Board Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026

1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Roles defined for Board Attorney vs. General Counsel – Mr. Elkins and Mr. Harrison
5. Work Session for DPA

   -Master Section Information

   -Part II
6. Work Session for Board Rules
   a. Discussion of terminology of felony requirements in DPA/Board Rules – Mr. Elkins, Mr. Lane (270-X-2.07)
   b. Research on temp personnel and hygiene renewals – Mr. Elkins
   c. Research and review of general supervision – Mr. Elkins
   d. 34-9-14, 270-X-3-.09 – Address change – Legal Team
   e. Anesthesia permits – one per location 270-X-2-.21 – Discussion – Legal Team/Koslin
   f. Rule 270-X-5-.09 – NDF Rule – Legal Team (Review)
7. Executive Session

   -Pending Litigation

   -Cases
8. Adjourn until Friday morning

Board Meeting

July 17, 2026

8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2026
5. Approval of Financials – Dr. White
   May 31, 2026
6. Vaccine answers to questions regarding Hepatitis B – Dr. Karen Landers, Chief Medical Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health (Dr. Finn to call)
7. Concerns about Hepatitis B guidelines and the importance of input from the dentist population – Dr. Grady Swicord
8. Social Media Postings – Dr. Amanda Thompson
9. Break
10. Unfinished Business
    a. Continuing Education Rule Change – 270-X-4-.04 (Public Comment period ended July 10, 2026) – Board Decision
       Received comments from:
       Dr. Atchley
       Dr. Wilson (Alabama Dental Society)
       Dr. Trammell, University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association
       Dr. Jones, Alabama Academy of General Dentistry
       Dr. Doobrow, Alabama Dental Association
       Ms. Karaki, Association for Continuing Dental Education
       Dr. Sitz
       Dr. Clayton, Chase Family Dentistry Huntsville
       Dr. Adams
    b. Anesthesia Inspection Team – 270-X-2-.24 (Public Comment period ended July 10, 2026) – Board Decision (No public comments received)
    c. Anesthesia question – Ordering drugs without sedation permit – Dr. Koslin
    d. Anesthesia Evaluation Committee Report – Dr. Koslin
    e. Board meeting calendar Update for 2027 – Dr. White
    f. Ms. Latham consideration for approval for Board Travel:
       -ADEX – 10/15-10/17
    g. Name Change Research for Alabama Impaired Professionals' Committee – Dr. McIlwain, Mr. Lane, Mr. Elkin, and Mr. Ingram

11. Executive Director's Report – Ms. Thomas
12. Break
13. Reports
    a. President's Report – Dr. McIlwain
    b. GCDC Report – Dr. Pischek
    c. 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)
14. New Business
    a. Botox Injections by Hygienists – Dr. McIlwain
    b. Virtual ADHP Sponsor Certification Training – (IC Course) – Ms. Perry
    c. ADHP Hygiene Representative Participation – Ms. Perry
    d. Budget discussion on ADHP costs and fees
       -proctoring
       -insurance
       -venue
       -GCDC costs
    e. ADHP student issue and Tech issues Discussion – Ms. Latham
        i. Student who wants to leave class at 11:00 a.m.
        ii. Tech issues that might arise at orientation
    f. Between sessions approval of research – Ms. Perry & Dr. McIlwain
    g. Budget – Staff Performance Raise Average Percentage for Budget calculations
    h. CE Course Approvals – Dr. Finn
       -Human Trafficking (2)
       -Malpractice CE
       -Dr. Matthews – request for all online CE approval due to accident
15. Dental License Applications
    - By Credentials
        - Cory Hatch, DDS, University of Iowa (2016)
        - Peter Kelly, DDS; University of Maryland (2011)
        - Janice Joyce, DDS; Case Western University (1989)
    - By Regional Exam
        - Bradley Earls, DMD; Lincoln Memorial University (2026)
        - Avery Gibens, DMD; University of Mississippi (2026)
        - Davis Mitchell, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
        - Neil Patel, DMD; Tufts University (2026)
        - Zeelben Patel, DMD; Lincoln Memorial University (2026)

- Brenton Rosa, DDS; University of Maryland (2026)
- Lauren Snow, DMD; Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (2023)
- Cheyenne Young, DMD; University of Pennsylvania (2026)

16. Dental Hygiene License Applications

By Regional Exam

- Faith Frantz, RDH; Old Dominion University (2026)
- Skyler Shields, RDH; Albany State College (2026)

17. Retired/Disabled License

- Dr. Nathaniel Redmond
- Dr. Terry Stubblefield
- Dr. Elizabeth Stinnett White

18. Military/Spouse Portability

- Benjamin Ye-Bin Wang
- Shani Oni Thompson

19. Break

20. Enforcement

-Investigations – Mr. Youngblood

Background reports

Inspections

Evaluations

-Cases – Mr. Lane – Final Board Decision

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21. Research Approvals – Dr. McIlwain

22. Adjourn

ETHICS TRAINING/TOWN HALL

July 12, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met July 12, 2026, at the 2026 Gulf Coast Dental Conference held at the Sandestin Hilton Resort 4000 S Sandestin Boulevard, Miramar Beach, Florida 32550 to conduct business.

The Vice-President called the Ethics Training/Town Hall Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance: 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 was Sharon Thomas, Interim Executive Director.

The Board members took turns presenting a one-hour ethics training session for continuing education units. The Town Hall began immediately afterward. The majority of questions were concerning the proposed continuing education rule modification which allows the continuing education credits to be earned in any modality. Although the public comment time was over July 10th, the Board will be voting on the proposed rule at the July Board meeting July 17, 2026.

The Vice President adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, July 16, 2026, at the Board office, 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35216 to conduct business.

The President called the Board Meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, President; Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer; 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, Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office; and Don Harrison, Esq., Board Attorney. Dr. Gray was not present at this meeting. Dr. York was running late due to traffic.

Guests included: Ragan Ingram, Windom Galliher & Associates; Dr. Charles Mark King; and Ross Porter.

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 with 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. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes

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

Dr. York came to the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Mr. Elkins and Mr. Harrison led the discussion on defining the differences between the Board Attorney and the General Counsel.

The Board continued its work on the DPA and the Board Rules. Mr. Lane asked the Board to review Rule 270-X-5-.09 and bring their changes for the Friday meeting.

When discussing the Rule 270-X-2-.21, the interpretation of one OCS permit per location was validated by the Board and approved by the AGO's office.

The Board discussed and reviewed the first twenty pages of the requested DPA revisions with the public liaison and the legal team.

Break at 3:15 p.m.
Return to work at 3:25 p.m.

Mr. Ingram discussed his report and the current legislative session. He also agreed to take the lead in the name change for the Impaired Professionals' Committee to recognize a more fitting one for the Pharmacy and the Dental Board.

At 3:30 p.m., Dr. White made the motion to go into Executive Session for pending litigation and case reviews. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. Mr. Elkins certified that he is a member of the Bar in good standing and approved the move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
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.

At 4:46, the President called the Board back to order as they came out of Executive Session.

Dr. York made a motion that case #2026-052 be noticed for hearing. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. York made a motion that case #2026-046 had no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. York made a motion that case #2026-041 had no evidence to sustain. Dr. White seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-043 had no evidence to sustain. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-058 is out of jurisdiction. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-060 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-059 is out of jurisdiction. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. Pischek made a motion that case #2026-063 is administratively closed. Dr. White seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. Pischek made a motion that case #2026-049 is out of jurisdiction. Dr. White seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that cases #2026-048, 56, 66 have no evidence to sustain. Dr. York seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. York made a motion that case #2026-021 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-071 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2020-085 has no evidence to sustain. Dr. York seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstained from the vote.

At 4:52 p.m., Dr. Pischek made the motion to adjourn, and Dr. York seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Board Meeting

Friday, July 17, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Friday, July 17, 2026, at the Board office, 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35216 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, Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office; and Don Harrison, Esq., Board Attorney. Dr. Gray was not present at this meeting.

Guests included: Ross Porter; Dr. Robin Pruitt; Jessica Robertson, RDH; Dr. Mike Koslin; Dr. Grady Swicord; Dr. Amanda Thompson; Jason Crook; Ann Marie Karaki, UAB Continuing Education; Dr. Nicolaas Geurs, UAB School of Dentistry; and Dr. John Bennett. Dr. Karen Landers, ADPH, called in by phone to respond to Board questions.

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 with 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 President determined a quorum was present. Ms. Thomas confirmed.

Dr. White made the motion to accept the June minutes. 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. Pischek made the motion to approve May 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. Karen Landers was asked by the Board to answer questions regarding issues that have arisen with the Hepatitis B policy for ADHP. Several key comments resulted from her responses:

a. Dr. Landers highly recommends that people complete whatever series they start for Hepatitis B immunization.
b. Dr. Landers suggested that a person should stay with the same product but if change to a different product, take the entire series of shots.
c. Dosage should be appropriate with CDC recommended time between shots.

Dr. Landers invited the Board to call her if there were any further questions. She also has a Communicable Disease Branch that can assist with any questions.

Dr. Swicord made a presentation to the Board with comments of appreciation.

Dr. McIlwain stated that he vaccinates everyone in his office for Hepatitis B and still wants all people to be vaccinated. He said that it works in keeping Hepatitis B from being a problem because it is being pushed.

Dr. Amanda Thompson made a presentation to the Board regarding the effects of social media and dentistry, giving her personal experience.

Break at 8:47 a.m.
Back from break at 9:00 a.m.

The Board voted on the Continuing Education rewrite, Rule 270-X-4-.04. It is a substantial change as it discontinues the in-person requirement of continuing education for dentists and hygienists.
Dr. York made the motion to adopt the rule. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.

Dr. White made comments regarding her interfacing with dentists at the Gulf Coast Dental Conference. She feels the new rule gives flexibility.
Dr. Pischek made his comments regarding the ADHP during COVID and attention span issues when not in-person.

A roll call vote was conducted to adopt Dr. White's position as the Board's statement and to approve the new rule after considering all public comments.

Dr. McIlwain	-	Yes
Dr. White	-	Yes
Dr. Pischek	-	Abstained
Dr. York	-	Yes
Dr. Talbot	-	Yes
Ms. Perry	-	Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board voted on the Anesthesia Inspection Teams Rule 270-X-2-.24. The rule was created to modify the criteria of the inspection team to give more flexibility and optimize team usage.
Dr. Pischek made the motion to adopt the rule as written. Dr. York seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:

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

The motion was approved.

Dr. Koslin discussed with the Board the need to have a rule that makes it a requirement for a dentist to have an anesthesia permit to order anesthesia drugs. If a permit evaluation is failed, the investigator will check inventory and secure and destroy medications. As part of his suggestions, if the dentist is no longer practicing, the dentist must notify the board and must surrender their permit, triggering an inspection of drugs.

Dr. Koslin discussed some of his concerns regarding itinerant dentists with the Board and asked them to consider his suggested guidelines for future rulemaking.

Dr. White discussed some modifications of the 2027 calendar that needed to be made due to travel and other conference issues. The motion was made by Dr. Pischek to modify the June approved calendar for 2027. Dr. York seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The Board discussed the approval of Ms. Latham, Mr. Youngblood, and Mr. Harrison to go to the ADEX and AADB meeting in October. Dr. York made a motion to approve the travel for these three people. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Ms. Thomas presented the Executive Director report to the Board. She discussed the number of attendees at the Gulf Coast Dental Conference for the ADHP Instructor Course. She also mentioned that 54 ADHP students still had issues in their Hepatitis B documentation in preparation for the September hands-on training at UAB. Ms. Thomas confirmed notification of the Board's Sunset Committee Meeting set for October 29th at 9:15 a.m. Finally, she let the Board know that the ADHP is now VA approved for eligible military/dependents benefits.

Dr. Bennett presented the report for the Impaired Professionals' Committee.

Dr. Pischek presented his report on the Gulf Coast Dental Conference with emphasis that communication is essential between the licensees and the Board.

Dr. McIlwain presented his President's report, stating that he had fielded several calls from the Sunset Committee, questions on the revisions to the Continuing Education Rule, questions on board processes, and other topics.

Break at 10:15 a.m.
Back from break at 10:28 a.m.

Dr. McIlwain began the discussion with the Board on hygienists being allowed to give Botox injections. There are a lot of things to consider regarding experience, education, and training. The Board will continue to consider this topic.

Ms. Perry and Dr. Talbot discussed the virtual ADHP Sponsor Certification Training. They are exploring options and considerations for modular training.

Dr. York left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Ms. Perry broached the topic of Orthodontic and Pediatric offices sending students to the ADHP. Dr. McIlwain stated there needs to be specific clinical guidance with published criteria and the sponsoring dentist is responsible for making this experience happen for his/her student. Dr. McIlwain suggested that there be a follow-up by the ADHP personnel unless it is a general dentist.

Ms. Latham presented an ADHP student who wanted to leave early in the August session of the program. Ms. Perry stated we need to stick with what we have done in the past and adhere to the schedule. The Board did not vote.

Between the June and July meeting, Dr. McIlwain had approved 3 hours of research for the Board members to prepare for their Ethics training course at the Gulf Coast Dental Conference. Dr. Pischek made the motion to formally approve of the three hours research for each Board member. Dr. White seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. White discussed the average percentage the Board would approve for the staff performance raises for budget calculations. Dr. Pischek made the motion to approve a 2-4% raise dependent on performance. Dr. White seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Finn presented the Human Trafficking and Malpractice courses to be approved on CE Broker. Dr. McIlwain made the motion to approve the courses. Dr. White seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Finn presented the request by Dr. Matthews for totally online approval of his continuing education this renewal year because of an accident that prevented him from attending in-person courses. Dr. McIlwain made the motion to approve Dr. Matthews for online CEs. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

- Dental License Applications
  - By Credentials
    - Cory Hatch, DDS; University of Iowa (2016)
    - Peter Kelly, DDS; University of Maryland (2011)
    - Janice Joyce, DDS; Case Western University (1989)

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Credentials contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Not present
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

  - By Regional Exam
    - Bradley Earls, DMD; Lincoln Memorial University (2026)
    - Avery Gibens, DMD; University of Mississippi (2026)
    - Davis Mitchell, DDS; Louisiana State University (2026)
    - Neil Patel, DMD; Tufts University (2026)
    - Zeelben Patel, DMD; Lincoln Memorial University (2026)
    - Brenton Rosa, DDS; University of Maryland (2026)

- Lauren Snow, DMD; Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (2023)
- Cheyenne Young, DMD; University of Pennsylvania (2026)

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Regional Exam contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Not Present
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

- Dental Hygiene License Applications
  - By Regional Exam
    - Faith Frantz, RDH; Old Dominion University (2026)
    - Skyler Shields, RDH; Albany State College (2026)

Ms. Perry recommended approval of the applicant for Dental Hygiene Licensure by Regional Exam contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Not Present
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

- Retired/Disabled License
  - Dr. Nathaniel Redmond
  - Dr. Terry Stubblefield
  - Dr. Elizabeth Stinnett White

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

Dr. York – Not Present
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

- Military/Spouse Portability
    - Benjamin Ye-Bin Wang
    - Shani Oni Thompson

Dr. McIlwain recommended approval of the applicants for Licensure under the Military/Spouse Portability Act. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Not Present
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. McIlwain made a motion to approve the following research for the next board meeting in August.
-2 hours each Board member to review the new Board training manual
-3 hours for budget review – Dr. White
-2 hours each for Dr. Talbot and Ms. Perry to work on the online ADHP Instructor Course
-2 hours each topic: anesthesia, education, OBEAMS – Dr. McIlwain
-2 hours each Board member to work on the DPA
Dr. White seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Talbot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Submitted by: Dr. Mary Beth Finn

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: August 7, 2026