Parenteral Sedation/Moderate Sedation](#)
 - c. [Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama Amend Rule 270-X-2- 20 Proposal Adverse Occurrences](#)
 - d. Approval of Mr. Youngblood's travel to Investigator Conference as actual or per diem – Dr. Finn
 - e. Plan for hygienists' remediation - Dr. Finn



- f. Board Newsletter articles – Dr. Finn
 - g. Policies section on website – Dr. Finn
 - h. Out-of-State Pro Bono work for CE Credit Discussion – Dr. Finn
 - i. AG’s review of proposal for foreign-trained graduates for licensing – Ms. Hetzel and Mr. Elkins
 - j. May Meeting in Florence – Dr. Finn
9. New Business
- a. Reinstatement for sedation permit lapses – Mr. Lane
 - b. CE Course Approvals – Dr. Finn
 - c. Discussion regarding Unlicensed Dentistry in Alabama – Dr. Gray
 - d. ADHP Student who is asking for approval due to absence – Dr. Finn
 - e. Approval of Alumni Weekend Town Hall for Dr. Gray, Dr. York, and Ms. Perry
10. Licensure
- Dental License Applications
- By Credentials
 - David Little, DDS; Univ. of TX – San Antonio (1984)
 - Vincent Perciaccante, DDS; NYU (1995)
 - James Sorensen, DDS; Univ. of Nebraska (1996)
 - By Regional Exam
 - Shawnah Banks, DMD; Univ. of GA (2025)
 - Trevor Wever, DMD; UAB (2024)
 - Whitney Word, DMD; UAB (2024)
11. Enforcement
- a. Cases – Mr. Lane
12. Public Comments
- a. Dr. Robin Pruitt – **2026 Report on Licensee Impact and Ethical Stewardship of Public Funds and Adherence to Board Votes**
 - b. Dr. Steve Davis – **General Supervision for Hygienists**
 - c. Dr. Grady Swicord – **Changes in CDC guidelines being updated by the ADPH**
 - d. Dr. Mike Koslin – **Protecting the public**
13. Adjourn



BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Board office to conduct business.

The Vice-President called the Board Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, President; Dr. Holt Gray, Vice President; Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. John W. York, II; Dr. Roberto Pischek; Dr. Rene' Talbot, and Ms. Kelley Perry, RDH. Also in attendance were Sharon Thomas, Interim Executive Director; Shannon Youngblood, Investigator/Facility and Security; Dr. Mary Beth Finn, Chief of Staff; Tara Hetzel, Esq., Attorney General's Office; and Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office.

Guests included: Dr. Robin Pruitt, Jr.; Skyler Graham, RDH; Jessica M. Robertson, RDH; Jim Ward, Esq.; Kathy Gray; and Dr. Grady Swicord.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.dentalboard.org, and on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The Vice-President determined a quorum was present. Ms. Thomas confirmed.

This meeting was a Special Called meeting for In-Service Training provided by Ms. Hetzel from the AG's office. The Board members received a training manual including the AARB manual, the presentation from the AG's office, and other pertinent documents.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gray at 3:20 p.m.

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Board Meeting
January 9, 2026

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The Vice-President called the Board Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, President; Dr. Holt Gray, Vice President; Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. John W. York, II; Dr. Roberto Pischek; Dr. Rene' Talbot, and Ms. Kelley Perry, RDH. Also in attendance were Sharon Thomas, Interim Executive Director; Shannon Youngblood, Investigator/Facility and Security; Dr. Mary Beth Finn, Chief of Staff; and Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office.

Guests included: Dr. Robin Pruitt, Jr.; Dr. Steve Davis; Jessica M. Robertson, RDH; Dana McGowan, RDH; Richann Stage, RDH; Milicent Yeager, Driskell CPA Firm; Cheryl Pischek; Ragan Ingram, Windom Galliher; Clint Maze, Esq.; Jordan Gray; Dr. John Bennett, ADPWC; Ann Marie Karaki, UAB CE; Dr. Baker Chambliss; Dr. Grady Swicord; Skyler Graham, RDH; and Dr. Mike Koslin.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.dentalboard.org, and on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry - Yes

Dr. Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Vice-President determined a quorum was present. Ms. Thomas confirmed.

The Vice-President asked for an introduction of the guests in attendance.

The Vice-President asked the Board to adopt the meeting agenda as presented.



A request was made by Dr. Gray to move the public comments section to the top of the agenda as three of the four presenters must leave early to attend to business.

Dr. Talbot asked that discussion be added in the Old Business section regarding the names listed on the website and a question about the ethics complaint.

Dr. Pischek asked for the meeting in April to be moved to April 17 due to Good Friday.

Dr. McIlwain made the motion for the agenda to be modified as requested. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. The Motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The President asked for a review of the Board Minutes from the December 2025 meeting.

Dr. White made the motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from the December 2025 meeting. Dr. McIlwain seconded the motion. The Motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. White presented the Financial Reports for November 2025. Dr. McIlwain made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. The Motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. McIlwain presented the President's Reports including:

ADPH Strategic Plan 2024-2026

SCPH December Report

Dr. Bennett presented the Wellness Report.

Mr. Ingram presented the Legislative Report. There are several new bills that will be presented in the new session. One is a recommendation from the Contract Review Committee for the Governor not to sign a contract if the CRC does not recommend approval.

Another new bill would give the Governor the power to remove any Executive Director of any Board.

Dr. Koslin gave the Anesthesia Committee report stating they were on schedule with the permit evaluations.

Board Member Reports:

Ms. Perry presented a request that she be allowed to create a Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee.

Dr. McIlwain wanted to revisit the idea of publishing a dentist/hygienist resource book. He will wait for inLumen to be in place before actively seeking this to be done.

Dr. York presented the topic of reworking the Continuing Education Rule. The sub-committee will be spending more time on rewriting to present in the February meeting. Dr. York presented the

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idea that many states were on a two-year cycle for Continuing Education. Dr. Gray was against going to a two-year cycle.

Break 9:15 a.m.

Meeting Continued at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Pruitt presented his topic to the Board. At the end of his presentation, he requested his notes to be attached to the official minutes and distributed a copy to all Board members and staff. Dr. Talbot made the motion to attach his notes to the minutes. Dr. White seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

Dr. Steve Davis made his presentation on General Supervision vs. Direct Supervision of dental hygienists by dentists.

Dr. Grady Swicord made his presentation on HepB changes by the CDC. The Board determined this to be a New Business topic for the February meeting starting with the legal advice first from the legal team.

Dr. Koslin made his presentation.

Unfinished Business:

The Board made a final vote on the following proposed rules:

Rule 270-X-3-.10 – Duties of Allied Dental Personnel (coronal polishing)

The Board made the change to remove supervision by hygienists over the dental assistants for coronal polishing. The Board voted to approve the rule with the change. Motion was made by Dr. McIlwain and seconded by Dr. Pischek.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

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Ms. Perry – No

The Board made a final vote on Rule 270-X-2-.17 – Criteria for On-Site Inspection for the use of General Anesthesia and Parenteral Sedation/Moderate Sedation. The Board opted to remove Moderate Sedation from the Rule in total. Motion was made by Dr. McIlwain and seconded by Dr. Pischek.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – abstain

The Board made a final vote on Rule 270-X-2-.20 Proposal for Adverse Occurrences. The Board made no changes to the proposed rule. Motion was made by Dr. Gray and seconded by Dr. McIlwain.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – abstain

The Board voted to approve Mr. Youngblood's travel to the Investigator's Conference as actual expense.

Dr. McIlwain made the motion and Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – Yes

The Board voted to create a rule for dentists and dental hygienists who want to reinstate their license in Alabama but have not practiced in 5-10 years.

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Dr. McIlwain made the motion. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes

The newsletter will be assembled with articles by the Board for the February Board meeting.

Mr. Elkins will research what it will take to write a rule to change the DPA to allow the licensure of foreign trained dentists. He will report back to the Board in the February meeting.

The Board voted to move the April meeting to April 17th and to have the Board meet at the Renaissance Hotel in Florence. The following Board staff members are to attend: the General Counsel, Board Attorney, Mr. Youngblood, Ms. Thomas, Dr. Finn, and Mr. Lane, in addition to, all Board members.

The motion was made by Dr. Gray and seconded by Dr. Pischek.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes

Break – 10:50 a.m.

Return to meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Lane presented the discussion on sedation permit lapses and reinstatement. The Board discussed checking CEs if the permit had not been renewed before December 31st to see if the licensee had completed the required courses for the specific permit. In addition, there would be a full evaluation including a reinspection of the facility and an anesthesia evaluation. The permit would stay as application in process until the successful completion of the facility inspection, then would be moved to Temporary. Once the anesthesia evaluation had been successfully completed the status of the permit would be moved to an Active status. A note was made that there is no formal policy for turning in a permit that is no longer valid.

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Dr. McIlwain made a motion for the policy to be written and reviewed in the February meeting.

Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – abstain

An ADHP student asked the Board for approval to remain in the ADHP after being absent. The Board approved as the student had followed protocol and provided a doctor's excuse. Ms. Perry motioned the approval of the student and Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – Yes

The Board voted to conduct a Town Hall Meeting at the end of the UAB alumni weekend at the Hyatt Galleria on February 8th from 11-12 noon.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – Yes

Dr. Talbot asked about the list of dentists on the website who had been penalized for a disciplinary action. The Board recommendation remains in effect for one year reflected on the website.

Dr. Talbot asked about the result of the complaint to the Ethics Commission regarding a past board member. Because of his personal knowledge of the testimony, Dr. Gray will sign the complaint.

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The Board voted to approve the travel to the AADB in April to Chicago, Illinois. The conference is April 23rd through April 26th. Dr. Gray, Dr. York, Dr. White, Dr. Talbot, and Ms. Perry were approved to attend. The motion was made by Dr. Gray. Dr. York seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – Yes

- **Dental License Applications**

- **By Credentials**

- David Little, DDS; Univ. of TX – San Antonio (1984)
 - Vincent Perciaccante, DDS; NYU (1995)
 - James Sorensen, DDS; Univ. of Nebraska (1996)

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Credentials contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. White made the motion. Dr. McIlwain seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

- **By Regional Exam**

- Shawnah Banks, DMD; Univ. of GA (2025)
 - Trevor Wever, DMD; UAB (2024)
 - Whitney Word, DMD; UAB (2024)

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Regional Exam contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Pischek made the motion. Dr. Gray seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Elkins discussed with the Board the approach to negotiated settlements using the Board approved fine guidelines.

The motion was made by Dr. Gray to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

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Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. by Dr. Gray.

Submitted by: Dr. Mary Beth Finn

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: 2-13-2026