

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Minutes June 5, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Annette Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-14-1-12(a).

Board Members Present:

Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S., President
Robert D. Findley, D.D.S., Vice President
Edward Sammons, D.D.S., Secretary/Designee
Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Kevin Ward, D.D.S.
Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H.
Shelley Gregg, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

Crunchy Wells, D.M.D.

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Brad Repass, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency
Leif Johnson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Candace Backer appeared on Zoom to announce to the Board that she is retiring. She has worked with Indiana Dental Association Well-Being program for many years. The Board thanked her for her services and wished her luck in retirement.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Sammons/Findley
Motion carried 10-0-0

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes under review.

IV. RULE READOPTION

A. LSA #25-815

Rules to be readopted without changes are as follows:

[828 IAC 0.5-1](#) Definitions

[828 IAC 0.5-2-5](#) Registration of mobile dental facilities and portable dental operations

[828 IAC 1-1](#) Dentists; Licensure by Examination

[828 IAC 1-4](#) Practice of Dentistry

[828 IAC 1-5](#) Continuing Education for Renewal of License

[828 IAC 1-6](#) Dental Hygienists; License Renewal

[828 IAC 1-7](#) Inactive Dental License

[828 IAC 3-1](#) General Requirements

[828 IAC 4](#) MOBILE DENTAL FACILITIES AND PORTABLE DENTAL OPERATIONS

No one appeared to testify in favor of or against the readoption of the rules listed above.

Board Action: After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to readopt the rules.

Ward/Sheline

Motion carried 10/0/0

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Julie Genet, LDH, License No. 13003696A

Cause No. 202408-DEN-0011

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer)

Robert D. Findley, D.D.S.

Edward Sammons, D.D.S.

Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.

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Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.

Kevin Ward, D.D.S.

Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.

Twyla Rader, L.D.H.

Shelley Gregg, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about August 22, 2024, Ms. Genet was renewed on the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation and may not request to withdraw probation until the criminal probation has been completed
- Comply with all statutes and rules of Dentistry.

Ms. Genet indicated that she completed all requirements for the courts in November 2024 and is currently working full time as a dental hygienist. Her employing dentist is fully aware of the arrest and the action taken by the Board.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Genet’s petition for withdraw of probation status.

Rader/Sheline
Motion carried 10-0-0

- B. Peter Andrews, DDS aka Khaled Hashem, License No. 12014379A (Inactive Expired)**
Cause No. 202604-DEN-0002
Re: Administrative Complaint

Parties Present:

Respondent not present
Ian Mathew, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Marge Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer)
Robert D. Findley, D.D.S.
Edward Sammons, D.D.S.
Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Kevin Ward, D.D.S.
Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H.
Shelley Gregg, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about April 30, 2026, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Dr. Andrews aka Dr. Hashem with allegations of fraud or material deception to obtain a license, and discipline in another jurisdiction that would cause concern on his ability to practice in Indiana. A hearing notice was issued on May 19, 2026, for Dr. Andrews to appear before the Board for this hearing. Mr. Mathew stated that he is aware that Dr. Andrews aka Dr. Hashem, currently resides in the state of Ohio and he has not received any communication from him. Mr. Mathew requested that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Default due to the failure to appear.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default in the matter of Dr. Andrews.

Findley/Nowakowski
Motion carried 10-0-0

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. PROBATION

- 1. Tessa Creagor, DDS, License No. 12011483A**
Cause No. 202406-DEN-0005

Dr. Creagor appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that everything is going well and is currently working full-time in Fort Wayne. Dr. Creagor is currently on criminal probation until October 2026. She may petition to withdraw probation in December 2026.

2. Allen Daniels, DDS, License No. 12011357A

Cause No. 202507-DEN-0005

Dr. Daniels appeared as requested to discuss his ongoing probation. He stated that he completed the required continuing education and submitted his certificates to PLA. The Board noted they only see fourteen hours of continuing education and asked that he submit all his continuing education certificates in one pdf document for easier submission. He stated that he has paid his fine and has a therapist who has submitted reports as required. The Board noted that he may be eligible to petition for withdraw of probation

3. Christine Koby, LDH, License No. 13005981A

Cause No. 2024 ISBD 0001

Ms. Koby appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that she has submitted her quarterly reports and currently works full time. The Board asked if she could provide a letter from her current employer that outlines her current work performance at Crestwood Dental. The Board stated that she may be eligible to petition for withdraw of probation.

4. Leeann Newby, LDH, License No. 13006587A

Cause No. 202602-DEN-0001

Ms. Newby appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that her criminal probation will be completed in October. She has provided copies of her therapist reports and she is currently employed. Ms. Newby's next appearance will be scheduled for October 2026.

5. John Walker, DDS, License No. 12009889A

Cause No. 2023 ISBD 0004

Dr. Walker appeared as requested to discuss his ongoing probation. He stated that his criminal probation will be completed in the summer of 2027. Dr. Walker stated that everything is going great. The Board had no other questions.

B. APPLICATION

There were no applications for review.

C. RENEWALS

1. Michael Bagnoli, DDS, License No. 12008541A

Dr. Bagnoli did not appear for renewal appearance as requested. Dr. Bagnoli's renewal indicated submitted a renewal where he indicated yes to a malpractice since his last renewal. Correspondence was provided to Dr. Bagnoli to submit additional information regarding the malpractice action, but he failed to provide the documentation. Dr. Bagnoli has failed to respond or appear.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Bagnoli's application for renewal.

Kolkman/Findley
Motion carried 10-0-0

2. Clark Downey, DDS, License No. 12011332A

Dr. Downey appeared as requested with counsel to discuss his yes response regarding a restrictive practice in the state of Florida. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He stated that there were no patient concerns, and that the restriction was in place until he recovered from his surgery. Dr. Downey is currently moving back to Indiana to practice. The Board thanked him for his transparency.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Downey's application for license renewal.

Rader/Findley
Motion carried 10-0-0

3. Jodi Durachta, LDH, License No. 13002464A

Ms. Durachta was not present.

Ms. Durachta submitted a renewal where she indicated yes to an arrest that has occurred since she last renewed. She was previously requested to appear in April when she did not appear and she was rescheduled. Ms. Durachta has not responded to notice to appear or her inability to appear.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Durachta's application for license renewal.

Rader/Ward
Motion carried 10-0-0

4. Samer Elbatanouny, DDS, License No. 120012888A

Dr. Elbatanouny appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding a malpractice action. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review and stated that he only had one other malpractice case which was in 2013. The settlement in this case was \$150,000 which was approved by his insurance company on his behalf. He discussed his current practice in the state of Illinois.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Elbatanouny's application for license renewal.

Kolkman/Sheline
Motion carried 10-0-0

5. Katelyn Hudson (Hensley), LDH, License No. 13009305A

Ms. Hudson (Hensley) appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that she began therapy and had entered into a plea agreement. Her home monitoring will end on June 17, 2026, but will remain on criminal probation. Ms. Hudson stated she will begin her maternity leave from work in July.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Hudson's application for license renewal with the following probation terms:

- Indefinite probation until criminal matters have been resolved.
- Must show proof that criminal probation has been completed at time she requests to withdraw her license probation.
- One personal appearance before the Board to occur at the December meeting if criminal probation is still ongoing.

Kolkman/Findley
Motion carried 10-0-0

Let the record show that Ms. Hudson (Hensley) agreed to the terms of probation.

6. Darrell Jensen, DMD, License No. 12009735A

Dr. Jensen did not appear as requested regarding his renewal application where he indicated yes to having discipline in another state. Dr. Jensen has communicated with our office that he is not working in Indiana and wished to withdraw his renewal request.

Dr. Jensen's renewal was withdrawn.

7. Cathy Lyons, LDH, License No. 13005221A

Ms. Lyons appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding an arrest. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She stated that this was her first and only incident, and that she completed her criminal probation May 28, 2026.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Lyons' application for license renewal.

Rader/Sammons
Motion carried 10-0-0

8. Roberto Monteagudo, DDS, License No. 12014213A

Dr. Monteagudo has withdrawn his application for renewal.

9. Olurotimi Ogundipe, DDS, License No. 12012992A

Dr. Ogundipe appeared as requested to discuss his yes response regarding discipline in another State. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He stated that a consumer complaint was filed against him in Michigan with allegations of improper practice. He provided an overview of the case and progress of his compliance with the Michigan

Board's probation. He stated that the requirements for the state of Michigan will be completed on June 8, 2026.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approved Dr. Ogundipe's application for renewal on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite probation until the discipline in the state of Michigan has been resolved.
- Must show proof that the Michigan discipline has been withdrawn or provide supporting documentation that that the terms have been completed.

Kolkman/Nowakowski
Motion carried 10-0-0

Dr. Ogundipe agreed to the probationary terms.

10. O. Craig Shanteau, DDS, License No. 12008143A

Dr. Shanteau appeared as requested to discuss his response regarding a malpractice action. He provided a statement for the Board to review. He informed the Board that he was not sure as to whether he needed to appear as he had retired from his practice and had called earlier to withdraw his renewal application. He stated he was advised that he still needed to appear. Dr. Shanteau asked the Board to withdraw his application for renewal.

Dr. Shanteau withdrew his application for renewal.

D. REINSTATEMENT

1. Aderinto Adeniran, DDS, License No. 12011523A

Dr. Adeniran appeared as requested to discuss the reinstatement of his license that expired in 2012. He provided 225 hours of continuing education and a statement for the Board to review. He stated that his intention was to move back to Indiana in the near future.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Adeniran's application for reinstatement of his dental license.

Kolkman/Sheline
Motion carried 10-0-0

2. Andria Blackwell, LDH, License No. 13006881A

Ms. Blackwell did not appear as requested regarding the reinstatement of her license. She submitted copies of her continuing education certificates and a statement of her practice since her license expired in 2020. Ms. Blackwell was notified by email to appear and provide an additional 57 hours of continuing education.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Blackwell application for reinstatement as she did not appear and submit the required number of continuing education hours.

Ward/Sheline
Motion carried 10-0-0

E. LICENSURE PRE-APPROVAL

1. Sharmania Sims (LDH)

Ms. Sims appeared as requested to discuss her pre-approval application for dental hygiene. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Sims stated that she has not resolved matters with the court, and that she is currently completing criminal probation. She stated that she has entered into a diversion agreement, and once she meets all the terms, her charges will be reduced. The Board inquired if she has enrolled into a dental hygiene program. She stated that she has not as she wanted to ensure that her background would not prevent her from pursuing a license as a dental hygienist. The Board stated that she may need to reach out to the dental hygiene program for review. The program will provide her information on options and steps to complete before bringing the matter to the Board.

Ms. Sims asked to withdraw her licensure pre-approval application.

VII. COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORTS: Mara Catey-Williams, DMD & Paul Nahmias, DDS

Dr. Catey-Williams provided an update on the Compliance Officer reports. She discussed her visit with Aria, MDF and some of the communication difficulties she experienced.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Applications

1. Carlos Argote-Ruiz (DDS)

Dr. Argote-Ruiz application was submitted for license equivalency review. He indicated on his application that he graduated from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in 1993. He obtained his California license in 2024. The Board noted that he did not complete a two-year CODA approved residency program as required by statute.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Argote-Ruiz's application as his license is not equivalent.

Sammons/Sheline
Motion carried 10-0-0

2. Palak Bothra (DDS)

Dr. Bothra's application was submitted for license equivalency review. He graduated from Modern Dental College and Research Center in 2016 and is currently enrolled in a residency at Henry Goldmdan School of Dental Medicine. He obtained his Washington license in March 2026. The Board noted that while his program is CODA approved, he has not completed the program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Bothra's application as his license is not equivalent.

Sammons/Findley
Motion carried 10-0-0

3. Abdelreh ElGendy (DDS)

Dr. ElGendy's application was submitted for license equivalency review. He graduated from Modern Dental College and Research Center and completed a residency at Boston University. He obtained his Illinois license in 2023, a Limited Dental License in Massachusetts in 2021 and a California license in 2024. He disclosed that he temporarily was suspended from clinical privileges and provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. The Board noted that his residency from Boston University was not CODA accredited.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. ElGeady's application as his residency was not approved.

Rader/Snoddy
Motion carried 10-0-0

4. Santiago Forero Lopez (LDH)

Dr. Forero Lopez's application was submitted for license equivalency review. He graduated from Universidad Autonoma de Manizales and completed a residency at Colegio Fransicano in San Luis Rey. He is currently licensed in the state of Florida as a dental hygienist. The Board noted that he did not attend an accredited dental hygiene program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Lopehe dental hyapplication as his license was not equivalent.

Rader/Ward
Motion carried 10-0-0

5. Luis Alberto Mendez-Chagoya (DDS)

Dr. Menez-Chagoya's application was submitted for unaccredited dental college review. He graduated from Universidad de Montemorelos and completed a residency at the University of Rochester. The Board noted that his residency is a two-year CODA accredited program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Mendez-Chagoya application for dental licensure.

Sammons/Findley
Motion carried 10-0-0

B. Continuing Education

There were no continuing education applications for review.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Compliance Fund Update

The updated report was not available for this meeting.

B. Update on Proposed Administrative Rules

Dr. Findley and Nick Hart provided an update on the progress of the Proposed Rules. Mr. Hart stated that they have reviewed the statutes and rules of the surrounding States to ensure that our laws and regulations are equal and not burdensome by comparison. He stated that the General Assembly has ordered a study done on the impact of the current statute and rules but as of this date it has not been completed. There was discussion regarding the current dental hygiene anesthesia permits rules and what the study found. The Board noted that they are aware of the requirements from the program in surrounding States, and that the proposed edits are a misunderstanding of the standard of care and expectations of the programs.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to not change the existing language and or requirements for the dental hygiene local anesthetic permit. rules

Kolkman/Ward
Motion carried 10-0-0

C. Senate Bill 180 & House Bill 1254

The Board discussed SB 180 and HB 1254 which will allow foreign trained dentists to be licensed as dental hygienists. Ms. Vaught asked the Board to affirm the selection of the dental hygiene examination requirements, as our office will be working on creating the application for the new practitioners. She stated that some dentists will ask if they could supplement the dental exams as equivalent to the dental hygiene exams.

The Board discussed the difference between the dental and dental hygiene examinations and that they would not consider the dental exams in place of the dental hygiene exams.

The Board expressed concerns regarding dental education from the practitioners as they will not have any CODA accredited dental hygiene training. The Board wants the language to be clear on the application and instructions on the requirements for licensure. They stated that the expectations should be the same as what is asked of current dental hygiene students.

The Board will have to administer the application as outlined in the statute and rules, but the Board noted that they wished to also put that the education will be reviewed “by discretion of the Board” as that language is in the statute. Leif stated that as they do not have any applications yet, it will be hard to pre-determine the Board’s expectation of dental education.

**D. Apex Dental Academy LLC DBA OceanPointe Dental Academy of Indiana
Re: Coronal Polishing and Caries Prevention Program Review**

The Board reviewed and discussed the program for coronal polishing and caries prevention that will be provided by OceanPointe Dental Academy.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the program for coronal polishing and caries prevention provided by OceanPointe Dental Academy.

Sammons/Kolkman
Motion carried 10-0-0

X. REPORTS

A. Office of the Attorney General

Rebekah Hammond presented the report from the AG's office. She indicated that their office has received new law clerks, and the duration of investigation time will increase as they train. The Board inquired if they could receive a report that breaks down the complaint types. Ms. Hammond stated that she could work on providing that breakdown on a quarterly basis for the Board.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Board discussed with the IDA regarding the laws that will be in effect July 1, and the dental hygiene shortages.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the State Board of Dentistry adjourned at 12:48 p.m. by consensus.