



Work Session Agenda

Thursday, March 19, 2026

5:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2026
6. Approval of Financials – Dr. White
January 2026
7. 2 ADHP Student with Attendance/1 ADHP student with background issues
8. Approval of NAPS event for April 4, 2026
Special Volunteer Licenses for:
Dr. Joseph B. Milholm, DMD (Tennessee)
9. CE Broker Course Approvals
10. Board Attorney job description
11. Survey to be sent to licensees
12. Work Session
Dr. Gray's PowerPoint for DPA/Board Rules
13. Adjourn



BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Board office to conduct business.

The Vice-President called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, President (virtually); Dr. Holt Gray, Vice President; Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer (virtually – at 5:30 p.m.); Dr. John W. York, II; Dr. Roberto Pischek (virtually); 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 Tara Hetzel, Esq., Attorney General's Office.

Guests included: Dr. Leonard Mueninghoff, UAB; and Ragan Ingram, Windom & Galliher (virtually).

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 was conducted for all board members present:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes (virtually)

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes (virtually)

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

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

Dr. Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Gray made the motion to allow the speaker to make his presentation to the Board before beginning other business and to approve the agenda with this change. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. McIlwain (virtually) – Yes

Dr. Pischek (virtually) - Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

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Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved by all members present.

Dr. Mueninghoff presented to the Board his view on in person continuing education and the licensing of internationally prepared dentists.

Dr. York made the motion to accept the February minutes. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – not present

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved by all members present.

Dr. Gray presented the January financials to be approved. Dr. Talbot made the motion to approve the financials as presented. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – not present

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Ms. Thomas presented two ADHP students, both who had missed a day in the ADHP due to medical emergencies.

For student #4011- Ms. Perry made the motion to allow the student to remain in the program. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – not present

Dr. York – Yes

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Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

For student #4041- Ms. Perry made the motion to allow the student to remain in the program. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – not present

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Youngblood presented information regarding an applicant for the ADHP who had a background issue, several items which turned up in his investigation that were not listed on the application as well as some that were.

There was no motion presented by the Board on this request to apply to the ADHP program. The applicant will not be able to take part in the ADHP program.

Mr. Youngblood presented the information on the NAPS event occurring on April 4, 2026. The organization has current permits.

Dr. Talbot made a motion to approve the event. Dr. York seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – not present

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Gray presented Dr. Joseph Milholm and an applicant for a Special Volunteer License for the NAPS event. Dr. York made the motion to approve the applicant. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

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Dr. White – not present

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – Yes

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Abstain

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present who could vote, with the hygiene member abstaining.

Dr. Finn presented the Baldwin County Dental Student Club who asked for a course approval for the course, “An Introduction to Dental Oncology” in CE Broker. Dr. York made the motion to approve the course. Dr. Talbot 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 motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Finn presented the Wiregrass Hygiene Organization who asked for a course approval for the course, “Ethics”, in CE Broker. Dr. York made the motion to approve the course. Ms. Perry 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 motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The Board reviewed the Board Attorney job description and asked for four changes to be made to the job description before posting to the State Personnel and LinkedIn websites. Dr. York made the motion to approve the job description with the proposed changes. Dr. Talbot 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 motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The Continuing Education Survey was discussed by Dr. York. After making a few changes to the survey draft, Dr. Gray made the motion to send the survey with the changes made to licensees across the state with a due date of April 15, 2026. Ms. Perry seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – Yes

Dr. Gray – Yes

Dr. White – Yes

Dr. York – Yes

Dr. Pischek – No

Dr. Talbot – Yes

Ms. Perry - Yes

The motion was approved by the majority vote of the members present.

Break: 6:02 p.m.

Return from Break – 6:10 p.m.

Dr. Gray presented his PowerPoint presentation and guided discussions on beginning the process of drafting DPA and Board Rule changes. Mr. Ingram suggested that the process be divided up into sections. It was determined that Mr. Lane would be the Point of Contact and would organize the project.

A discussion was also held about license renewals every two years instead of annually, as well as re-wording the Board elections guidelines to be clear that both dentist and hygiene candidates would need to be actively practicing either as a dentist or a hygienist for five years immediately preceding running for a board seat.

A different discussion was initiated about candidates running for a seat who worked for the same business as a seated board member, and other requirements in the election part of the DPA.

Finally, a discussion was held regarding General Supervision vs. Direct Supervision. Dr. White and Ms. Perry had the opinion that job duty specifications would need to be rewritten for hygienists and assistants if supervision was changed.

Dr. McIlwain stated that modernization of the DPA was warranted with specific guidelines addressing record retention, digital imagery, and electronic dental records.

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Mr. Lane will email board members regarding what each is to prepare for the next Board meeting in April. Dr. Gray made the motion that the research for these assignments will be paid with a cap of \$600 for the assigned research. 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

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Dr. Gray motioned to adjourn. 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

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Submitted by: Dr. Mary Beth Finn

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: April 17, 2026