Board Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2026

1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
3. Licensing Applications

Retired/Disabled License

-Dr. Wallace Price
-Dr. Billy Whitehead
-Dr. James Ballard
-Dr. Bruce Spink
-Dr. Steve Shiver
-Dr. John Cotton
-Dr. James Huggins
-Vicki Nelson

Dental License Applications

-By Credentials

- Michael Ferguson, DDS; Louisiana State University (2000)
- Robert Cleary, DDS; University of Buffalo (1980)
- Suhail Rana, DDS; University of Minnesota (2015)
- Lori Petree, DDS; University of North Carolina (1997)

-By Regional Exam

- Gracelyn Jones, DMD; Medical College of Georgia (2024)
- Samantha Smalley, DMD; UAB (2023)
- Bruno Walkowiak, DMD; University of Pittsburgh (2022)

Dental Hygiene License Applications

-By Credentials

- Charlene Stokes, RDH; Darton College (1998)
- Stephanie Jones, RDH; Louisiana State University (2004)
- Elizabeth Mansur, RDH; San Juan College (2011)

-By Regional Exam

- Starie Brown, RDH; Fortis College (2026)
- Madison Sparks, RDH; Fortis College (2026)

Special Volunteer License

- Dr. Karen Luckett
- Dr. Tenille Phang

4. Special Report: Mr. Ingram (Windom, Galliher & Associates)
5. Executive Session for Case Review
6. Case Resolution
7. Hearing Resolution – September 2026 Board Meeting (3:00 p.m.)
8. DPA/Board Rules Tasks:
   -Retired/Disabled Application – Mr. Lane/letter from Dr. Kimbell
   -International Dentist-Mr. Ingram, Mr. Lane, and Mr. Elkins
   -509 Non-Disciplinary Fines – Mr. Lane
9. Adjourn until Friday morning

October 2, 2026

7:45 a.m. – Verification of Election Results
(At least three Board members needed to certify elections.)

Board Meeting

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
4. Approval of Minutes – September 3 and 4, 2026 – Dr. McIlwain
5. Approval of Financials – Dr. White
   August 31, 2026
6. ADHP Program – Dr. Basma (8:15 a.m.)
   Cap on ADHP program class
7. Dr. David Northcutt – Board having a balanced attitude between protecting the public and being an advocate to licensees. (8:30 a.m.)
8. Swearing in Ceremony – Dr. McIlwain
9. New Board Officer Transition
10. Break
11. Unfinished Business:
    -Discussion of 270-X-3-.10 Duties of Allied Dental Personnel – Dr. McIlwain
    -Distribution of Final Board Member Handbook
    -Update on General Counsel New Hire
    -Salary discussion for Anesthesia Evaluators – Dr. Gray
    -Procurement Percentage for Contractual longevity – Dr. Gray/Dr. Finn
    -Discussion of initial issuance of license timetable – Dr. York
        Needs a statutory change (270-X-3-.07 and 34-9-15.b.2)
    -Remediation issues (Cornutt and Whitefield) – Ms. Perry
        (new 4-.04 and Board opinion)
    -Overview of Cosmetic treatments (Pla Duo Pro and NouvaDerm) and Cancer Checks – Dr. Talbot, Dr. Pruitt and _____
    -Applications and expiration date of incomplete applications – Mr. Lane
12. Executive Director's Report – Ms. Thomas
13. Reports –
    -President's Report – Dr. McIlwain
    -Special Reports
        AIPC – Dr. Bennett
          Drug screening for RDH
14. Break
15. New Business:

-Dr. Gibson – Dental Assistant Questions
-Dr. Nizam – Medical Board - Office Based Surgery Rules
-Licensing Issue – Dr. York
-Seizure of Controlled Substances – Dr. Koslin/Dr. Gray
-Discussion of use of peptides in dentistry – Dr. York
-Patient Complaint Protocol – Dr. York
-Sunset Committee Response Discussion – Ms. Thomas
**Mobile/Portable Unit Assessment issues
270-X-4-.09 – rule draft
-CE Course Approvals – Dr. Finn
a. Bay City CPR – HIPAA Compliance
b. Bay City CPR – Medical Emergencies
c. Dental Insurance Guy – North Alabama Smiles

16. Executive Session – Outstanding Bill Submitted to Board – Dr. Gray
17. Investigations – Mr. Youngblood
18. Research Approvals – Dr. Gray
19. Discussion of schedule for November Board Meeting – 270-X-5-.14 Ethics and Board member training
20. Adjourn

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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2026

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Board office, 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35216 to conduct business.

The President called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, President; Dr. Holt Gray, Vice President; Dr. Sonya White, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. John York, II; Dr. Roberto Pischek; Dr. Rene' Talbot; and Ms. Kelley Perry, RDH. Also in attendance were Sharon Thomas, Interim Executive Director; Dr. Mary Beth Finn, Chief of Staff; Shannon Youngblood, Investigator/Facility and Security; Kevin Lane, Compliance Director; Cameron Elkins, Esq., Attorney General's Office; and Don Harrison, Esq., Board Attorney.

Guests included: Ragan Ingram, Windom & Galliher; Dr. Grady Swicord; Dr. Melodie Jones; Dr. Adolphus Jackson; and Dr. Marshall Williams.

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 – No (running late)
Ms. Perry - Yes

The President determined a quorum was present. Ms. Thomas confirmed.
Dr. Talbot arrived for the meeting. (1:05 p.m.)

- Retired/Disabled License Applications
  - Dr. Wallace Price
  - Dr. Billy Whitehead
  - Dr. James Ballard
  - Dr. Bruce Spink
  - Dr. Steve Shiver
  - Dr. John Cotten

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- Dr. James Huggins
- Vicki Nelson, RDH

Dr. McIlwain recommended approval of the applicants for Retired/Disabled Licenses. Dr. Pischek made the motion for the applicants to be approved. 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.

- Dental License Applications
  - By Credentials
    - Michael Ferguson, DDS; Louisiana State University (2000)
    - Robert Cleary, DDS; University of Buffalo (1980)
    - Suhail Rana, DDS; University of Minnesota (2015)
    - Lori Petree, DDS; University of North Carolina (1997)

Dr. White recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Licensure by Credentials contingent upon successful completion of the jurisprudence exam. 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 – Abstain
The motion was approved.

  - By Regional Exam
    - Gracelyn Jones, DMD; Medical College of Georgia (2024)
    - Samantha Smalley, DMD; UAB (2023)
    - Bruno Walkowiak, DMD; University of Pittsburgh (2022)

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

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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
    - Charlene Stokes, RDH; Darton College (1998)
    - Stephanie Jones, RDH; Louisiana State University (2004)
    - Elizabeth Mansur, RDH; San Juan College (2011)

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

  - By Regional Exam
    - Starie Brown, RDH; Fortis College (2026)
    - Madison Sparks, RDH; Fortis College (2026)

Ms. Perry recommended approval of the applicants for Dental Hygiene 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. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

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- Special Volunteer License
  - Dr. Karen Luckett
  - Dr. Tenille Phang

Dr. Talbot recommended approval of the applicants for the Special Volunteer License. Dr. Pischek seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Abstain
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Mr. Ingram presented a special report from Windom, Galliher & Associates.

Dr. McIlwain made the motion that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(1) to discuss the general reputation and character, professional competence or mental health of individuals who are the subjects of investigations, complaints, or other matters presently before the Board. 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.

Dr. McIlwain announced the Board would reconvene in open session at about 3:00 p.m.
The time out for Executive Session was 1:26 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m., Dr. McIlwain announced that the Board had concluded its Executive Session and was back in Open Session.

Dr. York made the motion that case #2026-051 had no evidence to sustain. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – abstain
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes

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Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
The motion was approved.

Dr. York made the motion that cases #2026-068, 072, 073, 074, and 081 were each out of jurisdiction. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – abstain
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
The motion was approved.

Dr. McIlwain made the motion that cases #2026-050, 062, 080, 092, and 097 were each no evidence to sustain. Dr. White 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
The motion was approved.

Dr. White made the motion that cases #2026 – 049 and 088 were each out of jurisdiction and that cases #2026-057, 069, and 070 were each no evidence to sustain. Dr. Gray seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – abstain
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
The motion was approved.

Dr. York made the motion that case #2026-078 had no evidence to sustain. Dr. Gray seconded the motion.

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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
The motion was approved.

Dr. Gray made the motion that cases #2026-065, 084, and 089 each had no evidence to sustain and cases #2026-079 and 094 each were out of jurisdiction. 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 – abstain
Ms. Perry – abstain
The motion was approved.

Dr. Gray made the motion that the Board extend the time for Ms. Thomas serving as the Interim Executive Director through to the November Board 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.

Dr. McIlwain announced a break at 3:02 p.m. so that the Board members who served on the Board for the hearing in September could replace those that recused for that hearing. Dr. Jones, Dr. Jackson, and Dr. Williams came up to the Board seats to replace Dr. White, Dr. York, and Dr. Talbot who had recused.

Return from break at 3:25 p.m.

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As a result of the hearing for 2026-053 conducted at the September Board meeting, Dr. Gray made the motion to remove the word "errant" on page 10 for the letter of concern and to issue that letter of concern with an acceptance of the findings from the case.
Dr. Jones seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. Jones – Yes
Dr. Williams – Yes
Dr. Jackson – Yes
Dr. Pischek – Yes
Ms. Perry – abstain
The motion was approved.

The Board took a one-minute break at 3:26 p.m. to remove the former Board members and to re-seat the current Board for the remainder of the Regular Board Meeting.
The Board returned from break at 3:27 p.m.

The Board discussed an issue brought to the board by a dentist who had not yet turned 65 to be eligible for the Retired/Disabled license but had officially retired. The Board decided that no change would be made to Rule 270-X-4-.12 regarding an adjustment to the mandatory age of 65.

The Board discussed the modification to the statute regarding licensing of internationally trained dentists. The legal team will be working on this modification to present to the Board in November.

Mr. Lane led the discussion of changes to the non-disciplinary fine rule. The legal team will be working on this modification to present to the Board in November.

Dr. Pischek made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Dr. York seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Guests included: James Driskell, Driskell CPA; Dr. David Northcutt; Dr. H. Grady Swicord; Dianne Swicord; Dr. John Bennett; Dr. Debbie Sema; Dr. Hussein Basma; Dr. G. Robin Pruitt, Jr.; Jessica Robertson, RDH; Laura Gray; 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 with everyone standing to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call vote was conducted for all board members present:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray - Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes

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

Dr. York made the motion to accept the September minutes. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all members present.

Dr. White made the motion to approve the August Financials. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all members present.

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Dr. Basma presented a review of the ADHP. He gave details regarding how the room is set up for the program and what has happened so far in the program. He mentioned the students complain because of lack of support from the sponsoring dentists. He requested from the Board that a cap be placed on the number of students to accept for enrollment each program year. He suggested 200 for that cap.

Dr. Northcutt made his presentation to the Board regarding having a balanced attitude between protecting the public and being an advocate for licensees.

Dr. McIlwain swore in Dr. Grady Swicord as the new Board member, replacing Dr. Pischek whose term expired. As had been voted on in the September Board meeting, the new Board President is Dr. Holt Gray, the new Board Vice President is Dr. Sonya White, and the new Board Secretary/Treasurer is Dr. John York.

The Board took a Break at 9:25 a.m.
Back from break at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. McIlwain led the discussion regarding Rule 270-X-3-.10 Duties of Allied Dental Personnel. This rule will be brought back to the Board in November by the legal team.

The new Board Member Handbook was distributed to all members of the Board and the staff for review.

The Contract Review Committee meeting for the candidate for General Counsel, Brett Adair, will be November 5, 2026, at the State House in Montgomery. Mr. Adair and Ms. Thomas will attend the meeting and be available to answer any questions posed by the Committee. (This meeting has since been moved to November 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.)

Dr. Gray had initiated a conversation at the September meeting regarding a review of the contracts for the Anesthesia Evaluators. At this time, the Board has chosen not to make a change.

For contractual longevity, the Board made the motion to build a percentage into the contract to give each future contract the flexibility of monetary increase. Dr. York made the motion to build in the percentage for all contracts. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes

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The motion was approved.

Dr. York led a discussion regarding the expiration date timeline for the initial issuance of licenses. The Board discussed making no statutory or rule change but to follow the guidelines as written.

Ms. Perry presented a discussion regarding the remediation issues and the board opinion listed on the website from November of 2025 for a licensee who has not held a license for 5-10 years and wants to reinstate. Ms. Perry made the motion to remove the Board opinion of November of 2025 from the website and create a Board rule that defines what the licensee should do regarding skills training if his/her license has been expired for 5-10 years.
Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Dr. Talbot led the discussion on the Pla Duo Pro and NouvaDerm. Dr. York was tasked to get more information regarding what dentists are using the procedures in the dental world and present this information to the Board in November.

Mr. Lane presented information regarding incomplete applications and the requisite time period for retaining the information. He used, as reference, 270-X-4-.14. He will draft a modification to the rule and bring it back to the Board in November.

Ms. Thomas presented her Executive Director report.
-Current statistics as to how many reinstatements the Board had pending
-Sunset review changes
-Current student number for ADHP
-Performance reviews conducted with staff employees
-ADHP Assistant Coordinator – offer made to McKenzie Jones
-ADHP student who had surgery and wanted to remain in the class
Ms. Perry made the motion to allow the student to remain in the current ADHP. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes

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Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Dr. McIlwain presented his President's report. He made the motion that the Board send a letter to the Medical Board explaining the anesthesia protocols currently in place and asking the Medical Board to give permitted dentists an exemption from office-based anesthesia rules required by the Medical Board. Dr. Gray seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Dr. McIlwain presented a list of items to mention to the Sunset Committee regarding Board modifications and improvements:

- New complaint protocol
- Lorna Breen Award and Certification for wellness questions on applications
- Finances
- Website updates for ADA compliance
- Individual Award for the past Board President, Dr. Melodie Jones, for her individual work with Lorna Breen

Dr. Bennett presented his Alabama Impaired Professionals' Committee report. He indicated that all dentists and hygienists are in compliance.

The Board took a Break at 11:01 a.m.
Returned at 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Matt Gibson sent an email to the Board for an answer to these two questions:

1. Are orthodontic assistants allowed to polish/remove orthodontic adhesive/composite/cement from the crowns of teeth after the removal of braces and other appliances?
2. If so, what instruments are they allowed to use – slow speed rotary handpieces and/or high-speed handpieces?

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After Board discussion over the email, the Board decided to move this request to the November meeting to give them time to review and create a definition of slow speed.

Dr. York discussed the misinformation given to Dr. Boutte regarding his continuing education. Due to the error, Dr. York motioned extending the continuing education requirement for Dr. Boutte to December 31, 2026. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

The Board discussed the seizure of controlled substances in clinics where the dentist did not hold the appropriate permit to have the drugs. The legal team brought up the question of property rights. The Board put this discussion on hold.

Dr. York discussed the usage of peptides in dentistry. Dr. McIlwain had approved three hours of research for Dr. York on this topic between the September and October meetings.
Dr. McIlwain motions that the 3 hours of research on peptides for Dr. York be approved. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – abstained
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

The Board discussed the revision of the patient complaint protocol. The Board will be working on this at the November meeting.

The Board voted to modify the Rule 270-X-4-.09 due to findings by the Sunset Committee. Dr. McIlwain made the motion to charge $350 per unit for the Mobile applications and $5 per unit for the Portable applications consistently to everyone applying for these two permits. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes

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Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Dr. Finn requested course approvals in CE Broker for Bay City CPR (2 courses) and North Alabama Smiles (one course). Dr. Gray made the motion to approve all three courses in CE Broker. Dr. McIlwain seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – abstained
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Mr. Youngblood presented his investigator report for the October meeting.

The Board discussed the following research approvals for board members:

- 3 hours for Dr. York on peptides (previously approved and voted on)
- 3 hours for DPA work for each member
- 2 hours of research in Hygienist remediation for Ms. Perry
- 1 hour of research for Danby for Dr. York
- 1 hour of research on aesthetic machines for Dr. York
- 2 hours for Dr. Gray and Dr. Talbot to meet with ALDA
- 2 hours of research for Dr. York on the complaint protocol
- 2 hours of work on the ADHP IC course for Dr. Talbot and Ms. Perry
- 2 hours of research for Dr. McIlwain on Medical Board letter regarding exemption from Office Based Anesthesia Rules
- 1 hour of research on advanced airway – Dr. Talbot and Dr. White
- 1 hour of sedation airway with Dr. Koslin – Dr. Gray

Dr. McIlwain made the motion to approve the research listed above. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion.
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes

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Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Dr. Gray mentioned to the Board that he would like to see their suggested changes to the DPA and review the current product.

Dr. York discussed a review of the ALDA letter.

The Board discussed the November Board schedule where the meeting on November 5th would start at 1:00 p.m. and would include Ethics Training by a member of the Ethics Commission, Board Training Manual Training by Dr. White, a review of cases, and licensure applications.

Mr. Elkins declared that he is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama and is in good standing. He declared the matters for discussion concern the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation and that the Executive Session exception contained in Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(3) is applicable to the planned discussion.

Dr. McIlwain made the motion for the Board to enter Executive Session pursuant to Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(3) to discuss with Board attorneys the legal ramifications of and legal options concerning pending litigation and/or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the Board pursues a proposed course of action. Dr. White seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Dr. Gray announced the Board would be in Executive Session for ten minutes from 1:40 p.m. to return at 1:50 p.m. He stated the motion carries. He announced the Board will now enter Executive Session.

Executive Session at 1:40 p.m.
Return from Executive Session at 1:50 p.m.

Dr. Talbot made the motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Dr. White seconded the motion.

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A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. McIlwain – Yes
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. White – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. Swicord – Yes
Dr. Talbot – Yes
Ms. Perry – Yes
The motion was approved.

Submitted by: Dr. Mary Beth Finn

Reviewed by:

Donald M. Harrison, III, Board Attorney

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. John York, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: November 6, 2026

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Special Called Meeting

Sunday, October 11, 2026
4:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll/Call/Establish Quorum
3. Special Volunteer License
    - Dr. Jeffrey Quinn Taylor
    - Dr. Tenille Phang
    - Dr. Murrell Tull
    - Dr. Nicolass Van Zyl
    - Dr. James Fedusanko
4. Adjourn

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Special Called Board Meeting

Sunday, October 11, 2026
4:00 p.m.

The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama met for a Special Called Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at the Board office, 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35216 to address Special Volunteer License Applications that needed to be approved for a special event.

The President called the Board Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. with the following members in attendance: President, Dr. Holt Gray; Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. John York; and Hygiene Representative, Ms. Kelley Perry. By Webex, the following Board Members were in attendance: Dr. Mark McIlwain, Dr. Rene' Talbot, and Dr. H. Grady Swicord. Also in attendance at the board building was Sharon Thomas, Interim 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.

A roll call was conducted for all board members present and by Webex:
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. McIlwain - Yes
Dr. Talbot - Yes
Dr. Swicord - Yes
Ms. Perry - Yes

Dr. Sonya White was absent.

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

Special Volunteer License Applications

- Dr. Jeffrey Quinn Taylor
- Dr. Tenille Phang
- Dr. Murrell Tull
- Dr. Nicolass Van Zyl
- Dr. James Fedusanko

Dr. York made the motion to approve the applicants for Special Volunteer Licensure. Dr. McIlwain seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. York – Yes

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Dr. McIlwain - Yes
Dr. Talbot - Yes
Dr. Swicord - Yes
Ms. Perry - Abstain
The motion was approved.

Dr. York made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:
Dr. Gray – Yes
Dr. York – Yes
Dr. McIlwain - Yes
Dr. Talbot - Yes
Dr. Swicord - Yes
Ms. Perry - Yes
The motion was approved.

Submitted by: Ms. Sharon Thomas

Respectively Submitted,

Signed by:
Dr. John York
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Dr. John York, Secretary/Treasurer
Approved: November 6, 2026