Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2026

1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Special Events for Board Approval: Dr. Finn and Mr. Youngblood
   -Shelby Baptist – August 7, 8
   -Team Smile – September 18
   -Naps – October 24
   -Giving Back at the Community Free Dental Clinic – September 11
5. Work Session for DPA – Mr. Harrison/Mr. Lane
   -Master Section Information
   -Part II
6. Work Session for Board Rules
7. Executive Session
   -Pending Litigation – Ms. Hetzel or Mr. Elkins
   -Cases – Mr. Harrison/Mr. Lane

8. Adjourn until Friday morning

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Board Meeting

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Approval of Minutes – July 12th, 16th, and 17th, 2026
5. Approval of Financials – Dr. White
   June 30, 2026
6. Public Comments:
   270-X-2-.27 - Dr. Charles Greenleaf
   270-X-2-.27 – Dr. James Sitz
7. Unfinished Business
   a. Name Change Research for Alabama Impaired Professionals' Committee – Mr. Ingram
   b. General Counsel Committee – Dr. Gray, Dr. York, and Dr. White
   c. Salary discussions (Basma, Koslin) – Dr. Gray
   d. Board member Handbook – Dr. White
   e. Rule 270-X-2-.27 rule change – Mr. Lane and Dr. Koslin
   f. Online ADHP Instructor Certification course – Ms. Perry, Dr. Talbot, Ms. Thomas
   g. CRDTS Annual meeting representation – Dr. York
   h. Ordering Drugs with no permit – Mr. Lane
   i. Budget 2027 Draft – Dr. Finn and Ms. Thomas
   j. Research Reimbursement – Ms. Thomas
   k. Budget discussion on ADHP costs and fees – Ms. Thomas
8. Break
9. Executive Director's Report – Ms. Thomas
10. Reports
    a. President's Report – Dr. McIlwain
    b. 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)

11. New Business
    a. ADHP Admin Hire – Dr. Gray, Ms. Perry
    b. ADHP Student who got sick and had to miss class – Ms. Latham
    c. Update on ALDA/BDEAL joint committee meeting – Dr. Gray
    d. Nine CE Course Approvals – Dr. Finn

12. Dental License Applications
    - By Regional Exam
        - Taylor Swett, DDS; Meharry Medical College (2025)
    - By Credentials
        - David Thorne, DDS; University of Missouri (2001)

13. Dental Hygiene License Applications
    - By Credentials
        - Jana Lucas, RDH; Utah College (2008)
        - Jennean Segebart, RDH; Valencia College (2007)

14. Retired/Disabled License
        - Dr. Agnes Moody
        - Dr. Michael Sims
        - Dr. Alan Newman

15. Military/Spouse Portability
        - Leslie Livingston

16. Special Volunteer License
        - Dr. Taylor Smith

17. Teaching Permit
        - Dr. Hamida Shirazy

18. Break

19. Investigations – Mr. Youngblood

20. Research Approvals – Dr. McIlwain

21. Adjourn

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 6, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, August 6, 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. Holt Gray, Vice President; Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. John York; 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.

Guests included: Michele Huebner, ALDA Executive Director.

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. Gray - 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. Finn presented four upcoming special events for Board approval. Mr. Youngblood answered questions regarding inspections. The Board set the fee for $1 per mobile unit. Dr. Pischek made the motion to approve the $1 fee per mobile unit and to approve the special events for Shelby Baptist – August 7 & 8, 2026; Team Smile – September 18, 2026; NAPS – October 24, 2026; and Giving Back at the Community Free Dental Clinic – September 11, 2026. Dr. York seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted for all board members present:
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.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Lane led the DPA and Board Rule work session, covering the master section information and Part II of the DPA.

Break – 2:53 p.m.
Back from break – 3:10 p.m.

Dr. White recommended approval of Dr. Taylor Smith for Special Volunteer License. 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 – Abstained
The motion was approved.

At 3:15 p.m., Dr. Talbot made the motion to go into Executive Session for case reviews. Dr. York 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 case reviews.
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.

At 4:16, the President called the Board back to order as they came out of Executive Session.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-064 had no evidence to sustain. 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 – abstain
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-054 had no evidence to sustain. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray - abstain
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. White made a motion that case #2026-076 was noticed for hearing. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – abstain
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
It was approved by unanimous consent with the case team leader and the hygiene member abstaining from the vote.

Dr. McIlwain made a motion to accept the recusals of Dr. York, Dr. White, and Dr. Talbot for case #2026-053. 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
It was approved by unanimous consent by all members present.

At 4:20 p.m., Dr. York made the motion to Adjourn the meeting until Friday at 8:00 a.m. 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
It was approved by unanimous consent by all members present.

Board Meeting

Friday, August 7, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Friday, August 7, 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. 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; Kevin Lane, Compliance Director, Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office; and Don Harrison, Esq., Board Attorney.

Guests included: Dr. H. Grady Swicord; James Driskell, CPA; Dr. John Bennett; Kathy Gray; Skyler Graham, RDH; Michele Huebner, ALDA Executive Director; Dr. Debbie Sema; Amanda Drerup; Robert Porter; 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. Gray - 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. Talbot made the motion to accept the July minutes with the suggested change to include the roll call vote to go into Executive Session on the July 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
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Gray made the motion to approve June Financials. 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.

Dr. York made the motion for Brett Adair to be interviewed for the General Counsel position in the September 2026 Board Meeting. 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. Gray recommended that Dr. Basma's (ADHP Education Director) and Dr. Koslin's (Anesthesia Committee Chair) contracts be updated from $2000/month to $2500/month each. Ms. Perry made the motion for the Board to approve this recommendation. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. There was a discussion to review the anesthesia evaluators in the September meeting.
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 for the two salary increases was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. White presented the Board Member Manual that she has been working on for the past several months. Dr. Gray asked if the mission could be slightly tweaked for practicality. Dr. McIlwain made the motion to approve the manual with the change Dr. Gray requested and for the final manual to be ready for the October meeting. 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
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Ms. Perry discussed the work on the online ADHP Instructor Certification course. She and Dr. Talbot are hoping to have it ready by the end of the year.

Dr. York discussed the CRDTS Annual meeting representation. Most of the current board members are ADEX examiners and cannot be the representative of CRDTS.

Ms. Thomas, Mr. Driskell, and Dr. Finn distributed the first draft of the 2027 Budget for the Board to review. Dr. Finn presented some highlighted information located in the draft. Mr. Driskell explained some line items to the Board and made final comments. This draft will be updated for a final copy and vote by the Board in the September meeting.

Break at 8:50 a.m.
Back from the break at 9:05 a.m.

The Board recognized there was research conducted by board members that was not approved in 2025. (copy included with the minutes) Dr. Talbot made the motion to retroactively approve board members' research that was conducted in 2025 but not approved. 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 motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Ms. Thomas gave her Executive Director's report. She discussed the following:
-New employee, Gloria Burrell, Administrative Coordinator
-53 new policies and procedures, written and implemented since January 2026 to define work and processes used by Board staff
-At the ADHP orientation, there were no WIFI issues. Twenty students had device issues which were resolved at the meeting.
-The next project will be a task inventory of all Board staff positions.

Dr. McIlwain presented his President's report. He reported the following:
-phone calls dealing with adverse occurrences
-phone calls on airway management and cost of training
-Sunset Committee – efforts the Board has made since the last audit.

Dr. Bennett gave his Impaired Professionals' Committee Report. He stated that Dr. Johnny Griffin has actively joined the committee.

Dr. Gray and Ms. Perry discussed the addition of a new ADHP Administrative Coordinator to be hired as a part-time employee working with Ms. Latham but reporting directly to Ms. Thomas. Ms. Thomas is working on finalizing a complete job description. Ms. Perry expressed the need for this person to have an active Dental Hygiene license. This person would be hired for 20 hours a week at $22/hour. Ms. Perry made the motion for the position to be advertised and a hire to hopefully be made after October 1, 2026. 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.

Ms. Latham presented an ADHP student who got sick during class but followed the protocol for missing time in the program. Dr. McIlwain made the motion to allow the student to remain in the ADHP. 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
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. Gray discussed the ALDA/BDEAL joint committee meeting that did not occur. The Board must meet in public due to the Open Meetings Act.

Dr. Finn presented the CE Broker course approvals to the Board. Dr. Pischek made the motion to approve all nine course approvals. 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
The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dr. York made a motion to approve extra nights of travel for Ms. Perry due to airline reservation difficulties for the ADEX/AADB conference in October. ADEX pays for the hotel for Thursday and Friday nights and the airfare for Board members attending the conference. 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.

Ms. Perry made a motion to approve actual expenses for the Sunset Committee meeting held in Montgomery on October 29th. 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.

Dr. York made a motion to approve Dr. White, Dr. Talbot, Dr. York, and Ms. Perry to attend the Southern Conference for Dental Deans and Board Members in Chapel Hill on January 22 through January 24, 2027. 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.

- Dental License Applications
    - By Credentials
        - David Thorne, DDS; University of Missouri (2001)

Dr. Gray recommended approval of the applicant 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. Gray - Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Abstain
The motion was approved.

- By Regional Exam
    - Taylor Swett, DDS; Meharry Medical College (2025)

Dr. Gray recommended approval of the applicant 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. Gray - Yes

Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Abstain
The motion was approved.

- Dental Hygiene License Applications
    - By Credentials
        - Jana Lucas, RDH; Utah College (2008)
        - Jennean Segebart, RDH; Valencia College (2007)

Dr. McIlwain recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Hygiene 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. 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.

- Retired/Disabled License
    - Dr. Agnes Moody
    - Dr. Michael Sims
    - Dr. Alan Newman

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

The motion was approved.

- Military/Spouse Portability
  - Leslie Livingston

Ms. Perry recommended approval of the applicant for Licensure under the Military/Spouse Portability Act. Dr. McIlwain 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.

- Teaching Permit
  - Dr. Hamida Shirazy

Dr. McIlwain recommended approval of the applicant for the Teaching Permit. 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 - Abstain
The motion was approved.

Break 10:05 a.m.
Back from break 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Youngblood presented his Investigator's report.

Dr. Pischek made a motion to approve the following research for the next board meeting in September.
-Ms. Perry 2 hours for research on block anesthesia
-2 hours each Board member reviewing the new Board Member Training Manual
-2 hours: Anesthesia Safety - Airway – Dr. McIlwain
-2 hours each Board member to work on the DPA
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.

Dr. Gray requested one hour to prepare the interview questions for the General Counsel Candidate to be interviewed at the September meeting. Dr. York made a motion to approve this one hour of research for Dr. Gray. Dr. Gray 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 was asked to call and schedule a time for the General Counsel candidate to interview at the September meeting.

Dr. Pischek made the announcement that Dr. Mark McIlwain will be inducted to the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame on August 8, 2026, in Montgomery. Congratulations, Dr. McIlwain!

Dr. York made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Dr. Gray 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: September 4, 2026

Board Compensation regarding Research

Below are the findings for research in the Board compensation paid since the new Board rule became effective in January 2025.

Date	Board Member	Topic	Number of Hours Paid/$100
9/26/2025	McIlwain	CRNA	1 hour
		Continuing Education CE	1 hour
04/11/2025	McIlwain	Hepatitis Research	5 hours
10/24/2025	White	Research writing board rules	2 hours
8/15/2025	White	Reviewing the Complaint Protocol	2 hours
05/09/2025	White	Research and report for AADB	1.5 hours
3/14/2025	White	Research Continuing Education	1 hour
		Subcommittee for CE	1 hour
2/21/2025	White	Research and edits for report on complaints	1.5 hours
9/30/2025	York	CE Rule Research	8 hours
8/15/2025	York	Complaint Protocol	2 hours
6/13/2025	York	CE Rule	4 hours
3/14/2025	York	CE Research	4.5 hours
2/21/2025	York	Hepatitis B and CE Broker	6.5 hours
6/13/2025	Alexander	Gray Info Research	1 hour
3/14/2025	Alexander	Research ADHP	2 hours
4/11/2025	Gray	Coronal polishing	1 hour
Total			45 hours $4500