

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: Friday, March 13, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting location: Zoom

- Board members present:**
- Dr. Cara Jones
 - Dr. Robert Carlisle
 - Dr. Brandon Kitchens
 - Dr. Jeffrey Wisener
 - Dr. D. Keith Jones
 - Mrs. Marcia Cook
 - Dr. Allen Williams
- Board staff present:**
- Meredith Rogers, Executive Director
 - Corneshia Harrison, Administrative Analyst
 - Jessica Kloss, Attorney

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2026 meeting.

Fictitious Name Requests

The following fictitious names were reviewed by the Board:

- **“Siloam Springs Dental Care”** (Dr. David McDonald) - Approved
- **“Hometown Kids Dental”** (Dr. Brandon Gooch) - Denied due to potential misleading implications that dental services are being rendered by a pediatric dentist instead of a general dentist.

Public Hearing

Code	Summary of New Language/Change
<p>17 CAR 115-701 <i>Specialty areas of practice</i></p> <p>17 CAR 115-702 <i>Requirements for specialists</i></p>	<p>The proposed changes removes the listing of dental specialties. Current rule does not include complete list of specialties recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA). The proposed changes also ensure that as specialties are added, amended or unrecognized by the ADA in the future, a rule change will no longer be necessary.</p>
<p>17 CAR 115-703 <i>Definitions of recognized specialties</i></p>	<p>Because it is the Board’s desire to remove the listing of specialties in 17 CAR 115-701 and 17 CAR 115-702, this rule will no longer be necessary.</p>

Code	Summary of New Language/Change
17 CAR 115-908 <i>Dentist and dental hygienist compact</i>	The proposed language establishes the dentist and dental hygienist compact as enacted by Act 395 of the 2025 Regular Session.
17 CAR 115-1104 <i>Supervision levels for authorized functions of a dental hygienist</i>	The proposed change removes verbiage that should have been removed when the Article was last updated.

A public hearing was held on the above rules. The board office received no written comments on the proposed rule amendments prior to today’s meeting. With no one speaking for nor against the proposed changes, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the rules and to move forward to the next step in the rule promulgation process.

Complaint Committee Report

Corneshia Harrison reported on the Complaint Committee meeting that was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6 pm. Committee members present were Dr. Cara Jones, Dr. Allen Williams, and Mrs. Marcia Cook. The minutes from the January 8, 2026 committee meeting were reviewed and approved. A total of nine complaints were reviewed; eight complaint were dismissed and one complaint was tabled and will be revisited at the next meeting. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6 pm.

Questions

The following questions were discussed and answered by the Board:

- Jennifer Avery (Special Olympics): What is the policy for dental hygienists applying fluoride varnish at community-based screening events? The Board confirmed that dental hygienists can perform this procedure at approved events under appropriate supervision and within the scope of practice outlined by the Dental Practice Act.
- Emilie York: Is it appropriate for orthodontists to perform gingivectomies? The Board responded that orthodontists may perform gingivectomies when directly related to orthodontic treatment.

Other Business

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- 2026 Control Self-Assessment - showing board compliance with the Office of Internal Audit
- February 2026 ADEX Report - informing of merged examination pathways
- 2025 CODA Annual Report - discussing dental education program accreditation

These reports were for informational purposes only; no action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2026 at 9 am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Rogers, Executive Director