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Special Public Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
4:30 pm
Open Webex/Teleconference Meeting

Call to Order
President Ashley Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Board Members Present
Ashley Johnson, DMD, President
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT, Vice President
Peter Cannon, DDS, Secretary
Laurie Goldenberg, DDS, MD
Linda Gustafson
Rick Nolting, DDS, MS
Jodie Quinn, LDA
Mark Roszkowski, DDS

Board Staff Present
Valare Falkner, Executive Director
Joyce Nelson, Assistant Director Practitioner Review
Deborah Endly, Compliance Officer
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Amy Johnson, Licensing/ Prof. Dev. Analyst
Jennifer Lindsey, Administrative Specialist
Panhia Lor, Administrative Specialist
Mary Luecke, Executive Admin Assistant
James Luquette, Administrative Specialist
Kara Schaeffer, Investigator

Board Members Absent
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT, Vice President
Samuel Ankrah, MPA

Attorney General Present
David Cullen, AGO Division Manager
Michael McSherry, Assistant Attorney General

SmART MN Department of Administration
Tracey Sigstad, SmART Director

Approval of Agenda
The September 16, 2026 Special Public Board Meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Board President Announcement
President Johnson stated the meeting was called to provide board members and the public with an update regarding a data security incident involving the Board. The Board's legal counsel advised that the matter be addressed in open session. The meeting was informational and no board action or vote was scheduled.

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On March 13, 2026, President Johnson was contacted by the Health and Teacher Licensing Division of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office regarding a potential data security incident involving the Board which required immediate attention. At the direction of the Board's legal counsel, she reported the matter pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.971, subdivision 9. On March 14, 2026, in her capacity as board president and chair, she submitted a report to the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor containing information and evidence.

An investigation conducted through the Minnesota Department of Administration resulted in a final report in July 2026. The Department's Data Practices Office confirmed the disclosure of private data to an unauthorized individual constituted a data breach. According to the final report, 1,252 individuals were named in the information reviewed. Private data relating to approximately 647 individuals was improperly accessed. These figures represent two different groups: The first group includes all individuals named in the information reviewed; while the second group represents those whose private data the investigation determined had been improperly accessed.

Minnesota law protects private and confidential licensing data and establishes notification requirements when such data has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. A written notification to the individuals identified as affected by the breach has been drafted. The draft notice:

- Describes what occurred and the types of information involved;
- States the Board currently has no evidence that the information was misused, while acknowledging misuse cannot be ruled out;
- Does not identify the employee responsible for the breach, but does state the individual is no longer employed by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry;
- Describes the Board's ongoing data-security response including employee training, security measures, and updates to relevant policies and procedures; and
- Explains how individuals may request access to their own data and obtain a copy of the investigative report when it becomes available as required by Minnesota law.

President Johnson recognized Tracy Sigstad and SmART for assisting with the Board's response and the preparation of the draft notification letter. Ms. Sigstad provided information regarding the proposed process and timeline for notifying affected individuals.

President Johnson summarized that beyond the applicable legal requirements, the Board has a professional and ethical responsibility to inform individuals when their private information has been disclosed outside the Board. She emphasized affected individuals should receive an accurate account directly from the Board, have an opportunity to ask questions, and obtain information to which they are entitled. Providing notification reflects the same standards of professionalism and ethical conduct expected of dental licensees and supports the integrity of

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the Board. Board members were thanked for their cooperation and patience throughout the investigation. She acknowledged the difficulty of the matter and reiterated her belief that notifying affected individuals is the appropriate course of action.

Adjourn

The Board agreed unanimously to adjourn at 4:45 pm.

Reviewed by:

Ashley Johnson DMD

Ashley Johnson, DMD, Board President

October 9, 2026
Date