



**TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD**  
**Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison**  
**Contact: Will Johnson, (608) 266-2112**  
**September 2, 2026**

*The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Board.*

**AGENDA**

**9:00 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Adoption of Agenda (1-4)**
- C. Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2026 (5-8)**
- D. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns**
- E. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition**
  - 1) Introductions
    - a. Thomas Raimann, Dentist Member (Succeeds: Gundersen)
    - b. Chris Hansen, Dentist Member (Succeeds: Sheild)
    - c. Paige Wiese, Dental Hygienist Member (Succeeds: Schrubbe)
  - 2) Recognitions
    - a. Shaheda Govani, Dentist Member (Resigned: 7/2026)
    - b. David Gundersen, Dentist Member (Resigned: 6/2026)
    - c. Peter Sheild, Dentist Member (Resigned: 8/2026)
    - d. Katherine Schrubbe, Dental Hygienist Member (Resigned: 7/2026)
    - e. Lisa Bahr, Dental Hygienist Member (Resigned: 8/2026)
- F. Administrative Matters**
  - 1) Department, Staff and Board Updates
  - 2) **Election of Officers, Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates (9-10)**
  - 3) Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
    - a. Alton, Troy – 7/1/2029
    - b. Bharatkumar, Aditi – 7/1/2029
    - c. Fox, Joan – 7/1/2029
    - d. Hansen, Chris – 7/1/2030
    - e. Jorgenson, Linda – 7/1/2028

- f. Kolste, Debra – 7/1/2028
- g. Raimann, Thomas – 7/1/2030
- h. Wiese, Paige – 7/1/2030

**G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (11-24)**

- 1) Final Rule Draft for DE 1, 5, 6 – Unprofessional Advertising
- 2) Preliminary Rule Draft of DE 1, 5, 8, 10 – Dental Practice Records Management
- 3) Discussion of DE 1, 3, 5 – Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists
- 4) Discussion of DE 11 – Sedation Permits Obsolete Provisions
- 5) Pending or possible rulemaking projects

**H. Presentation from Stephen Prisby, American Board of Dental Examiners (25-43)**

**I. Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact – Discussion**

**J. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration**

**K. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:**

- 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- 2) Administrative Matters
- 3) Election of Officers
- 4) Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
- 5) Delegation of Authorities
- 6) Education and Examination Matters
- 7) Credentialing Matters
- 8) Practice Matters
- 9) Legislative and Policy Matters
- 10) Public Health Emergencies
- 11) Administrative Rule Matters
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
- 14) Informational Items
- 15) Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
- 16) Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
- 17) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 18) Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
- 19) Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 20) Presentation of Interim Orders
- 21) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 22) Petitions for Assessments
- 23) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 24) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
- 25) Motions
- 26) Petitions
- 27) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
- 28) Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

**L. Public Comments**

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to**

**consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).**

**Credentialing Matters**

- 1) **Application Review**
  - a. L.R. – Dentist Application (IA- 876615) **(44-69)**
  - b. R.B. – Dental Therapist Application (IA-962777) **(70-132)**

**M. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters**

- 1) **Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**
  - a. 25 DEN 0032 – Diep N. Tran **(133-138)**
  - b. 25 DEN 0210 – Daniel W. McKinnon **(139-145)**
- 2) **Case Closings**
  - a. 24 DEN 0076 – M.B.K. **(146-150)**
  - b. 24 DEN 0091 – U. **(151-154)**
  - c. 25 DEN 0212 – D.C.G. **(155-160)**

**N. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda**

- 1) Education and Examination Matters
- 2) Credentialing Matters
- 3) DLSC Matters
- 4) Monitoring Matters
- 5) Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
- 6) Petitions for Summary Suspensions
- 7) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
- 8) Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Order
- 9) Proposed Interim Orders
- 10) Administrative Warnings
- 11) Review of Administrative Warnings
- 12) Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 13) Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
- 14) Case Closings
- 15) Board Liaison Training
- 16) Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
- 17) Petitions to Vacate Orders
- 18) Remedial Education Cases
- 19) Motions
- 20) Petitions for Re-Hearing
- 21) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

**O. Consulting with Legal Counsel**

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

**P. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate**

**Q. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 2026**

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MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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**HYBRID (IN/PERSON VIRTUAL)  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 24, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Troy Alton, DDS; Lisa Bahr, RDH (*arrived at 8:04 via Zoom*); Aditi Bharatkumar, DDS; Joan Fox, DDS (*via Zoom*); Shaheda Govani, DDS (*via Zoom*); David Gundersen, DDS (*arrived at 10:12 a.m.*); Linda Jorgenson, RDH (*via Zoom*); Debra Kolste; Katherine Schrubbe, RDH (*via Zoom*); Peter Sheild, DDS (*via Zoom*)

**STAFF:** Will Johnson, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Jacob Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Ashley Sarnosky, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Troy Alton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with eight (8) members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Linda Jorgenson moved, seconded by Debra Kolste, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2026**

**MOTION:** Peter Sheild moved, seconded by Katherine Schrubbe, to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2026, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION**

**Recognition: Matthew Bistan, Dentist Member (Served since 6/2017)**

**MOTION:** Troy Alton moved, seconded by Peter Sheild, to recognize and thank Matthew Bistan for their years of dedicated service to the Board and State of Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS**

**Discussion of DE 1 to 17 Final Rule Draft**

**MOTION:** Debra Kolste moved, seconded by Joan Fox, to accept all Clearinghouse comments for rule DE 1 to 17 relating to dentist and dental hygienist compact. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Troy Alton moved, seconded by Katherine Schrubbe, to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the final rule draft and legislative report for rule DE 1 to 17 relating to dentist and dental hygienist compact for submittal to the Governor's Office and Legislature. The board also authorizes the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the Adoption Order after the final rule draft is approved by the Governor. Motion carried unanimously.

*David Gundersen arrived at 10:12 a.m.*

**Discussion of DE 1 and 2 Final Rule Draft**

**MOTION:** David Gundersen moved, seconded by Troy Alton, to reject Clearinghouse comments 2.b. and 5.b.(1) for rule DE 1 and 2 relating to licensure requirements and to accept all other Clearinghouse comments. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Peter Sheild moved, seconded by David Gundersen, to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the final rule draft and legislative report for rule DE 1 and 2 relating to licensure requirements for submittal to the Governor's Office and Legislature. The board also authorizes the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the Adoption Order after the final rule draft is approved by the Governor. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Debra Kolste moved, seconded by Troy Alton, to convene to Closed Session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85 (1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Troy Alton, Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Troy Alton-yes; Lisa Bahr-yes; Aditi Bharkumar-yes; Joan Fox-yes; Shaheda Govani-yes; David Gundersen-yes; Linda Jorgenson-yes; Debra Kolste-yes; Katherine Schrubbe-yes; and Peter Sheild-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 11:08 a.m.

## CREDENTIALING MATTERS

### Application Review

#### *R.E. – Dentist Application (IA- 928053)*

**MOTION:** Debra Kolste moved, seconded by Linda Jorgenson, to authorize Board Counsel to request additional information from Applicant (IA-928053). Once the additional information is received the Chairperson may act on the application. Motion carried unanimously.

## DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC) MATTERS

### Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

#### *25 DEN 0036 – Rahul G. Patel*

**MOTION:** Linda Jorgenson moved, seconded by David Gundersen, to reject the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Rahul G. Patel, DLSC Case Number 25 DEN 0036. Motion carried unanimously.

#### *23 DEN 159 – Daniel C. Garcia*

**MOTION:** Debra Kolste moved, seconded by Lisa Bahr, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Daniel C. Garcia, DLSC Case 23 DEN 159. Motion carried unanimously.

### Case Closings

**MOTION:** Joan Fox moved, seconded by Peter Sheild, to close the following DLSC Cases for the reasons outlined below:

- 24 DEN 0047 – T.C.K. – No Violation
- 24 DEN 0173 – K.E.A. – Insufficient Evidence
- 25 DEN 0016 – R.G.G. and D.E.V. – No Violation
- 25 DEN 0116 – M.B.K. – No Violation
- 25 DEN 0127 – N.A.S. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P1)

Motion carried unanimously.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** Troy Alton moved, seconded by Joan Fox, to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:49 a.m.

**VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Debra Kolste moved, seconded by Troy Alton, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

*(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the Closed Session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Linda Jorgenson, seconded by Peter Sheild, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD**

**2026 Officers and Liaisons**

| <b>2026 OFFICERS</b>    |               |
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| <b>Chairperson</b>      | Troy Alton    |
| <b>Vice Chairperson</b> | Joan Fox      |
| <b>Secretary</b>        | <i>Vacant</i> |

| <b>LIAISON APPOINTMENTS</b>                                                                                  |                                                                    |
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| <b>Credentialing Liaisons</b>                                                                                | <i>(Dental Hygiene),<br/>(Dentistry)<br/>Alternate: Troy Alton</i> |
| <b>Education and Examination Liaison</b>                                                                     | Linda Jorgenson, <i>Vacant</i><br><i>Alternate:</i>                |
| <b>Monitoring Liaison</b>                                                                                    | <i>Alternate: Debra Kolste</i>                                     |
| <b>Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison</b>                                                       | , Joan Fox<br><i>Alternate:</i>                                    |
| <b>Legislative Liaison</b>                                                                                   | Troy Alton, Debra Kolste<br><i>Alternate: Vacant</i>               |
| <b>Travel Authorization Liaison</b>                                                                          | Troy Alton<br><i>Alternate:</i>                                    |
| <b>Website Liaison</b>                                                                                       | <i>Vacant</i><br><i>Alternate:</i>                                 |
| <b>PDMP Liaison/<br/>Appointed to<br/>Controlled Substances<br/>Board as per Wis. Stats.<br/>§15.405(5g)</b> | <i>Vacant</i><br><i>Alternate: Troy Alton</i>                      |
| <b>Screening Panel Members</b>                                                                               | Troy Alton, Debra Kolste,<br><i>Alternate:</i>                     |
| <b>Licensure Forms Committee</b>                                                                             | <i>Alternate: Vacant</i>                                           |

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| <b>Dentist and Dental<br/>Hygienist Compact<br/>Commissioner</b> | <b>Matthew Bistan</b><br><i>Alternate: Linda Jorgenson</i> |
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**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

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| <b>1) Name and title of person submitting the request:</b><br><b>Jake Pelegrin</b><br><b>Administrative Rules Coordinator</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>2) Date when request submitted:</b><br><b>8/21/26</b><br><small>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |            |                      |                      |         |
| <b>3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:</b><br>Dentistry Examining Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |            |                      |                      |         |
| <b>4) Meeting Date:</b><br><b>9/2/26</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5) Attachments:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                              | <b>6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?</b><br><b>Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration</b><br>1. Final rule draft for DE 1, 5, 6 - Unprofessional Advertising<br>2. Preliminary rule draft for DE 1, 5, 8, 10 - Dental Practice Records Management<br>3. Discussion of DE 1, 3, 5 - Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists<br>4. Discussion of DE 11 - Sedation Permits Obsolete Provisions<br>5. Pending or possible rulemaking projects |  |            |                      |                      |         |
| <b>7) Place Item in:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session<br><input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled?</b> <i>(If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff)</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <b>9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:</b><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |            |                      |                      |         |
| <b>10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:</b><br><br>Attachments:<br>-Current preliminary rule draft of DE 1, 5, 8, 10 with WDA comment<br>-Rule drafting materials for DE 1, 3, 5 and DE 11<br>-Dentistry Rules Chart                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |            |                      |                      |         |
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| Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda)     Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |            |                      |                      |         |
| <b>Directions for including supporting documents:</b><br>1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda.<br>2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director.<br>3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |            |                      |                      |         |

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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| IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING | : | PROPOSED ORDER OF THE     |
| PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE      | : | DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD |
| DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD   | : | ADOPTING RULES            |
|                             | : | (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE )     |

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PROPOSED ORDER

A proposed order of the Dentistry Examining Board to ***renumber and amend*** DE 8.035; to ***amend*** DE 8.03, 8.035 (Title), and 8.04; to ***repeal and recreate*** DE 8.05; and to ***create*** DE 5.02 (30) to (35), 8.02 (3), 8.035 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) to (4), and 8.06 relating to dental practice record management.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** Sections 146.819, 146.82, 146.83, 447.02 (4), and 447.063, Stats.

**Statutory authority:** Sections 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) (a), and 447.063 (1), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides that an examining board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., provides that “[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute, but a rule is not valid if the rule exceeds the bounds of correct interpretation.”

Section 447.063 (1), Stats.: “A person who manages or controls a business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services, including management or control of a business through which the person allows another person to offer dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services, shall preserve patient health care records, as defined in s. 146.81 (4), for an amount of time determined by the examining board by rule.”

**Related statute or rule:** None.

**Plain language analysis:**

Current rules on records management for dental patient records are primarily contained in Wis. Admin. Code ch. DE 8. Patient health care records are also governed by ch. 146 of the Wisconsin Statutes and other state and federal laws. The board has identified a need to update and clarify regulations on dental practice record management to protect patient health, safety, welfare, and access to their own records. In general, the proposed rule places responsibility on the treating dentist or dental therapist for management of their own patient health care records. The board believes a dental patient record is a tool critical to the practice of dentistry, and that proper care and management of dental patient records is a critical part of the practice of dentistry.

The proposed rule clarifies that the treating dentist or dental therapist is responsible for creating and maintaining their own patient health care records. The rule adds a provision to ch. DE 5, Unprofessional Conduct, stating it is unprofessional conduct to fail to do this. The proposed rule clarifies that patient health care records may only be deleted or destroyed after 10 years after the date of last entry.

The board believes a dental patient record is a tool critical to the practice of dentistry, and that proper care and management of dental patient records is a part of the practice of dentistry. Therefore, the board believes that as part of the proper practice of dentistry, upon ceasing practice or business, a dentist or dental therapist must transfer their dental patient records to another licensed dentist. The proposed rule creates a requirement to this effect. To ensure this happens even in unexpected cases of ceasing practice or business, dentists or dental therapists must name a successor dentist who will assume responsibility for the records and this must be agreed in writing. The proposed rule creates a requirement to this effect. The board considers this to be an important part of the practice of dentistry. The proposed rule also states that it is unprofessional conduct to fail to do this. In the above, the board is choosing to enforce the 10-year record retention time required by s. 447.063 (1), Stats., and ss. DE 8.03 and 8.035 (1), above and beyond the option for providing for the destruction of records in s. 146.819 (1) (b), Stats. The board believes the 10-year record retention time should take precedence over the option for destruction of the records at any time if the health care provider ceases practice or business.

Under current law, patient health care records must be available to the patient or a patient's representative upon request, and must be transferred to a patient's subsequent health care provider upon request. The proposed rule creates provisions to clarify that the responsibility to ensure this falls on both the treating dentist or dental therapist and on the entity that offers dental services. The proposed rule also states that it is unprofessional conduct for the dentist or dental therapist to fail to ensure this.

Under current law, patient health care records must be maintained confidentially. The proposed rule clarifies that the responsibility to ensure this falls on the treating dentist, dental therapist, or other credential holder, and on the entity that offers dental services. The rule also states that it is unprofessional conduct for a credential holder to fail to ensure confidentiality. Finally, the proposed rule creates a requirement that as part of the practice of dentistry, a dentist or dental therapist is responsible for ensuring the setting they practice in is operating in compliance with state and federal law and code pertaining to patient health care records. Again, the board believes

this is a critical part of the practice of dentistry and critical to patient health, safety, welfare, and access to their own records.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:** None.

**Summary of public comments received on statement of scope:**

The Dentistry Examining Board held a preliminary public hearing on the statement of scope for this rule on November 5, 2025. The following written comment was received:

Name: Timothy Bonson

Organization: None.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed scope statement SS 056-25, concerning dental practice record management and dental franchising. This proposal, as outlined, poses a significant threat to the autonomy of dental professionals, the viability of small, independent dental practices, and the quality of patient care across Wisconsin.

Here are my primary concerns:

- **Burdensome and Unnecessary Regulations:** The proposed changes to record management are likely to impose significant and unnecessary administrative and financial burdens on dental practices, particularly smaller, independent clinics. These new regulations could mandate costly software upgrades, extensive staff training, and an increase in non-clinical administrative tasks, diverting valuable resources away from direct patient care.
- **Negative Impact on Small Businesses:** Encouraging dental franchising threatens the existence of traditional, locally-owned dental practices that have served our communities for generations. This shift towards a corporate model of dentistry prioritizes profits over the personalized, patient-centered care that is the hallmark of independent practitioners. It will create an uneven playing field, making it difficult for small practices to compete with the resources of large, corporate-backed franchises.
- **Detrimental to the Dentist-Patient Relationship:** The franchising of dental practices risks depersonalizing the dentist-patient relationship. When corporate interests and profit margins become the primary drivers, the focus can shift from the individual needs of the patient to a more standardized, one-size-fits-all approach to treatment. This is fundamentally at odds with the trust and personalized care that is essential for good dental health.
- **Government Overreach:** This proposal represents an unnecessary government intrusion into the dental profession. Dentists are highly trained and capable professionals who are already subject to extensive regulation and ethical guidelines. These proposed new rules will only add another layer of bureaucracy without any clear benefit to patient safety or care.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject SS 056-25. This proposal is a step in the wrong direction for the dental profession in Wisconsin. It will harm small businesses, compromise patient care, and add unnecessary regulatory burdens. We should be supporting our local dental practices, not creating a regulatory environment that favors large corporate interests.

### **Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** In Illinois, dental patient records are subject to the following: “Every dentist shall make a record of all dental work performed for each patient” and “Dental records are the property of the office in which dentistry is practiced. Dental records required by this Section shall be maintained for 10 years. Dental records required to be maintained under this section, or copies of those dental records, shall be made available upon request to the patient or the patient's guardian” [225 Illinois Compiled Statutes 25/50].

In the past, Illinois dentistry code had a section on Employment by Corporation [68 Illinois Administrative Code 1220.431], but this section has been repealed. Illinois has no other regulations on dental clinics specifically or dental franchising. Franchise businesses in general are governed by the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act [815 ILCS 705].

**Iowa:** Iowa has very comprehensive regulations around dental patient record management [650 Iowa Administrative Code 27.10 and 27.11]. “Dentists shall maintain patient records in a manner consistent with the protection of the welfare of the patient. Records shall be permanent, timely, accurate, legible, and easily understandable.” A comprehensive list is given of information the records must contain. Records must be maintained for a minimum of 6 years. Additionally, Iowa has a section on records management in the instance of a licensee’s retirement or discontinuance of practice [650 Iowa Administrative Code 27.10]. It requires a licensee to give notice to active patients if they plan to discontinue practice and to encourage them to seek the services of another licensee. It also requires the licensee to “make reasonable arrangements with active patients for the transfer of patient records, or copies thereof, to the succeeding licensee.”

Iowa has minimal regulations on dental clinics or dental franchising. Under 650 IAC 29.8, “Facility and Equipment Requirements for Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia”, the dental facility must be properly equipped to provide such services and the board may conduct facility inspections. However, this is presumed to be only in relation to sedation and anesthesia practices. Iowa has no other regulations on dental clinics specifically or dental franchising. However, franchise businesses in general are governed by Chapter 523H, Iowa Administrative Code.

**Michigan:** Michigan Administrative Code has basic requirements on dental treatment records. The dentist or dental therapist is responsible for creating a record for each patient with a prescribed list of information that must be in the record. The record must be retained for at least 10 years [Michigan Administrative Rules R 338.11120].

Michigan has minimal regulations on dental clinics and no regulations on dental franchising specifically. Under Michigan Compiled Laws section R 333.16627, “Establishment of Dental Clinic by Nonprofit Corporation”, the board is prohibited from making rules that prohibit the establishment of a dental clinic by a nonprofit corporation or by trustees of a health and welfare fund, as long as certain conditions are met. Franchise businesses in general are governed by the Michigan Franchise Investment Law [Michigan Compiled Laws R 445.1501 to 445.1546].

**Minnesota:** Minnesota has very comprehensive regulations around dental patient record management [Minnesota Administrative Rules 3100.9600]. A comprehensive list is given of information the record on each patient must contain, including personal data, reason for visit, dental and medical history, diagnosis, treatment plan, and progress notes. Records must be maintained for a minimum of 7 years. Additionally, Minnesota statutes have a Health Records Act that applies to dental patient records [Minnesota Statutes sections 144.291 to 144.298]. They codify basic rights for a patient's access to their own records and the requirement of a health care provider to transfer the records to a subsequent provider. Compliance with the Health Records Act is required under Minnesota dentistry rules section 3100.6200, Conduct Unbecoming A Licensee.

Minnesota statutes contain some details on regulation of dental corporations. "No corporation shall practice dentistry or engage in it, or hold itself out as being entitled to practice dentistry, or furnish dental services or dentists, or advertise under or assume the title of dentists or dental surgeons or equivalent title. No corporation shall furnish dental advice, or advertise or hold itself out with any other person or alone, that it has or owns a dental office or can furnish dental service, dentists, or dental surgeons, or solicit, through itself, or its agents, officers, employees, directors or trustees, dental patronage for any dentist or dental surgeon" [Minnesota Statutes section 150A.11]. Additionally, Minnesota dentistry rules go into some detail on requirements for safety and sanitation of dental offices [Minnesota Administrative Rules 3100.6300]. Franchise businesses in general are governed by the Minnesota Franchise Act [Minnesota Statutes chapter 80C].

#### **Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The Board reviewed Wis. Stats. chapter 447 and Wis. Admin. Code chapters DE 1, 5, 8, and 10 to determine where changes were needed to update regulations on dental practice record management and dental franchising.

#### **Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The proposed rules were posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comments on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals. The following EIA comment was received:

Name: Dr. Rachel Steele

Organization: Wisconsin Dental Association

"Dear Members of the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board:

On behalf of the more than 3,000 member dentists of the Wisconsin Dental Association, I write to express respectful opposition to the proposed rule related to dental practice record management. We appreciate and share the DEB's goal of ensuring that patients can obtain records in a timely and reliable manner. That said, the proposed approach – while well-intentioned – places responsibility on the wrong party, creates unintended consequences for small businesses and individual dentists, risks undermining patient care and is unlikely to fix the problem it aims to address.

- **Accountability without control:** The proposed rule makes individual licensed dentists responsible for creating, maintaining, protecting, transferring and retrieving records – even when they may not own, manage or control the practice infrastructure. In many modern settings, including DSO, corporate-owned, associate and employee arrangements, the treating dentist has no legal or operational authority over the employer’s records system, IT vendor, staff, cybersecurity, retention practices or business decisions, especially after employment ends. Disciplining an employee dentist for a corporate entity’s failure to release records puts the dentist’s license and livelihood at risk for conduct beyond their control.
- **Disproportionate burdens and negative economic impact on small and rural practices:** Requiring practitioners to identify a successor dentist willing to assume long-term responsibility for patient records could delay retirements, hinder practice transitions and reduce access to care, particularly when no willing successor is available. The requirement would disproportionately burden small businesses, solo practitioners, mobile clinics and dentists in rural or shortage areas, where administrative capacity and available successor providers, purchasers and custodians are limited. Even where other providers are available, few unrelated dentists would accept the costs, privacy obligations, cybersecurity risks and potential liability associated with another practitioner's records. The rule could also discourage practice acquisitions and increase reliance on third-party custodians, creating additional contractual, financial and compliance burdens that would fall most heavily on small practices.
- **An ineffective solution:** Assigning liability to dentists who may lack control over patient records and imposing impracticable requirements on them will not address the corporate and administrative barriers that often limit access. Instead, it may create uncertainty, discourage participation in certain practice models and penalize clinicians while continuing to leave the actual record custodian beyond meaningful accountability.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the DEB reconsider and revise its approach to this issue. While we fully support the goal of ensuring timely and reliable patient access to records, we believe the DEB’s efforts would be better directed toward dental practice record management by practice owners/entities and their obligations to patients, rather than imposing undue burdens and potential economic hardship on individual treating dentists. Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rachel Steele  
President”

#### **Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis will be attached upon completion.

#### **Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules are not predicted to have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department’s Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at [Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov), or by calling (608) 266-2112.

**Agency contact person:**

Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Office of Chief Legal Counsel, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 14497, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-0497; email at [DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov).

**Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:**

Comments may be submitted to Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Office of Chief Legal Counsel, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 14497, Madison, WI 53708-0497, or by email to [DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov). Comments must be received on or before the public hearing to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. DE 5.02 (30) to (35) are created to read:

**(30)** A dentist or dental therapist failing to create or to maintain patient health care records as required under ss. DE 8.03 and 8.035.

**(31)** A credential holder failing to maintain confidentiality of patient health care records as required under s. 146.82, Stats., and s. DE 8.04.

**(32)** A dentist or dental therapist failing to name a successor dentist for responsibility for his or her patient health care records if he or she ceases practice or business, as required under ss. DE 8.035 (1) (b) and 8.05.

**(33)** A dentist or dental therapist failing to ensure transfer of his or her patient health care records to a successor dentist if he or she ceases practice or business, as required under ss. DE 8.035 (1) (a) and 8.05.

**Note:** If a person who manages or controls a business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services fails to transfer a dentist's or dental therapist's patient health care records to a successor dentist after ceasing practice or business, a dentist or dental therapist associated with the business is responsible for ensuring the transfer of his or her patient health care records as required under ss. DE 8.035 (1) (a) and 8.05.

**(34)** A dentist or dental therapist failing to provide patient health care records to a patient or a patient's representative upon request, as required under s. 146.83 (1c) or (3f) (a), Stats., and s. DE 8.035.

**Note:** If a person who manages or controls a business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services fails to provide patient health care records to a patient or a patient's representative upon request, the dentist or dental therapist responsible for the records is responsible for providing the records as required under s. 146.83 (1c) or (3f) (a), Stats.

**(35)** A dentist or dental therapist failing to transfer patient health care records to a subsequent health care provider upon request, as required under s. 146.83 (1m) (a) Stats., and s. DE 8.035.

**Note:** If a person who manages or controls a business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services fails to transfer patient health care records to a subsequent health care provider upon request, as required under s. 447.063 (2), Stats., the dentist or dental therapist responsible for the records is responsible for transferring the records as required under s. 146.83 (1m) (a), Stats.

SECTION 2. DE 8.02 (3) is created to read:

**DE 8.02 (3)** “Person” means an individual human or any business entity regardless of the form of business ownership or management.

SECTION 3. DE 8.03 is amended to read:

**DE 8.03 Minimum standards for patient health care record retention.** Patient health care records on every patient administered shall be maintained for a period of at least 10 years after the date of the last entry, unless otherwise required by state or federal law. The treating dentist or dental therapist is responsible for creating and maintaining the patient health care records.

SECTION 4. DE 8.035 (Title) is amended to read:

**DE 8.035 Preservation of and access to patient health care records.**

SECTION 5. DE 8.035 is renumbered to 8.035 (1) and amended to read:

**DE 8.035 (1)** A person who manages or controls a business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services, including management or control of a business through which the person allows another person to offer dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services, shall preserve patient health care records for at least 10 years from the date of the last entry. The treating dentist or dental therapist is also responsible for ensuring the records are preserved, as required under s. DE 8.03. Patient health care records may only be deleted or destroyed after 10 years after the date of last entry.

SECTION 6. DE 8.035 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) to (4) are created to read:

**DE 8.035 (1) (a)** As part of the practice of dentistry, if the treating dentist or dental therapist ceases practice or business during the 10-year record retention time of any patient health care records, the treating dentist or dental therapist shall ensure the records are transferred to a successor dentist who will assume responsibility for the records.

**(b)** As part of the practice of dentistry, a dentist or dental therapist shall designate a successor dentist who will assume responsibility for the dentist’s or dental therapist’s patient health care records in the event of the dentist or dental therapist ceasing practice or business. This

designation shall be agreed to in writing between the treating dentist or dental therapist and the successor dentist.

(2) A person who manages or controls a business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services shall, upon request of a patient or representative of the patient, transfer the patient health care records of the patient to another person that the patient or representative of the patient specifies to receive the patient health care records, as required under s. 447.063 (2), Stats.

(3) During the record retention time required under s. DE 8.03 and sub. (1), the patient health care records shall be available to the patient or a representative of the patient as required under s. 146.83 (1c) or (3f) (a), Stats., or shall be transferred to a patient's subsequent health care provider upon request, as required under ss. 146.83 (1m) (a) and 447.063 (2), Stats. The responsibility to ensure access to records falls on both the dentist or dental therapist responsible for the records and on the person who manages or controls the business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services.

**Note:** Section 146.83 (1c), Stats., reads: "Except as provided in s. 51.30 or 146.82 (2), any patient or person authorized by the patient may, upon submitting a statement of informed consent, inspect the health care records of a health care provider pertaining to that patient at any time during regular business hours, upon reasonable notice."

Section 146.83 (3f) (a), Stats., reads: "Except as provided in sub. (1f) or s. 51.30 or 146.82 (2), if a person requests copies of a patient's health care records, provides informed consent, and pays the applicable fees under par. (b), the health care provider shall provide the person making the request copies of the requested records."

Section 146.83 (1m) (a), Stats., reads: "A patient's health care records shall be provided to the patient's health care provider upon request and, except as provided in s. 146.82 (2), with a statement of informed consent."

(4) In the course of investigating a violation of ch. 447, Stats., or a violation of rules of the board, the board may require, by order or subpoena, that a person who manages or controls a business that offers dental or dental hygiene services produce patient health care records.

SECTION 7. DE 8.04 is amended to read:

**DE 8.04 Confidentiality of patient health care records.** All patient health care records shall remain confidential as provided in s. 146.82, Stats. The responsibility to ensure confidentiality falls on both the credential holder responsible for the records and on the person who manages or controls the business that offers dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene services.

SECTION 8. DE 8.05 is repealed and recreated to read:

**DE 8.05 Management of records upon ceasing practice or business.** (1) As required under s. DE 8.035 (1) (b), as part of the practice of dentistry, a dentist or dental therapist shall designate a successor dentist who will assume responsibility for the dentist's or dental therapist's patient health care records in the event of the dentist or dental therapist ceasing practice or business.

This designation shall be agreed to in writing between the treating dentist or dental therapist and the successor dentist.

(2) As part of the practice of dentistry, upon ceasing practice or business, a dentist or dental therapist with patient health care records within the 10-year record retention time required under ss. DE 8.03 and 8.035 shall ensure the records are transferred to a successor dentist who will assume responsibility for the records.

SECTION 9. DE 8.06 is created to read:

**DE 8.06 Dentist or dental therapist responsibility for ensuring compliance.** A dentist or dental therapist practicing in a dental practice or clinic is responsible for ensuring the practice or clinic is operating in compliance with state and federal law and code pertaining to patient health care records.

**Note:** Requirements for notices to patients and requirements for cataloging patient record requests are under s. 146.83 (2) and (3), Stats.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

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This Proposed Order of the Dentistry Examining Board is approved for submission to the Governor and Legislature.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair  
Dentistry Examining Board

## **DE 1, 3, 5 - Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists - Preliminary rule drafting materials**

**DE 3.03 Prohibited practices.** A dental hygienist may not do any of the following:

- (1) Diagnose a dental disease or ailment.
- (2) Determine any treatment or any regimen of any treatment outside of the scope of dental hygiene.
- (3) Prescribe or order medication or radiographs.
- (4) Perform any procedure that involves the intentional cutting of soft or hard tissue of the mouth by any means.
- (5) Administer nitrous oxide inhalation, except as provided in ch. DE 15.
- (6) Administer injectable local anesthesia, except as provided in ch. DE 7.

*DE 3.03 (7) is created to read:*

**(7) Administer botulinum toxin.**

*Additionally, an optional edit for the board's consideration:*

**DE 5.02 Unprofessional conduct.** Unprofessional conduct by a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or expanded function dental auxiliary includes:

*DE 5.02 (35) is created to read:*

**(35) A dental hygienist performing any of the prohibited practices under s. DE 3.03 on a patient.**

## **DE 11 – Sedation Permits Obsolete Provisions - Preliminary rule drafting materials**

*Below are the most important edits this rule needs to make, because those code provisions are obsolete. They just need to be repealed.*

**DE 11.02 Definitions.** In this chapter,

**(1g)** “ASA” means American Society of Anesthesiologists.

~~**(1s)** “Class I permit” means a sedation permit issued prior to September 1, 2020. This permit is no longer valid.~~

**(1t)** “Class II permit - enteral” means a sedation permit enabling a dentist to administer, by enteral route, moderate sedation.

**(1tm)** “Class II permit – parenteral” means a sedation permit enabling a dentist to administer, by parenteral route, moderate sedation.

**(1u)** “Class III permit” means a sedation permit enabling a dentist to administer moderate or deep sedation, or general anesthesia.

~~**DE 11.025 (3) (j)** Notwithstanding par. (g) or (h), a dentist holding a class I permit on August 31, 2020, shall be granted a class II permit—enteral upon evidence of 20 cases within the last 5 years of providing moderate sedation.~~

~~**Note:** As of September 1, 2020, a class I permit is no longer valid and moderate sedation requires either a class II permit—enteral or class II permit—parenteral.~~

*Below are some optional edits for the board’s consideration: It would be slightly more correct to be consistent between calling it a “sedation permit” or “anesthesiology permit”. In all the current definitions in ch. DE 11, it says “sedation permit”.*

*Is there a choice between these 2 terms that is more scientifically accurate or more correct? If the board agrees, [DE 11.025\(2\)](#) (intro.) and (3) (intro.) should be amended to “sedation permit”*

*DE 11.025 (2) (intro.) and (3) (intro.) are amended to read:*

**DE 11.025 (2)** The board may issue ~~an anesthesia~~ a sedation permit at the following levels:

**(3)** A dentist may apply to the board for ~~an anesthesia~~ a sedation permit by submitting all of the following:

**Dentistry Examining Board  
Rule Projects**

| Clearinghouse Rule Number | Scope # | Scope Implementation | Scope Expiration | Code Chapter Affected  | Relating clause                                          | Current Stage                                                   | Next Step                                                              |
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| CR 26-021                 | 053-24  | 7/16/2024            | 11/20/2026       | DE 1 to 17             | Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact                     | Governor's review of final rule draft.                          | Submittal to legislature and submittal for rule adoption.              |
| CR 26-024                 | 021-25  | 5/7/2025             | 10/7/2027        | DE 1 and 2             | Licensure Requirements                                   | Governor's review of final rule draft.                          | Submittal to legislature and submittal for rule adoption.              |
| CR 26-023                 | 004-25  | 3/7/2025             | 7/27/2027        | DE 1, 5, and 6         | Unprofessional Advertising                               | Discuss Clearinghouse comments and public comments.             | Board approval of final rule draft and submittal to Governor's Office. |
|                           | 056-25  | 11/6/2025            | 2/25/2028        | DE 1, 5, 8, 10, and 18 | Dental Practice Record Management and Dental Franchising | Rule drafting activities paused until further board discussion. | Submittal of preliminary rule draft to the Clearinghouse.              |
|                           | 010-26  | 3/20/2026            | 8/16/2028        | DE 1, 3, and 5         | Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists                  | Rule drafting.                                                  | Board approval of prelim rule draft.                                   |
|                           | 011-26  | 3/20/2026            | 8/16/2028        | DE 11                  | Sedation Permits Obsolete Provisions                     | Rule drafting.                                                  | Board approval of prelim rule draft.                                   |

All of these rules in progress can also be viewed on the department's website with the current rulemaking documents:  
<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/RulesStatutes/PendingRules.aspx>

**State of Wisconsin  
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**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

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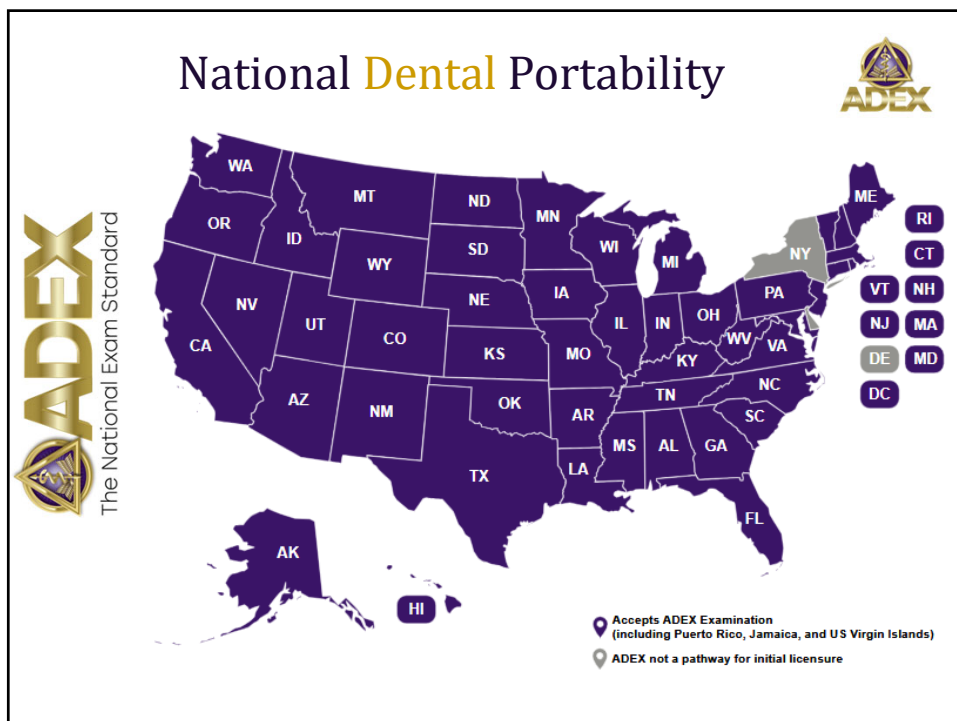
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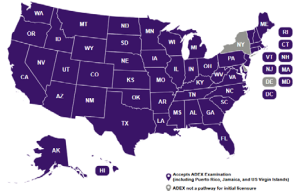


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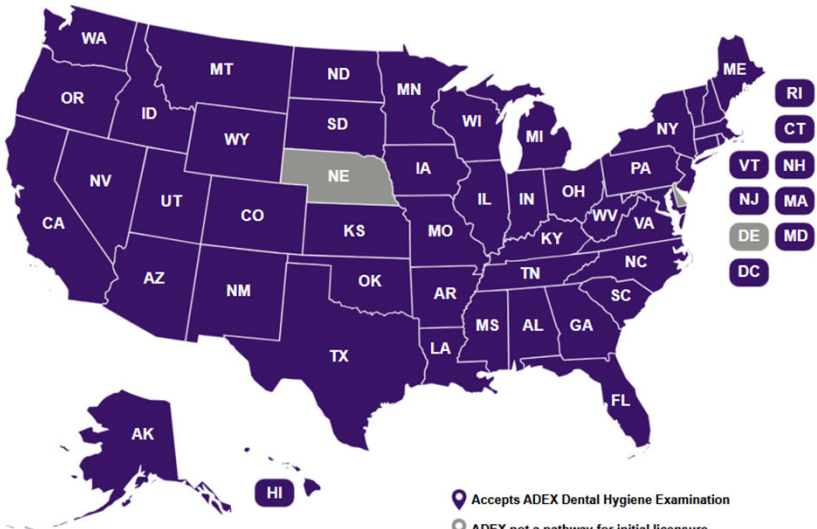
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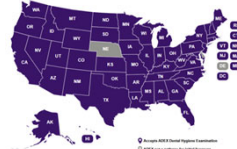
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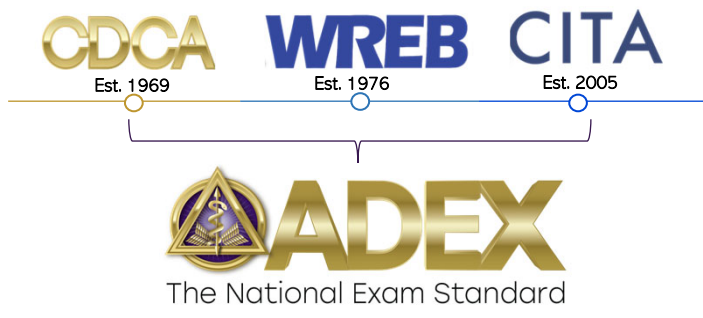
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| 5. Massachusetts (ADEX OSCE required) | 12. Oklahoma       |
| 6. Michigan                           | 13. Puerto Rico    |
| 7. Mississippi                        | 14. Virginia       |



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**Names over the Years...**

“Today, ADEX represents the combined experience and expertise of the top three leading dental testing organizations, united to create a better pathway to licensure.”



The diagram shows a horizontal timeline with three points: CDCA (Est. 1969), WREB (Est. 1976), and CITA (Est. 2005). Brackets from each point converge at a single point below, which is the ADEX logo and text 'The National Exam Standard'.

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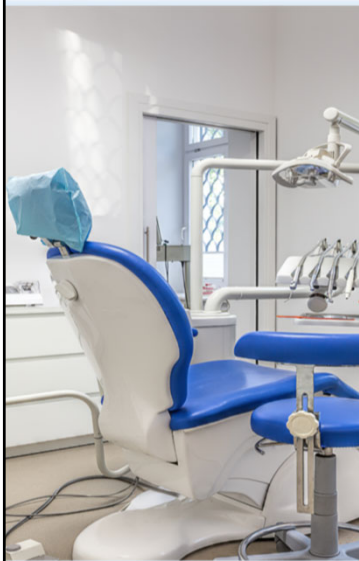
“As an educator, it is more efficient and expedient to prepare our graduating students for one exam—from mock boards & clinical competencies to the actual exam.

Having to administer two different licensure exams caused confusion amongst the faculty and students as the criteria are different.

When we administered only one exam, we all had a sigh of relief that we could concentrate on one set of criteria and exam manuals while mentoring our students through this stressful process.”

Dr. J. Hasslen, Former Chair and Professor  
Creighton University School of Dentistry

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| Location                                                  | Exam Date              | Deadline          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Marquette University School of Dentistry<br>Milwaukee, WI | October 3, 2026        | September 6, 2026 |
| Marquette University School of Dentistry<br>Milwaukee, WI | December 5, 2026       | October 22, 2026  |
| Marquette University School of Dentistry<br>Milwaukee, WI | February 20 - 21, 2027 | January 7, 2027   |
| Marquette University School of Dentistry<br>Milwaukee, WI | April 3, 2027          | February 18, 2027 |

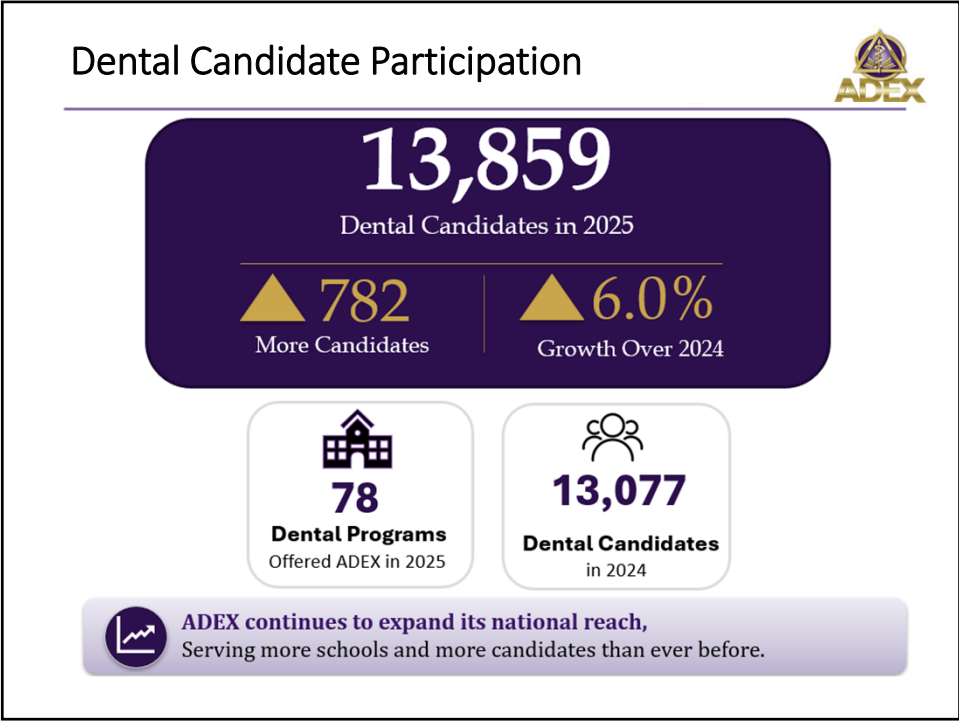
#### Fully Equipped Facilities

All testing locations are equipped with necessary clinical resources, functional equipment and comprehensive protocols to ensure optimal examination conditions.

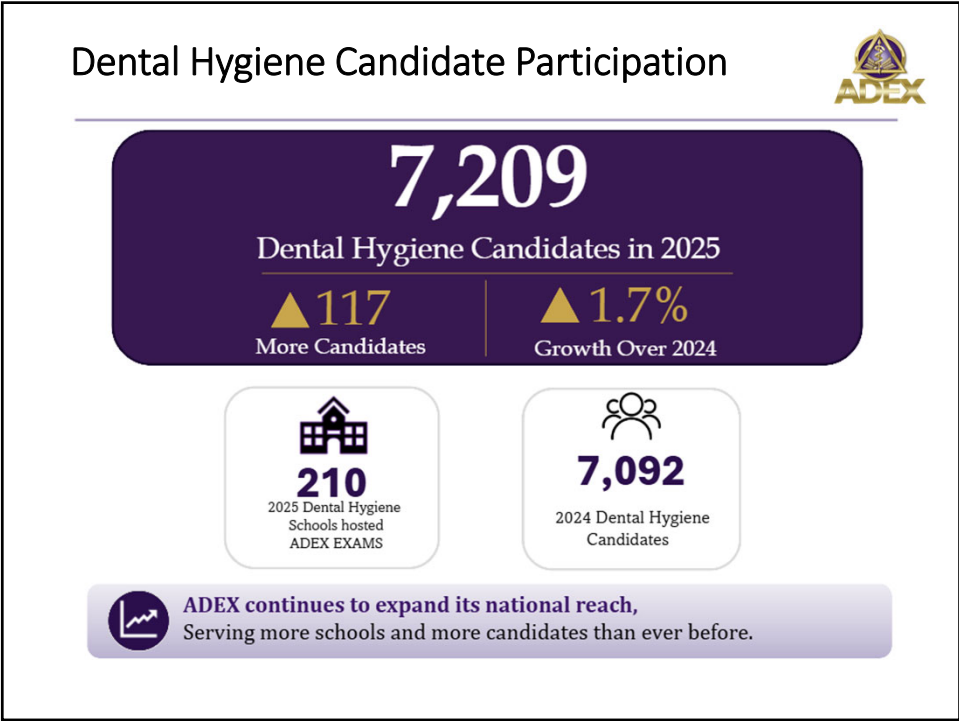
#### Accelerated Workforce Growth

Improved access to examinations supports timely licensure, helping address the growing demand for qualified oral healthcare professionals.

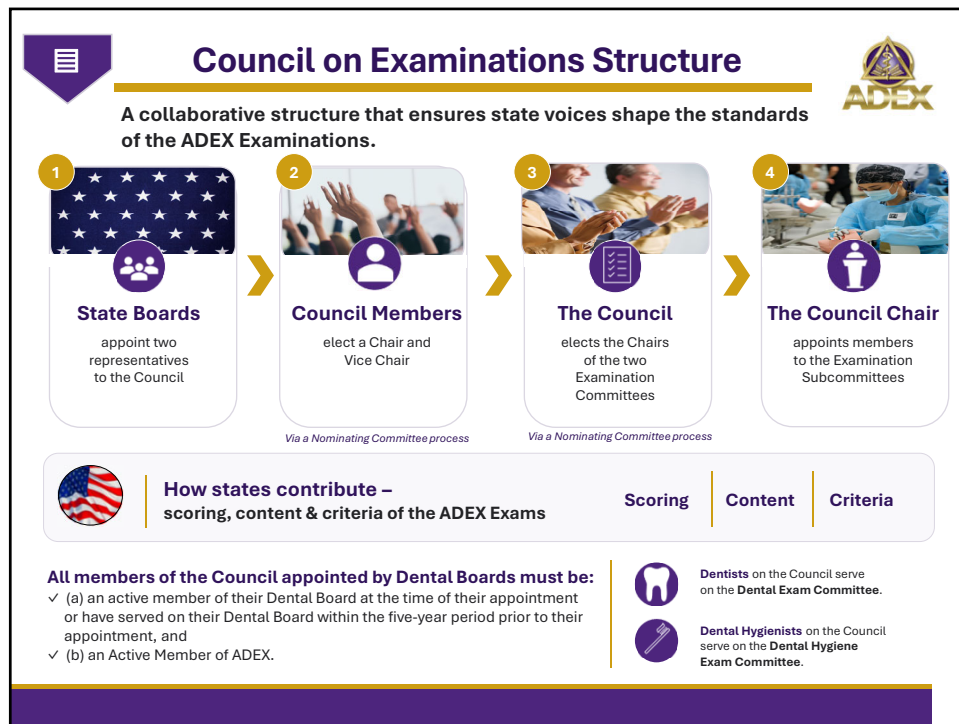
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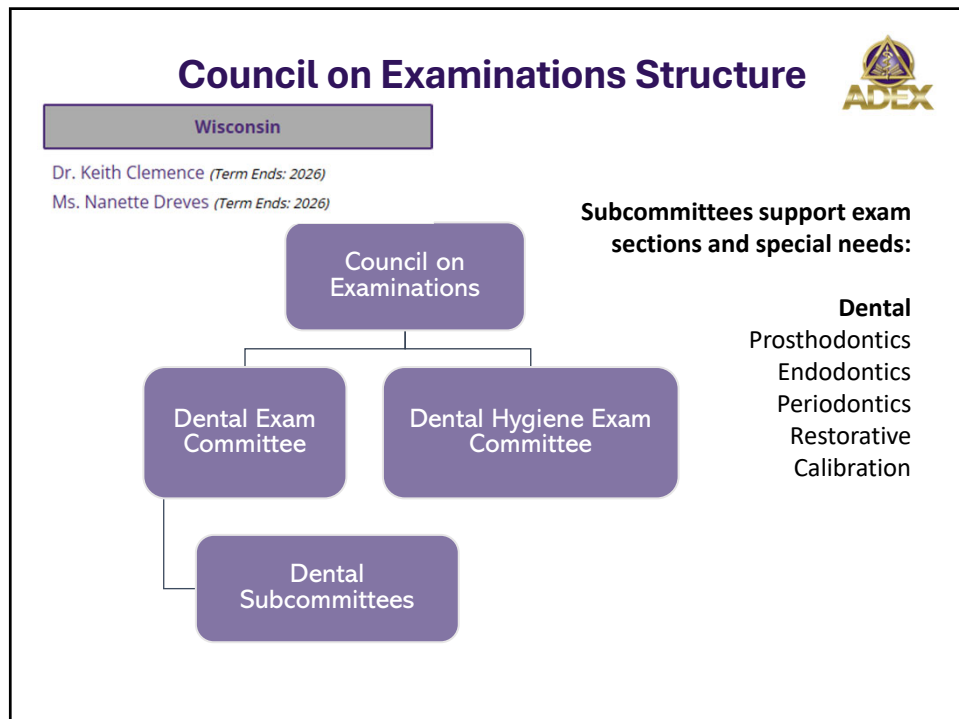
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## SHARED STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION



### United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE – Medicine)

- ✓ National Licensure Exam for physicians
- ✓ Protection of Public through Standardized Exams
- ✓ Portability of Licensure
- ✓ Continuous Evolution with Modern Healthcare

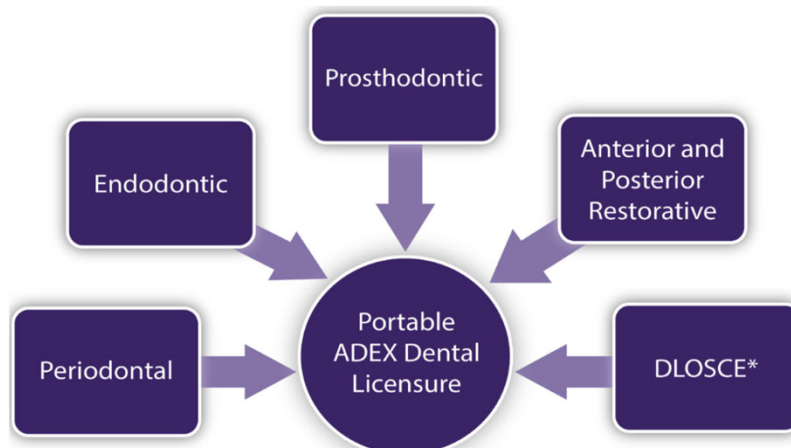
### American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX – Dentistry)

- ✓ National Licensure Exam for Dentist & Dental Hygienist
- ✓ Protection of Public through Standardized Exams – a single nationally recognized examination ensures consistent competency measures across all national candidates
- ✓ Portability of Licensure – Removes barriers to mobility increasing access to care nationally
- ✓ Continuous Evolution with Modern Healthcare – OSCE and Patient Simulations



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## ADEX Dental Exam



**ADA** American Dental Association®

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## Dental Examination Updates



**American Dental Association®**

April 14, 2026




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**American Dental Association and American Board of Dental Examiners Advance Dental Licensure Examinations Through New Agreement**

ADEX to incorporate the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) into the ADEX Dental Examination no later than Aug. 1, 2026

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CHICAGO, April 14, 2026** – The American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) have finalized an agreement to license the ADA's Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) for incorporation into the ADEX Dental Examination, marking a significant step forward in modernizing dental licensure and advancing patient safety.

The agreement benefits public health, dental licensure candidates, the dental profession, and licensing boards to help ensure dentists enter the profession with proven competence and uphold the highest standards for patient safety.

The integration of the ADA's DLOSCE simplifies licensure pathways and supports licensure portability, benefiting candidates seeking to practice in 48 states and other jurisdictions—including Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—that currently accept or require the ADEX Dental Examination.

"This agreement represents an important milestone for the dental profession," said Dr. Richard Rosato, D.M.D., president of the ADA. "By aligning pathways to licensure and advancing candidate assessment, we are strengthening licensure portability, supporting a more mobile and responsive workforce, and ensuring that patient safety remains paramount. The ADA has long championed solutions that modernize licensure while protecting the public, and this collaboration reflects our commitment to shaping a strong, sustainable future for dentistry in service to public health."

The ADEX Dental Examination with its DLOSCE component represents a modernized, evidence-based approach to evaluating clinical competence and readiness for practice. The ADEX Dental Examination will continue to assess candidates' clinical hand skills alongside their treatment planning and decision-making abilities. Through inclusion of the DLOSCE, the ADEX Dental Examination will benefit from the DLOSCE's extensive use of images and 3D models that allow candidates to demonstrate their clinical judgment in scenarios that closely mirror real-world practice.

"ADEX has long served state dental boards to support licensure processes that reflect both public protection and clinical competence," said Dr. Mark Armstrong, Chair of ADEX. "This agreement

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## Dental Examination Updates

### Question: What is changing?

**Answer:** The American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) have reached an agreement for ADEX to license and incorporate the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) into the ADEX Dental Examination.

The updated model will:

- Maintain the assessment of clinical hand skills
- Continue evaluating treatment planning and decision-making
- Incorporate DLOSCE components that assess clinical judgment through case-based scenarios

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## Dental Examination Updates



### Question: Why is this happening?

**Answer:** This agreement reflects a shared commitment to advancing clinical licensure in a way that supports public health, strengthens consistency in assessment, and ensures that dentists demonstrate the competence required for safe and effective practice.

It also supports ongoing efforts to align licensure assessments with current clinical practice, education, and technology.

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## Dental Examination Updates



### Question: When does it take effect?

**Answer:** Scheduling for the updated ADEX Dental Examination opened on June 3, 2026, for candidates testing in 2027.

- The DLOSCE will no longer be offered or administered as a standalone examination to new DLOSCE candidates, except in conjunction with the ADEX Dental Examination, after August 1, 2026.
- All standalone administrations of the DLOSCE will cease after October 9, 2026

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## Dental Examination Updates



### **Question:** How will this support license portability?

**Answer:** This change is intended to support greater consistency and portability in licensure pathways.

The ADEX Dental Examination is currently accepted or required in 48 states and additional jurisdictions, including Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Incorporating the DLOSCE supports further alignment in how clinical competence is assessed across jurisdictions.

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Dental Licensure  
Objective  
Structured  
Clinical  
Examination  
  
(DLOSCE™)



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- ✍ 150 questions administered at the Prometric Testing Center
- ✍ 75 or greater to pass
- ✍ Scores will be released approximately 24 hours after exam completed

| DLOSCE CONTENT                                                                  |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Restorative</b>                                                              | <b>24%</b> |
| Diagnosis, Preparations, Restorations                                           |            |
| Direct and Indirect                                                             |            |
| <b>Prosthodontics</b>                                                           | <b>19%</b> |
| Removable, Fixed and Implants                                                   |            |
| <b>Oral Pathology, Pain Management, and Temporomandibular Dysfunction</b>       | <b>13%</b> |
| Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine & Orofacial Pain and TMD                           |            |
| <b>Periodontics</b>                                                             | <b>10%</b> |
| Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Etiology                                      |            |
| <b>Oral Surgery</b>                                                             | <b>9%</b>  |
| Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Extractions                                   |            |
| <b>Endodontics</b>                                                              | <b>8%</b>  |
| Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Emergency Management & Post-Treatment Evaluation |            |
| <b>Orthodontics</b>                                                             | <b>6%</b>  |
| Treatment Screening, Space Management                                           |            |
| <b>Medical Emergencies</b>                                                      | <b>6%</b>  |
| Diagnosis, Management                                                           |            |
| <b>Prescriptions</b>                                                            | <b>5%</b>  |
| Antibiotic and Analgesic                                                        |            |

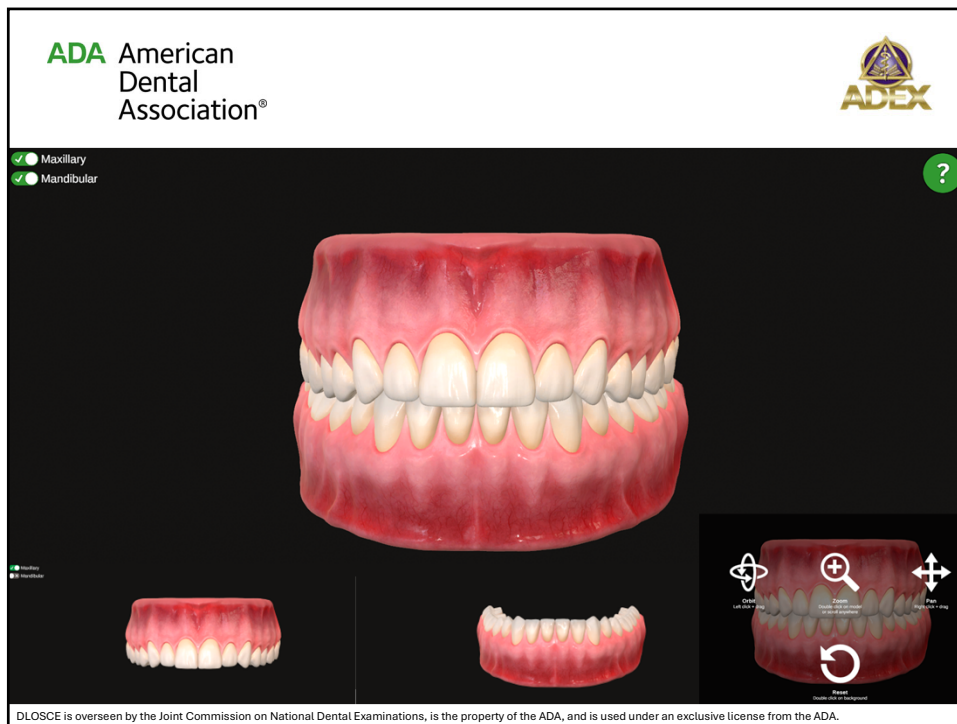
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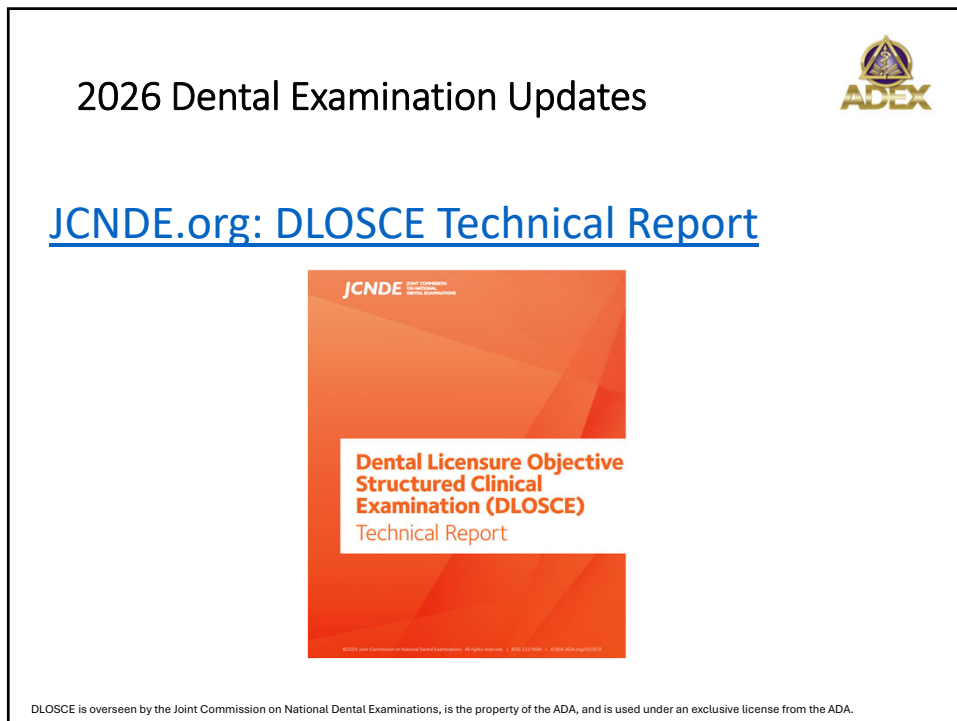
| DLOSCE Administration Schedule          | Section Minutes           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tutorial (optional)                     | 25                        |
| <b>Section 1 (37 Questions)</b>         | 75                        |
| Scheduled Break (optional)              | 10                        |
| <b>Section 2 (37 Questions)</b>         | 75                        |
| <b>Section 3 (2 Prescription Tasks)</b> | 10                        |
| Scheduled Break (optional)              | 30                        |
| <b>Section 4 (37 Questions)</b>         | 75                        |
| Scheduled Break (optional)              | 10                        |
| <b>Section 5 (37 Questions)</b>         | 75                        |
| Post-examination Survey                 | 20                        |
| <b>Total Time</b>                       | <b>6 hours 45 minutes</b> |

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Statement From the  
Joint Commission on  
National Dental Examinations

**“As a psychometrician involved in developing the DLOSCE, it goes without saying that not all OSCEs are psychometrically equivalent. ADEX has combined the DLOSCE’s advanced technology and rigorous validation with a direct assessment of clinical hand skills—creating a uniquely comprehensive and effective standard for public protection.”**



**Dr. David Waldschmidt, Ph.D.**  
PSYCHOMETRICIAN



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## 2026 Dental Examination Updates



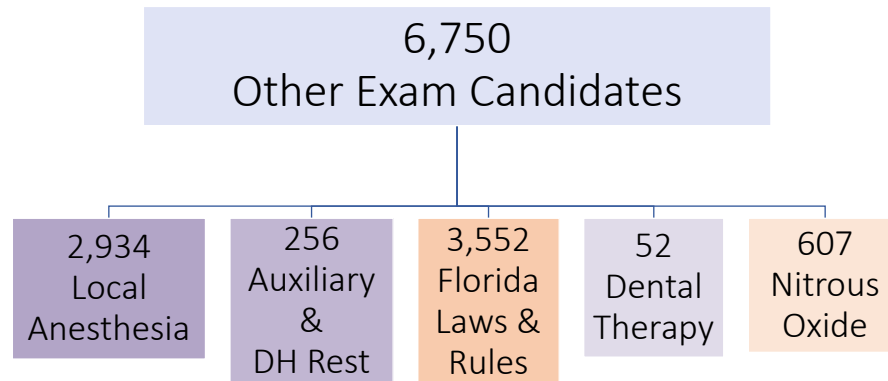
- **Periodontal Examination will be required (August 2026)**
  - Adding Calculus Detection & Adding Pocket Depth Measurements

| Skills Assessment               | Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Points Possible |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Calculus Detection              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 assigned maxillary teeth</li> <li>• 4 surfaces per tooth (M, D, F, L)</li> <li>• 16 surfaces evaluated for presence or absence of subgingival calculus (1 point each)</li> </ul>                                                     | 16              |
| Calculus Removal                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One mandibular quadrant assigned for scaling</li> <li>• 12 assigned key surfaces evaluated for calculus removal (5.5 points each)</li> </ul>                                                                                           | 66              |
| Complete Calculus Removal       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of calculus removal on all remaining surfaces within assigned quadrant. Calculus remaining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 surface (-3 points)</li> <li>• 2 or more surfaces (-6 points)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 6               |
| Periodontal Probing Measurement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 assigned teeth (1 anterior; 1 posterior)</li> <li>• 6 measurements per tooth (DF, F, MF, DL, L, ML)</li> <li>• 12 measurements evaluated (1 point each)</li> </ul>                                                                   | 12              |
| TOTAL                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 100             |

- **Prosthodontics Examination: Material Updates (August 2026)**
  - Discontinue #3 Cast Metal Crown and #5 PFM Crown
  - Added Molar Zirconia #3 and Premolar Zirconia #5

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## 2025 Candidates



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The National Exam Standard

Thank You for your time today.

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### ADEX News & Updates

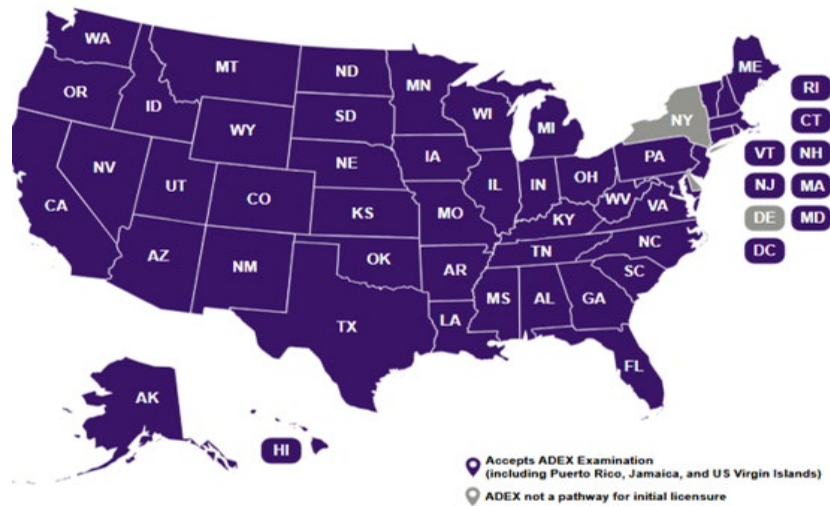
The American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) is a national, non-profit examination organization dedicated to supporting state dental boards' mission to protect the public. ADEX administers fair, valid, reliable, and standardized national licensure examinations in the oral health professions. Its examination system is built around regulator collaboration, trained and calibrated examiners, nationally coordinated scoring, quality assurance, and a governance model that includes state board and educator-examiner participation.

ADEX supports the licensure needs of state dental boards and commissions across more than 50 U.S. states and jurisdictions. In 2025, ADEX offered more than 570 examination dates at 312 testing locations and served more than 466 dental education programs nationwide. ADEX continues to support boards in all 51 jurisdictions where its examinations are accepted through direct outreach, board meeting engagement, secure score reporting, and regulator-informed examination updates.

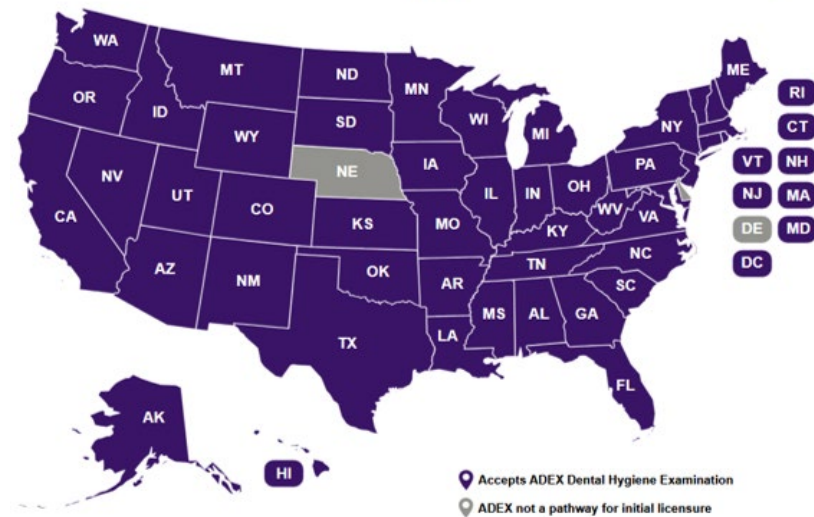
- **Board-centered expertise:** ADEX's regulatory collaboration is grounded in direct experience with state dental board operations, public protection responsibilities, rulemaking realities, and the day-to-day needs of board members and staff. Current and former state dental board members serve throughout ADEX's leadership, examiner network, and advisory structure, giving ADEX a practical and continuous connection to the boards it supports. That board-level experience strengthens ADEX's ability to develop and administer examinations that reflect real regulatory expectations and help ensure entry-level oral health practitioners are prepared to practice safely after completing required education and testing standards.
- **National reach and regulatory visibility:** ADEX has established direct engagement across all 50 states and Washington, DC, creating a strong foundation for consistent communication with boards, administrators, and regulatory stakeholders.
- **Modern examination strategy:** ADEX is positioned to support simulation, OSCE-based assessment, ADA DLOSCE integration, and other modern approaches that move licensure away from outdated, fragmented, and overly variable models.

- **Portability and consistency:** A national standard should reduce unnecessary barriers for qualified candidates while preserving the authority of state boards. ADEX gives boards a pathway to support mobility without weakening public protection. The ADEX Exams are the most widely accepted dental and dental hygiene exams for initial licensure in the United States.

## National **Dental** Portability



## National **Dental Hygiene** Portability



## Examiner and Council Participation Opportunity

State dental board members can do more than review examination outcomes; they can directly help shape the national licensure standard. Participation as an ADEX examiner gives regulators firsthand insight into candidate assessment, calibration, scoring, public protection safeguards, and the practical operation of fair and standardized licensure examinations. It also gives board members a way to contribute to national consistency while strengthening their own board's understanding of examination quality.

Through the ADEX Council on Examinations, each ADEX Member state appoints a dentist and dental hygienist to serve three-year terms. Current state dental board members, or individuals who have served within the past five years, are eligible for appointment. Council and committee participation gives state regulators a direct voice in exam development, policy discussion, professional calibration, and the continuing refinement of licensure assessments.

- **Examine:** Former and current state board members, along with educators, participate directly in examination administration and gain firsthand insight into the public-protection framework behind ADEX licensure assessments. **The ADEX examining team includes more than 1,400 calibrated and trained professionals committed to maintaining the highest testing standards and supporting safe, competent practice.**
- **Develop:** Receive training, calibration, and professional development connected to contemporary licensure assessment. Represent the state board perspective in national examination policy and governance discussions on the Council on Examinations.
- **Connect:** Collaborate with regulators, educators, and examiner colleagues across jurisdictions with the Annual Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit.

**The integration of the ADA's DLOSCE as the cognitive assessment component within the ADEX Dental Examination is complete as of August 2026. This collaboration is designed to simplify pathways, reduce redundancy, and better align dental licensure with national models used across other health professions.**

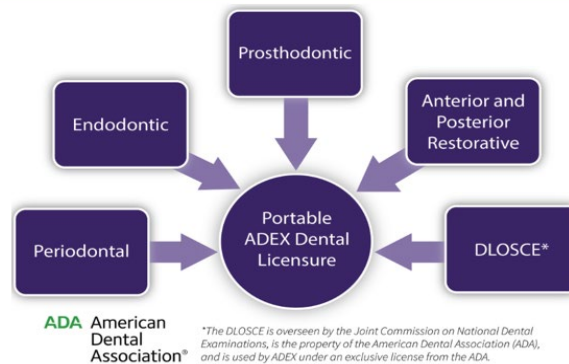
The ADA's **Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE)** was developed by the **Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE)**. It is a unique nationally standardized, case-based examination that evaluates clinical judgment, diagnosis, treatment planning, patient management, and readiness for independent practice. The examination consists of 150 multiple-choice questions based on realistic patient cases and incorporates interactive 3-D images that candidates can rotate, zoom, and manipulate to simulate the evaluation of clinical findings. The DLOSCE assesses the critical thinking and decision-making skills required for safe, competent, and independent dental practice using a valid, reliable, and modern examination format. The examination is administered over 6 hours and 45 minutes, including optional breaks.

**The JCNDE is governed by an independent 16-member commission** representing a broad range of stakeholders, including: dental education, dental practice, state dental boards, dental hygiene, dental students & public members – These representatives come from ADEA, ASDA, ADHA, AADB and the ADA.

The JCNDE oversees the following exams:

- Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE)
- National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE)
- Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE)
- Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DHLOSCE)

#### ADEX Dental Exam



**The 3rd Annual Dental Testing and Regulatory Summit will take place October 14-18, 2026, at the Gaylord National Harbor just outside Washington, DC.** This annual regulatory and testing meeting brings together state dental board leaders, administrators, educators, exam leaders, and national stakeholders for focused discussion on licensure, examination modernization, portability, public protection, and emerging regulatory issues. The Summit includes the Annual Meetings for the American Board of Dental Examiners, the American Association of Dental Administrators, the American Association of Dental Boards and the Educators' Conference.

ADEX continues to strengthen its collaborative engagement with Wisconsin and state regulatory partners nationwide. I will continue sharing updates with your Board's Executive Director, Will Johnson, and remain available for future board meeting presentations and questions. These national updates may support the Board as it considers licensure policy, examination acceptance, workforce mobility, and public protection priorities.

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