

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025
3:30 pm
335 Randolph Avenue Room 106
St. Paul, MN 55102
and
Open Webex/Teleconference

Call to Order

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Committee Members

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT
Heidi Donnelly, LDA
Mark Roszkowski, DDS

Board Staff

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Mary Luecke, Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval of Draft Agenda

The December 8, 2025 agenda, with the addition of sleep apnea, was reviewed and approved.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The May 29, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Reports

Executive Director Bridgett Anderson reported the State Revisor is drafting the Board's bill for next year's session which includes grounds for discipline policy item along with other technical clean up language. A licensing statute will also need to be revised because language refers to Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental "schools". CODA accredits dental and allied dental education "programs". The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (NCRDSCB) will be referenced as part of the statute clean up language.

Unfinished Business

Dental Assisting Professional Model

Reference: <https://app.box.com/s/5es2nu11fs6di9fvrzrybo1129tq9nuw>

The Committee along with dental educators, Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) representatives, and other stakeholders, discussed the final published national model

framework recommendations for dental assisting focusing on level one of the Model. A goal is to provide a guideline and have more consistency throughout the states to aid in licensure portability.

The full model includes three different levels of dental assisting including training and testing requirements. Entry level one is closest to Minnesota's current standards for an unlicensed dental assistant but includes some duties not considered in the past. Some level two duties are included in Minnesota's expanded functions for licensed dental assistants. Level three includes expanded restorative functions.

Bridgett Anderson will distribute a survey to all licensed Minnesota dentists and report at a future meeting. The Committee requested a breakdown of Minnesota's licensure to compare with the Dental Professional Model. Ms. Anderson will provide a red-lined copy of Minnesota's Rules to illustrate potential changes that could align with the national Model. Bridgett Anderson served as part of the national workgroup to create the Model and stated she disagrees with the Model's on the job training for radiography. She referenced continuing alignment with the Board's current Limited Radiology Registration. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

New Business

Dental Therapy Scope Discussion

Trina Courtright and Bridgett Anderson presented revisions, recommended by the Advanced Dental Therapy Task Force, to Minnesota Statute 150A.105 regarding dental therapist scope of practice. Some revisions are cleanup language. The Committee supported the recommended revisions and will bring to the full board for discussion.

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to support revisions to Minnesota Statute 150A.105 regarding dental therapist scope changes. Trina Courtright second. (See attached)

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0

RESULT: Motion passed

Mandatory Reporting Requirements for Dental Professionals

Bridgett Anderson reminded that dental professionals are included in mandatory reporting requirements regarding knowledge of infection control violations. There are "whistle blower" protections for the regulated individual. The Board frequently provides infection control guidance in the quarterly newsletter.

DANB Patient Safety Survey

Reference: [Survey confirms patients trust dental safety, but communication can improve | DANB](#)

Bridgett Anderson highlighted the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) survey regarding patient trust and dental safety. She noted some dental offices have posted infection control procedures on their website to educate patients.

Sleep Apnea

Hassan Ismail introduced scope of practice discussion regarding dentists treating sleep apnea for future discussion. He encouraged any individual or professional organization with knowledge regarding sleep dental medicine to participate in the next Policy Committee meeting.

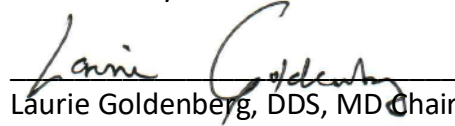
Announcements

None

Adjourn

Hassan Ismail adjourned at 4:45 pm

Reviewed by:


Laurie Goldenberg, DDS, MD Chair

September 22, 2026
Date