Board Meeting

Friday, June 5, 2026

8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Approval of Minutes – May 7-8, 2026
5. Approval of Financials – Dr. White
   April 30, 2026
6. Unfinished Business
   a. OCS, PS, and GA on permit reinstatement – OBEAM & Sedation Monitoring Requirements – Mr. Lane, Dr. Koslin
   b. Rule 270-X-2-.17 draft for proposal and Board consideration – Mr. Lane, Mr. Elkins
   c. Discussion of terminology of felony requirements in DPA/Board Rules – Mr. Elkins, Mr. Lane (270-X-2.07)
   d. Research on temp personnel and hygiene renewals – Mr. Elkins
   e. Research and review of general supervision – Mr. Elkins
   f. Amendment of 270-X-1.08 – Board Meetings – Mr. Elkins
   g. Draft of IV Assistant – Mr. Lane
   h. Opinion for 34-9-9 – Mr. Elkins
   i. Update of policy for consent orders and settlement agreements – Mr. Lane, Mr. Elkins
   j. Board meeting calendar for 2027 – Dr. White
   k. Approval for Board Travel:
      -AADA – 10/14-10/15
      -ADEX – 10/15-10/17
      -AADB – 10/17-10/18
      -CRDTS – 8/28-8/29
   l. Anesthesia Evaluation Committee Report – Dr. Koslin
   m. New Board Compensation Forms for reimbursement – Ms. Thomas
   n. Board Attorney Committee – Dr. Gray, Dr. White, and Dr. York
   o. Update on Research for Changing DPA to allow for licensure of foreign trained dentists – Mr. Elkins and Mr. Lane
   p. Name Change Research for Alabama Impaired Professionals' Committee – Dr. McIlwain, Mr. Lane, Mr. Elkin

7. Executive Director's Report – Ms. Thomas
8. Break
9. Reports
    a. President's Report – Dr. McIlwain
       -Board Rules on Schools – ADHP/Latham
       -Dr. Basma supervising the secondary site – ADHP/Basma
    b. Board Member Governance Quick Reference Guide – Dr. White
    c. Incisor Education and ADA Sedation Articles – Dr. York
    d. Dr. Ardovino – Sleep Studies – Dr. Gray
    e. ADHP Capping of the Program numbers for each session – Dr. Basma and Ms. Latham
    f. Special Reports
        i. Wellness Committee Report – Dr. John Bennett
           (including correction to previously mentioned case)
        ii. Legislative Report – Mr. Ingram, Windom Galliher (included in board packet)
10. New Business
    a. General Counsel Sub-Committee – Dr. Gray, Dr. White, Dr. York
    b. Pending Notices for Hearing – Dr. McIlwain
    c. CE Course Approvals – Dr. Finn
       -Digital Implant Dentistry
       -Digital Implant and Full Arch
       -Comp Digital Implant
       -South Alabama Ortho – Ortho Considerations for the General Dentist Office
       -Wiregrass – OSHA/Infection Control
11. Dental License Applications
    - By Credentials
        - David Han, DDS; Ohio State University (1992)
        - Jason Korkus, DDS; University of Michigan (1999)
        - William Jennings, DDS; Baylor School of Dentistry (1997)
        - Michael Jordan, DMD; Tufts University of Dental Medicine (2022)
    - By Regional Exam
        - Nicholas Butler, DMD; Medical University of South Carolina (2026)
        - Jacob Fanning, DMD; University of Mississippi (2025)
        - Jerod Fritts, DMD; University of Mississippi (2026)
        - Michael Gingras, DDS; University of Tennessee (2026)
        - Chris Gupta, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
        - Kelli Hixson, DMD; University of Mississippi (2026)

- Sarrah Ann Daugherty, DMD; A.T. Still University Arizona (2026)
- Cooper Long, DDS; University of Tennessee (2026)
- Adam Mather, DDS; VCU School of Dentistry (2025)
- James McKay, DDS; UTHSC College of Dentistry (2025)
- Lily Nguyen, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
- Matthew Owens, DMD; Lincoln Memorial University (2026)
- Madden Pikula, DDS; Creighton Dental School (2026)
- Ross Powers, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
- Hien Tran, DDS; University of Colorado (2026)
- Anna Lee Walker, DMD, Augusta University (2026)

12. Dental Hygiene License Applications

By Credentials

Melissa Lawson, RDH; Central Carolina Community College (2009)

By Regional Exam

Erica Rostro Sanchez, RDH; Pensacola State College (2025)

Retired/Disabled License

i. Dr. Anna Marie Migliore Lee

ii. Dr. Michael McCarthy

13. Break
14. Enforcement

-Investigations – Mr. Youngblood

Background reports

Inspections

Evaluations

-Cases – Mr. Lane

15. Research Approvals – Dr. McIlwain
16. Public Comments

-Letter from Dr. Sitz

17. Executive Session

-Pending litigation

-Administrative Consideration

18. Adjourn

BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Friday, June 5, 2026, at the Board office to conduct business.

The President called the Board Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, 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; Kevin Lane, Compliance Director, and Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office. Dr. Gray was not present at this meeting.

Guests included: Dr. Mike Koslin; James Driskell, CPA; Dr. John Bennett; Michele Huebner, ALDA Executive Director; Ragan Ingram, Windom, Galliher, & Associates; Dr. Karen Littleton, BCBS Liaison; Dr. Hussein Basma, ADHP Education Director; and Skyler Graham, RDH.

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.

Dr. McIlwain began the meeting by everyone standing to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was conducted for all board members present:
Dr. McIlwain – 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 President determined a quorum was present. Ms. Thomas confirmed.

Dr. Whtie made the motion to accept the May minutes. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. White made the motion to approve the April Financials. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. Bennett presented the report for the Alabama Impaired Professionals' Committee. He reported that he was working diligently on the non-profit status. He announced Dr. Griffen is the newest member of the committee.

Dr. Karen Littleton, the BCBS liaison, presented information regarding her position. She hopes to communicate better and help patients. She also wants to communicate better with dentists. She gave her information to distribute to all dentists. Her contact information is:

dental@bcbsal.org
Karen.littleton@bcbsal.org
1-866-904-4130 or 205-962-2113

Dr. Koslin presented his report on the changes to the anesthesia permits. He spoke on the OBEAM safety course and its requirements. He strongly urged the consistency between the three levels of anesthesia permits.

Dr. Pischek made the motion to approve the Board Rule 270-X-2-.26 to be published for Public Comment. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. Pischek made the motion to approve the Board Rule 270-X-2-.21 to be published for Public Comment. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. Talbot made the motion to approve the Board Rule 270-X-3-.10 to be published for Public Comment. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. Koslin presented his anesthesia committee report. The evaluators are completely up to date on inspections and evaluations. He requested the board look at what constitutes proper coverage, on-call and access to emergency records for those professionals who do evaluations intermittently for multi-states. Mr. Lane will follow up on the coverage rule in the July meeting.

Ms. Perry questioned the need for an employer to be requested for the hygienist renewal. She asked for the employer requirement to be removed.
Ms. Perry made the motion to no longer add the requirement of listing employer to the renewal and there to be a notification of changes to employment. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. Pischek made the motion for 270-X-1-.08 to be published for Public Comment. Dr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

Mr. Elkins presented the request for opinion on the Board making decisions on PPO reimbursements. He informed the Board that it does not have discretion to make these decisions as they are outside of the Board's regulatory authority.

Dr. White made the motion to approve the policy and process decided by the Board for consent orders and settlement agreements. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. White presented to the Board a draft of the 2027 Board meeting calendar. The Board made some updates to some of the dates. Dr. Pischek made the motion to adopt the 2027 calendar with the Board approved changes. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. York made the motion to approve travel for all Board members for the AADA, AADB, and ADEX meetings. Dr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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. McIlwain presented the discussion on changing the name of the Alabama Impaired Professionals' Committee. Due to the committee being a joint committee in statute between the Pharmacy Board and the Dental Board, the Board asked Mr. Ingram to become involved as a liaison between the two for a discussion on the final change.

Ms. Thomas presented the Executive Director's report. She discussed the additions to the ADHP orientation for IT support and classroom protocols. The contracts are being created and signed for the insurance for the secondary site and the on-site evaluations. So far, there have been 11 applicants denied for the ADHP with a total of approximately 225 applicants scheduled to start on July 22nd. Mr. Harrison was approved as board attorney on June 4 by the Contract Review Committee. The Governor's signature is still needed for complete approval.

Break at 9:30 a.m.
Return from break 9:50 a.m.

Dr. McIlwain discussed the applicant who went to a non-accredited home school and the requirement of a GED or high school diploma to apply for the ADHP. The Board allowed the rule to stand that an applicant must have a GED or high school diploma as a requirement of the ADHP.

Dr. McIlwain discussed the fact that Dr. Basma can supervise the secondary site for ADHP as he is the Education Director.

Dr. White presented her first draft of the Board Member Governance Quick Reference Guide.

Dr. York included some articles in the Board member packet for review of Incisor Education and ADA Sedation Articles.

Dr. McIlwain presented that dentists can order sleep studies but the studies must be interpreted by a physician.

Dr. Basma and Ms. Latham discussed a possible capping of the number of students in the ADHP to under 200, based on first come, first served completed applications. The Board asked questions about the number to be capped. For the 2026-2027 ADHP, Dr. Pischek made the motion to reduce the application fee to $50. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

Ms. Latham presented an ADHP wrap up report from the 2025-2026 program.
178 applicants started the program
11 voluntarily withdrew during the program
150 students successfully completed the program
So far there is a 90% pass rate of the ADEX of those who graduated.
104/106 passed the OSCE on the first attempt

Ms. Perry, Ms. Latham, and Ms. Thomas will be working together to research what it would take to create the IC course online and to conduct it by Webex, as well as conducting it in person.

Mr. Ingram gave his report for Windom, Galliher, and Associates.

Dr. York, Dr. Gray, and Dr. White are working as the General Counsel subcommittee, hoping to find a good candidate for hire. The subcommittee requested the job posting to be kept open until the end of June.

Dr. McIlwain discussed the pending notices for hearing.

Dr. York made the motion to approve the following Continuing Education courses submitted through CE Broker.
-Digital Implant Dentistry – Dr. Pfundheller
-Digital Implant and Full Arch – Dr. Pfundheller
-Comp Digital Implant – Dr. Pfundheller
-Ortho Considerations for the General Dentist Office – South Alabama Ortho
-Osha/Infection Control - Wiregrass

Dr. White seconded the motion for the CE courses. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

- Dental License Applications
  - By Credentials
    - David Han, DDS: Ohio State University (1992)
    - Jason Korkus, DDS; University of Michigan (1999)
    - William Jennings, DDS; Baylor School of Dentistry (1997)

- Michael Jordan, DMD; Tufts University of Dental Medicine (2022)

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Credentials contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

- By Regional Exam
    - Nicholas Butler, DMD; Medical University of South Carolina (2026)
    - Jacob Fanning, DMD; University of Mississippi (2025)
    - Jerod Fritts, DMD; University of Mississippi (2026)
    - Michael Gingras, DDS; University of Tennessee (2026)
    - Chris Gupta, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
    - Kelli Hixson, DMD; University of Mississippi (2026)
    - Sarrah Ann Daugherty, DMD; A.T. Still University Arizona (2026)
    - Cooper Long, DDS; University of Tennessee (2026)
    - Adam Mather, DDS; VCU School of Dentistry (2025)
    - James McKay, DDS; UTHSC College of Dentistry (2025)
    - Lily Nguyen, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
    - Matthew Owens, DMD; Lincoln Memorial University (2026)
    - Madden Pikula, DDS; Creighton Dental School (2026)
    - Ross Powers, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
    - Hien Tran, DDS; University of Colorado (2026)
    - Anna Lee Walker, DMD, Augusta University (2026)

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Regional Exam contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

- Dental Hygiene License Applications
  - By Credentials
    - Melissa Lawson, RDH; Central Carolina Community College (2009)

Ms. Perry recommended approval of the applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure by Credentials contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

  - By Regional Exam
    - Erica Rostro Sanchez, RDH; Pensacola State College (2025)

Ms. Perry recommended approval of the applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure by Regional Exam contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

- Retired/Disabled License
  - Dr. Anna Marie Migliore Lee
  - Dr. Michael McCarthy

Dr. McIlwain recommended approval of the applicants for Retired/Disabled License. Dr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

Break 11:10 a.m.
Returned to Meeting 11:25 a.m.

Mr. Youngblood presented two cases of ADHP applicants who wanted to be approved for the 2026-2027 program.
Case 1 (4327) – Ms. Perry made the recommendation to approve this applicant to take the ADHP program. Dr. York seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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.

Case 2 (4389) – Dr. Pischek made the motion to deny the applicant to take the ADHP program. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – 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 voted to approve research for two hours each board member to prepare for the Town Hall; Dr. Gray, Dr. White, and Dr. York up to six hours for interview preparation for the General Counsel position; Ms. Perry and Dr. Talbot two hours of research for the ADHP program implementation online; three hours

each for Dr. White and Dr. McIlwain for working on the board member manual; and two hours each board member for working on the DPA section two.
Dr. White made the motion to approve the above research determination of hours for each board member.
Dr. York seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – 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. McIlwain acknowledged Dr. Sitz's letter for consideration.

Break 11:35 a.m.
Return from Break 11:57 a.m.

Dr. Basma presented his thoughts regarding a cap for the ADHP class.

Dr. York made the motion for the Board to go to Executive Session. Dr. White seconded the motion. A roll call was conducted:

Dr. McIlwain – 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.

Mr. Elkins stated he is an attorney in good standing to go into Executive Session for pending litigation.

Dr. White made the motion that the following cases had No Evidence to Sustain.
2026-61
2026-42
2026-55
2026-24
2026-33
2026-34
2026-40
Dr. York seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted:

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

The motion was approved.
Note: The Team Leader for the respective cases abstains with the hygiene member.

Dr. White made the motion that case #26-47 was out of jurisdiction. Dr. York seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

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

The motion was approved.

Dr. York made the motion that case #26-28 be noticed for hearing. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

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

The motion was approved.

Dr. York made the motion that case #26-53 be noticed for hearing. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

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

The motion was approved.

Dr. Pischek made the motion to rescind the notices for non-disciplinary fines since February 2026. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

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

The motion was approved.

Dr. Pischek made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. York seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

- Dr. McIlwain – 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 ended at 1:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Dr. Mary Beth Finn

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: July 17, 2026