



BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS - SPECIAL AO360 MEETING MINUTES

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
2/10/2026 5:00 PMAKST

Attendance

Present:

Members: Traci Elison, Christina Hansen, Kenley Michaud, Travis Perkins, Dominic Wenzell

Absent:

Members: Megan Ferguson, Jesse Hronkin, Newell Walther

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 5:07 p.m.

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Absent:

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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 agenda as written.

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

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen - yes, Kenley Michaud- yes, Dominic Wenzell - yes, Traci Elison - yes,
Travis Perkins - yes

3. Administrative Order 360

Chair Hansen asked if items within the regulations that simply say “repealed” could be removed. Staff noted that this is unrelated to AO 360 and would not count as a reduction, but they can check to see if this can be done.

As agreed upon during the February 9, 2026 meeting, the Chair looked through the list of regulations requiring notarization of applications and did not see a problem with removing them.

Dr. Elison asked if notarizations are something that should really be removed as it seems the board would want to ensure the applicant is the one who filled out the application. Chair Hansen stated it was discussed at the previous meeting which Dr. Elison was unable to attend and let her know that staff stated most other boards have been removing the requirement as well. Dr. Michaud did not think notarizing an application is a burden but believes removing the requirement would be relevant in making regulatory reductions.

Regulations regarding notarization of applications to be repealed are as such:

- 12 AAC 28.320(a)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.325(1)
- 12 AAC 28.750(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.850(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.935(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.936(a)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.937(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.940(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.951(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.954(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.955(c)
- 12 AAC 28.956(a)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.958(b)(1)
- 12 AAC 28.959(a)(4)

Dr. Michaud recapped the items discussed as possible reductions at the February 9, 2026 meeting, including:

- Eliminating coronal polishing certificates.
- Collaborating with Department of Health on Dental Radiological Inspections – Dr. Walther was going to write a statement on this for the board but was not present at the meeting.

- Adding hyperlinks to the dental statutes and regulations to make it easier to navigate and view referenced citations.
- Clean up of pediatric sedation regulations.
- Clean up of requirements for sedation permits for those whose training was completed 3-5 years prior to applying.
- Remove notary requirements for applications.

Dr. Michaud presented his ideas on regulation changes:

- Repeal 12 AAC 28.010(d)(2) and 28.010(d)(3) which provide a pathway to obtain a sedation permit for if sedation training was completed over 3-5 years from the date of application and the applicant does not currently hold a permit in another state. He explained this regulation was created to mirror the dental license pathways which require graduation/examinations to have occurred within 5 years of application or the applicant to have held a sedation permit for the past 5 years. This method of application is not easily attainable.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.015(e)(2)(A) which requires proof of completion of board-approved sedation coursework. This eliminates the need for the board to approve courses and eases government interaction.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.015(e)(2)(B) as it outlines what is required for board approval of coursework for sedation of patients younger than 13 and therefore would not be necessary if the board is no longer approving courses.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.015(j) which outlines alternative requirements for obtaining a moderate or minimal sedation permit for patients younger than 13. This method of application is not easily attainable.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.025 which outlines requirements for board approval of coursework or continuing education in moderate sedation, or minimal sedation in patients younger than 13 years of age for initial licensing. This would ease government interaction.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.027 which outlines requirements for coursework or continuing education in moderate sedation, or minimal sedation in patients younger than 13 years of age for initial licensing. This would be unnecessary if the board is no longer approving coursework for continuing education.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.060(e)(8)(B) Requires proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or pediatric advanced life support (PALS) for each person involved in patient care exercise.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.060(e)(8)(C) which requires a completed checklist provided by the board, or an equivalent, to establish competencies in handling procedures, complications, and emergency incidents. The board does not currently provide such a checklist.

- Repeal 12 AAC 28.080(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6) which outline information required for a mandatory report to be provided to the board when sedation complications arise that result in death, hospitalization, or emergency room care.

The board discussed that there are pros and cons of requiring an incident report for situations that result in patient emergency room care such as treatment for anaphylaxis. It was agreed upon that the board should be notified of a death but there is concern that requiring an incident report for hospitalization or emergency care could inhibit providers from seeking proper medical attention for their patients. Ultimately the board decided to remove “or experiences sedation or anesthesia complications that require hospitalization or emergency room care” from 12 AAC 28.080(a) so that a report is still required should a death occur. The board also decided to combine 12 AAC 28.080(a) and 12 AAC 28.080(a)(7) to reduce a line item and allow the board to request any relevant information needed regarding an incident.

- Repeal 12 AAC 28.760 which provides for board approval of dental hygienist restorative functions courses. This would ease government interaction.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.810 which outlines requirements to obtain coronal polishing certification for dental assistants. As discussed at the February 9, 2026, meeting, this would mean that dentists would be responsible for training and oversight of dental assistants. The board is statutorily required to maintain a registry of dental assistants with coronal polishing certificates under AS 08.36.342 so this will involve not just a regulation change, but a statutory change as well.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.820 which outlines requirements for obtaining coronal polishing course approval from the board. This will become unnecessary if the board is not issuing coronal polishing certificates.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.830 which outlines requirements for coronal polishing courses. This will become unnecessary if the board is not issuing coronal polishing certificates.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.840 which outlines requirements for renewal of coronal polishing certificates. This will become unnecessary if the board is not issuing coronal polishing certificates.
- Repeal 12 AAC 28.860 which provides for board approval of dental assistant restorative functions courses. This would ease government interaction.

Dr. Michaud stated he believes the changes outlined would reduce the regulatory requirements by a total of 60, or 15% for this year. The board agreed on the proposed regulation changes.

Dr. Michaud thinks that working with the Department of Health on reducing the burden on dentists regarding x-ray inspections would be a good goal to accomplish for 2027.

Dr. Elison asked if the board had replaced the previous member, Dr. Jonathan Woller, who was participating in the Department of Health’s Radiological Health Program dental work group. There has not been a replacement authorized to participate. Sean Siegel of the Alaska Dental Society was present and had information to share but board staff, along with Ms. Chambers, suggested that the board focus on the topic at hand which was dental regulation reductions due to the fact that the reform plan needed to be submitted by 2/13/2026. Currently the board does not have authority over radiological inspections

and Ms. Chambers stated that the Department of Health has submitted their own regulatory reduction plan to the Governor and it should soon be available publicly so it should give the board a better idea of any changes that may be occurring.

The board reviewed the public comments not discussed at last meeting which were to update 12 AAC 28.905(a) and (b) to reflect the adoption of the ADA's 2024 Code of Ethics by reference instead of the 2018 version. The board agreed that this should be done.

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE adopting the changes to 12 AAC 28.905(a) and (b) outlined by the public comment submitted to the board

Motion moved by Kenley Michaud and motion seconded by Christina Hansen

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen - yes, Kenley Michaud - yes, Dominic Wenzell - yes, Traci Elison - yes, Travis Perkins - yes

The board finalized a general date for Spring/Summer 2026 for regulations changes.

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE the changes as discussed at this meeting and have board staff tabulate it into a report.

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

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen - yes, Kenley Michaud - yes, Dominic Wenzell - yes, Traci Elison - yes, Travis Perkins - yes

4. American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Examiner Appointment

The board was made aware of ADEX accepting appointments of examiners from dental boards through public comment at a previous meeting. Ms. Billiet reached out to ADEX and got clarification that the examiners do not need to be appointed but there is a new council and board members would need to be appointed by the board if they wish to serve on the council. The term is a 3 year appointment.

Dr. Wenzell stated that he would like to serve on the council. Megan Ferguson previously indicated she was interested but needed more information and was not present at this meeting.

Board staff will reach out to her and if she wishes to serve, it will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE Dr. Wenzell to serve as an ADEX Council Member.

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

Motion PASSED via roll call vote.

Christina Hansen - yes, Kenley Michaud- yes, Dominic Wenzell - abstain, Traci Elison, yes, Travis Perkins - yes

5. Adjourn

Motion:

RESOLVED to APPROVE adjourning the February 10th, 2026, meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Motion moved by Traci Elison and motion seconded by Kenley Michaud.

Motion PASSED via unanimous consent.

The board went off the record at 6:26 p.m.