



BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS - SPECIAL AO360 MEETING MINUTES

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
2/9/2026 5:00 PMAKST

Attendance

Present:

Members: Board Chair Christina Hansen, Kenley Michaud, Travis Perkins, Newell Walther, Dominic Wenzell

Absent:

Members: Traci Elison, Megan Ferguson, Jesse Hronkin

Staff: Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator II, Rachel Billiet, Program Coordinator I, Sydney Baranov, Occupational Licensing Examiner III, Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor

1. Zoom Information
2. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

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Present:

Members: Christina Hansen, Kenley Michaud, Travis Perkins, Newell Walther, Dominic Wenzell

Absent:

Members: Traci Elison, Megan Ferguson, Jesse Hronkin

A. Ethics Report

As designated ethics supervisor for the State of Alaska Board of Dental Examiners, Board Chair Hansen stated she had received no notifications of potential violations or requests for ethics determinations under the Ethics Act (AS 39.52) and had made no written determinations.

B. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE amending agenda to table ADEX topic until the next meeting.

Motion moved by Christina Hansen and motion seconded by Kenley Michaud.

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen – yes, Kenley Michaud – yes, Travis Perkins – yes, Newell Walther - yes, Dominic Wenzell – yes.

3. Administrative Order 360

The board opened the discussion about how to reduce regulations in line with administrative order 360. Board staff reiterated the purpose of the administrative order which is to reduce the number of discretionary requirements in regulation. Discretionary requirements means something that might be authorized in Statute but not required in Statute. A spreadsheet was created and provided to all board members on 1/27/26 outlining the 410 discretionary requirements which exist in regulation to provide a starting point for the board to create an action plan.

The ideas discussed by the board included:

- Eliminating Coronal Polishing Certificates, which Dr. Michaud stated are 16% of all licenses issued by the board. The idea is that the licensed dentist employing dental assistants would be responsible for the training and oversight of the assistant performing coronal polishing. Board staff stated that there is a statutory requirement for the board to both provide certification to perform coronal polishing for dental assistants and to maintain a registry of dental assistants certified to perform coronal polishing under AS 08.36.342, so this would require a statutory change as well as a regulation change.

Dr. Walther suggested that Christina Hansen reach out to hygienists to see what they think about eliminating coronal polishing certificates because they had input in the creating of this certificate.

- Collaboration with the Department of Health Radiological Health Program on Dental X-ray Inspections. Since the transition of inspections to the Department of Health, there have been significant obstacles for dentists to obtain inspections. There is a workgroup with dentists and the Department of Health but the division has no knowledge of the progress of this workgroup. The director of the Alaska Dental Society may have an update for the board which could possibly be provided at the next regular meeting. Staff reminded the board that the regulations regarding x-ray inspection are no longer within the dental regulations and therefore would not qualify for a regulatory reduction.

Dr. Michaud requested that Dr. Walther provide a outline/statement of what the board wants to do for in regards to the Department of Health Radiological Health Program to be presented at the meeting on 2/10/2026.

- Public comment was solicited by the division on Administrative Order 360 and one person responded with suggestions. One of the suggestions, received on 11/7/2025, was adding hyperlinks within the dental statutes and regulations for ease of reference. The board agreed

that this is a great idea that they wished to move forward with, but it would not result in any reduction of discretionary requirements.

- Cleaning up pediatric sedation training requirements for applying for a permit to administer sedation to patients 13 years and younger when training has taken place over 3-5 years ago. It is hard to find courses outside of residency programs that fulfill the application requirements for continuing education and training. Dr. Michaud volunteered to delve deeper into the regulations and provide specific information at the meeting on 2/10/2026.
- Remove notary requirements for all applications. The board does not think this is necessarily a big burden on applicants, but it is a reduction that would be in line with the spirit of AO360. Chair Hansen will review the regulations to ensure this is actionable and present her findings at the meeting on 2/10/2026.

Board staff realized that the motion at the beginning of the meeting did not approve the agenda, it just tabled the ADEX item, so a new motion was requested before losing quorum.

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE amending the previous motion to table ADEX to state that the amended agenda is also approved.

Motion moved by Kenley Michaud and motion seconded by Dominic Wenzell.

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen – yes, Kenley Michaud – yes, Travis Perkins – yes, Newell Walther - yes, Dominic Wenzell – yes.

4. Adjourn

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE adjourning the meeting.

Motion moved by Christina Hansen and motion seconded by Kenley Michaud.

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen – yes, Kenley Michaud – yes, Travis Perkins – yes, Newell Walther - yes, Dominic Wenzell – yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Date Final Meeting Minutes Approved by Board: 3/3/2026
Approved via: OnBoard