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# DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
# DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL
# MEETING MINUTES
# August 12, 2026

Pursuant to Government Code section 11122.5, subdivision (a), the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met in-person with additional public participation available by teleconference/WebEx Events on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, with the following location available for Council and public member participation:

Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen Street, Hearing Room #1150
Sacramento, CA 95815

**Members Present:**
Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Chair
De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, Vice Chair
Jessica Gerlach, RDA, OA
Lilia Larin, DDS
Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS
Rosalinda Olague, RDA
Carie Smith, RDAEF, OA

**Staff Present:**
Bryce W.A. Docherty, MPA, Executive Officer
Christy Bell, Assistant Executive Officer
Tina Vallery, Chief of License and Program Compliance and Dental Assisting
Jessica Olney, Anesthesia Unit Manager
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager
Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Joseph Tippins, Investigator
Paul Corbin, Investigator
Bryce Penney, Television Specialist, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Jorrelle Abutin, Research Data Analyst II, Organizational Improvement Office, DCA
Ileana Butu, Board Counsel, Attorney III, Legal Affairs Division, DCA

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
Council Chair Jeri Fowler called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.; seven members of the Council were present, and a quorum was established.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda (Link to Video)
There were no public comments made on this item.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Link to Video)
Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Larin) to approve the May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

There was no Council discussion on the motion.

Chair Fowler requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Chair Fowler called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Gerlach, Larin, Miyasaki, Olague, Smith.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Council Chair Report (Link to Video)
Chair Fowler provided a verbal report.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 5: Executive Officer Report (Link to Video)
Board Executive Officer Bryce W.A. Docherty, MPA, provided a verbal report.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics (Link to Video)
Board Chief of License and Program Compliance and Dental Assisting Tina Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 7: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics (Link to Video)
Ms. Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 8: Update and Discussion on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals and Re-Evaluations (Link to Video)
Ms. Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

The Council discussed the registered dental assistant application process and the time frame to get an application approved. Council Members Lilia Larin, De'Andra Epps-Robbins, and Rosalinda Olague discussed the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment from:

- Shari Becker, Dental Assisting Alliance
- Tooka Zokaie, California Dental Association (CDA)
- Dr. Evelyne Vu-Tien, California Society of Pediatric Dentistry (CSPD)
- Harvrey

Agenda Item 9.: Presentation on Opportunities and Resources for Dental Assistants – Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and the DALE Foundation (Link to Video)
Hanna Aronovich provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

The Council discussed the Dental Assisting Profession Model and portability of national credentials and certificates. Council Members Cara Miyasaki, De'Andra Epps-Robbins, Rosalinda Olague, Carie Smith, and Chair Fowler discussed the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment from:

- Melodi Randolph, Dental Assisting Alliance

- Shari Becker, Dental Assisting Alliance

Agenda Item 10: Update and Discussion on Proposed Regulations (Link to Video)
Agenda Item 10.a.: Update on Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control
Board Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialist Brant Nelson provided the report which is available in the meeting materials.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 11: Update and Discussion on Legislation (Link to Video)
Mr. Nelson provided the report which is available in the meeting materials.

There was no Council discussion on the item.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment from:

- Shari Becker, Dental Assisting Alliance

- Tooka Zokaie, CDA

- Dr. Evelyne Vu-Tien, CSPD

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment
Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.