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Board Meeting
Red Rossa Event Center- Pierre, SD
Friday, October 23, 2026
10:00am CST

1. Call to Order

President Prouty called the meeting to order at 10:00am CST.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Dr. Brian Prouty, Dr. Jon Schaack, Dr. Harold Doerr, Dr. Donald Massa, Amy Perry, and Ashley Flynn (via Zoom).

Board Staff Present: Deni Martin, Kayla Bolstad, and Beverly Katz (General Counsel).

Others Present: Miranda Drake (USD), Leslie Greager (LKG Educational Services), Kellie Yackley (SDDA), and Pat Aylward.

Others Present Via Zoom for Executive Session Only: Shelly Munson (Board Prosecutor), Hilary Williamson (Board Counsel), Andy Fick (Fuller, Williamson, Nelsen & Preheim, LLP), Dr. Randy Sachau (Investigator), Dr. Orin Ellwein (Investigator), and Dr. Dennis Mills (Investigator).

Dr. Prouty announced that a quorum was present and that Ashley Flynn would leave the meeting at 1:00 pm CST. He noted that a quorum would remain after her departure.

2. Open Forum

Dr. Prouty called for public testimony during the open forum. There was no public testimony.

3. Approval of Minutes

Amy Perry moved to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026, July 29, 2026, and August 10, 2026 board meetings, seconded by Dr. Van Dam. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Doerr moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Schaack. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Financial Report

Deni Martin presented the financial reports found on pages 8-16 of the agenda packet. Dr. Doerr requested that she prepare a cash flow projection for the February 2027 meeting. Amy Perry moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Dr. Schaack. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Office Updates

Deni Martin provided office updates. DM Management, LLC officially assumed management of the Board on June 29, 2026. She thanked the staff of Midwest Solutions for their assistance during the transition. She also thanked the Board for the opportunity and acknowledged Kayla Bolstad, Licensing Administrator, for her dedication to ensuring a successful transition. The DM Management team has been working with the database developer to transition to the state's credit card processing system, Elavon, and is completing the ADA compliance project. The team successfully completed the DCI and FBI audits and is currently reviewing continuing education records, record retention, and the five-year anesthesia review process. No action was taken.

7. Organization and Program Updates

Kellie Yackley presented updates on behalf of the South Dakota Dental Association, Dental Wellness Program, and Oral Health Coalition and its related subgroups. Deni Martin provided written reports from the South Dakota Dental Hygienists' Association, HPAP, Southeast Technical College, Western Dakota Technical College, and Lake Area Technical College. Miranda Drake provided an update on behalf of the University of South Dakota.

Deni Martin also provided written updates from the clinical examination agencies CRDTS and ADEX. CRDTS is seeking a South Dakota State Board of Dentistry member to serve on its steering committee. The committee holds one in-person meeting and one Zoom meeting per year. CRDTS covers hotel and travel expenses for the in-person meeting. No current board members expressed interest; however, Deni will bring the opportunity forward again at the February meeting, when three new board members will be present. Dr. Schaack reported that he is now an ADEX examiner.

No action was taken.

8. Executive Session

Dr. Doerr moved to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2, subsections 3 and 7, to consult with legal counsel, seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board entered executive session at 10:41am CST.

The Board exited executive session at 2:07pm CST. The board then reconvened the public meeting.

Motions after Executive Session:

Dr. Schaack moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as presented, and direct the order be signed and entered for case 01.2526, seconded by Dr. Van Dam. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Massa moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as presented, and direct the order be signed and entered for case 22.2526, seconded by Dr. Doerr. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Van Dam moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as presented, and direct the order be signed and entered for case 18.2526, seconded by Dr. Doerr. All in favor, motion carried.

Amy Perry moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as modified, and direct the order to be signed and entered for case 36-2526, seconded by Dr. Van Dam. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Massa moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as presented, and direct the order be signed and entered for case 34.2526, seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Doerr moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as presented, and direct the order be signed and entered for case 03.2627, seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Schaack moved to approve the agreed-upon disposition, as presented, and direct the order be signed and entered for case 11.2627, seconded by Dr. Doerr. All in favor, motion carried.

9. License Applications

Dr. Massa moved to approve the dentist credential applications of Hunter Watson, Parham Akhavan, Brian Bursick, and Peter Balacky, as presented on page 30 of the agenda packet, seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

Amy Perry moved to approve the new dentist applications of Reese Blacker, Samuel Derner, Anne Wittrock, and Ashley Solano, as presented on page 30 of the agenda packet, seconded by Dr. Doerr. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Doerr moved to approve the hygienist credential applications of Cheyenne Atkins, Catherine Cotsillis, Erin Fine, Adrianna Junck, Eliza Pharis, Pamela Schoon, Bailey Johanson, and Codi Southard, as presented on page 30 of the agenda packet. The motion also included provisional approval of Elaine Vogel's application, contingent upon her submitting an updated CPR card before her temporary license expires, seconded by Dr. Van Dam. All in favor, motion carried.

Amy Perry moved to approve the new hygienist applications of Mya Boomsma, Riley Draper, Maria Garcia Perales, Sage Graham, Parmila Khapangi Magar, Theadora Norman, Kiara Packard, Marie Peckosh, Kayla Senn, and Megan Lyon, as presented on page 30 of the agenda packet. The motion also included provisional approval of the applications of Lilli Molitor, Kenadi Morgan, and Brenda Torres, contingent upon each applicant submitting an updated CPR card before her temporary license expires, seconded by Dr. Massa. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Doerr moved to reinstate the license of Dr. Monty Bechtold per SDCL 36-6A-25, seconded by Dr. Van Dam. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Compliance/Legal

Amy Perry moved to authorize the Board to enter into a contract or agreement with Lawrence & Schiller for $15,615.00 to design and conduct a consumer survey regarding specialty advertising language and consumer protection, seconded by Dr. Doerr. All in favor, motion carried.

Deni Martin will verify with the state whether a contract is required or whether Board approval of the expenditure is sufficient.

11. Teledentistry Draft Regulation

Dr. Prouty indicated that the Board had been reviewing the telehealth updates over the past year, but the process was placed on hold during the transition in Board management. Because the South Dakota Department of Health's deadline to move forward for the upcoming legislative session had passed, he recommended postponing the item until the next meeting.

12. New Business

a. Anesthesia Review Project

Dr. Prouty reported that the ADA has updated its anesthesia guidelines and that many of the Board's current laws still reference the 2016 version. He recommended that the Anesthesia Review Committee review the updates at its April meeting, along with the Board's applications and inspection processes and the letter from the South Dakota Society of Pediatric Dentistry and American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Diplomates on pages 36–41 of the agenda packet. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

b. Nitrous Oxide Course Approval Request

Dr. Prouty asked the board to refer to pages 42-79 of the agenda packet for a Nitrous Oxide Course Application from Leslie Greager. He moved to deny Leslie Greager's Nitrous Oxide Course Application pursuant to SDCL 36-9A-21.1 and to continue requiring nitrous oxide courses to be offered through a CODA-accredited program. The motion noted that, although Ms. Greager has extensive teaching experience, she does not substantially meet the course director qualifications described in the ADA guidelines. Ms. Greager was encouraged to explore continuing to teach the course through a CODA-accredited program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Schaack. All in favor, motion carried.

c. Radiography Course Approval Request

Dr. Prouty referred to pages 80-88 of the agenda packet and the supplemental materials emailed in advance of the meeting for a 21-hour Radiography Course Approval application from Dr. Todd Loftus, with Dr. Loftus listed as the only instructor. He also indicated that a full copy of the supplemental materials was available for the public to review. Dr. Van Dam moved to approve the application, seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

d. Open Meeting Law Training

Beverly Katz provided the annual open meeting law training for the board. No action taken.

e. Exhibit Hour Clarification

Dr. Prouty reported that, during this year's continuing education (CE) audit, Deni Martin and Kayla Bolstad identified a discrepancy regarding exhibit hall credit hours. Historically, the Board has accepted up to 25 hours per five-year cycle without verification of attendance, as stated on the Board's website. Legal counsel advised that the administrative rules limit exhibit hall credit hours

to five hours per five-year cycle for dentists and dental hygienists and 20 hours per five-year cycle for dental assistants.

Dr. Doerr moved to continue tracking exhibit hall hours as previously practiced and to review all CE regulations at the next meeting, seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

f. Continuing Education (CE) Approval Form

Deni Martin reported that page 93 of the agenda packet contains a reviewed continuing education approval form. As we have processed CE requests, Kayla has frequently needed to explain the requirements for academic hours. To provide clearer guidance, we added a section at the bottom of the form outlining those requirements. Amy Perry moved to accept the form as presented, seconded by Dr. Massa. All in favor, motion carried.

g. 2027 Clinical Competency Examinations

Amy Perry moved to approve the 2027 clinical competency examinations on page 94 of the agenda packet, seconded by Dr. Massa. All in favor, motion carried.

h. CE Honorarium Application

Dr. Massa moved to approve posting the CE Honorarium Application on the Board's website with an application deadline of December 21, 2026. The Board will review the applications at its February meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy Perry. All in favor, motion carried.

i. Board Member Appointments

Deni Martin reported that the Board has not received notification from the Governor's Office regarding appointments to the three open seats. She will email all Board members as soon as she receives an update. No action taken.

Dr. Prouty thanked Dr. Van Dam and Dr. Doerr for their exceptional leadership, thoughtful input, and dedication during their three terms on the Board. He also thanked Ashley Flynn for her service as a lay member and for providing a valuable perspective in the Board's work to protect the public. On behalf of the Board and staff, he expressed appreciation to all three for their meaningful contributions and commitment.

13. Next Meetings

- February 5, 2027, June 4, 2027, and October 22, 2027

The next meeting will take place in Pierre, and the Board, including the three new members, can discuss whether to continue meeting in Pierre or explore other options.

14. Adjourn

At 3:11pm, Dr. Doerr moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Van Dam. All in favor, motion carried.

Amy Perry, Secretary