

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 29, 2025
4:30 pm
335 Randolph Avenue Room 104
St. Paul, MN 55102
and
Open Webex/Teleconference

Call to Order

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Committee Members

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

Board Staff

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Brian Cochran, Assistant Director Licensing and
Credentialing
Mary Luecke, Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval of Draft Agenda

The May 29, 2025 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The January 16, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Reports

Bridgett Anderson provided a legislative update. The legislature has not finalized a budget which includes Board of Dentistry appropriations. The Board's budget requests include a new administrative position.

Unfinished Business

Internationally Trained Dentists – Dental Hygiene Discussion

Reference: <https://adanews.ada.org/ada-news/2024/november/new-ada-policies-empower-states-to-alleviate-dental-workforce-shortage/>

The Committee, along with audience stakeholders, discussed the American Dental Association (ADA) new policy resolutions. Committee members expressed it would be difficult to measure the level of hygiene education for internationally trained dentists. Bridgett Anderson has discussed with the legislator who proposed a Minnesota bill that there is already a pathway for internationally trained dentists to become licensed dentists in Minnesota if they meet educational criteria.

Letters of opposition, including the Minnesota Dental Hygiene Educators' Association, were considered. Audience stakeholders and educators expressed opposition to dentists performing hygiene. Various Minnesota hygiene schools are expanding to accommodate more students and will be able to graduate more potential candidates. The Committee decided against supporting the proposal to allow internationally trained dentists to seek Minnesota hygiene licensure. (See attached letters.)

Dental Assisting Professional Model

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

The Committee, along with stakeholders, discussed draft national model framework recommendations for dental assisting. The national workgroup seeks to provide a guideline and have more consistency throughout the states to aid in licensure portability. Bridgett Anderson clarified this is not related to a license compact model or language.

The 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.

The Policy Committee has been discussing the potential to create a Minnesota mid-level dental assistant. The Committee reviewed an overview of the levels included in the national model framework. The workgroup requested preliminary feedback from stakeholders and Bridgett Anderson will respond. Discussion will continue at a future meeting and focus on level one of the model.

A future policy committee topic will include mandatory reporting requirements for dental professionals.

New Business

None

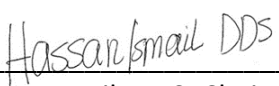
Announcements

None

Adjourn

Hassan Ismail adjourned at 5:30 pm

Reviewed by:



Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair

December 8, 2025
Date