

Allied Dental Committee Meeting

June 9, 2026

4:30 pm

Open Webinar/Teleconference Meeting

Call to Order

Trina Courtright called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Board Members Present

Trina Courtright, DH, ADT, Chair
Linda Gustafson
Rick Nolting, DDS, MS
Jodie Quinn, LDA

Board Staff Present

Joyce Nelson, Interim Executive Director
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Mary Luecke, Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval of Draft Agenda

The June 9, 2026 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The January 2, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business

Review of MEDA Curriculum

The Committee reviewed Minnesota's dental assisting curriculum and exam requirements. They discussed curriculum with members of Minnesota Educators of Dental Assistants (MEDA) and other audience attendees. Curriculum is periodically evaluated and required to be approved by the Board. Education hour requirements are reviewed to meet standard of care and patient safety competency. Clinical relevance, regarding procedurally what is done in practice, is a consideration along with advancements in technology.

MEDA educators emphasized curriculum outlines minimum requirements and programs may choose to spend additional time in certain areas. MEDA provided new curriculum recommendations to align with current educational standards and dental assistant practice. (See attached.)

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to revise the dental assisting curriculum to reduce the number of hours for “applying topical fluoride” from six hours to two hours; and increasing the number of hours for “removal of orthodontic bands/brackets” by 2 more hours. Trina Courtright second.

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to forward the amended dental assisting curriculum to the full Board. Trina Courtright second.

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

New Business

Local Anesthesia for the Dental Hygienist – Review Curriculum

The Committee discussed a variance request from Dr. Allan Schwartz to instruct a Minnesota licensed dental hygienist through a course designed as local anesthesia for licensed dental assistants. The Committee decided that before consideration, the variance request would require revisions to ensure Minnesota standards are met.

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to table discussion of the variance request from Dr. Allan Schwartz until a future meeting. Linda Gustafson second.

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

Minnesota State Community and Technical College Moorhead - Survey Regarding Utilization of Dental Assistants for Local Anesthesia Administration

The Committee reviewed the *Minnesota State Community and Technical College Moorhead - Survey Regarding Utilization of Dental Assistants for Local Anesthesia Administration*. They requested Crystal Shumake to gather more information regarding adverse events referenced in the survey.

Announcements

The Committee tentatively planned to meet on July 28, 2026 to discuss the variance requested by Dr. Allan Schwartz and other topics.

Adjourn

Trina Courtright, adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Reviewed by: Trina Courtright
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT, Chair

July 7, 2026
Date