

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Minutes August 7, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Annette Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Kevin Ward, D.D.S.
Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.
Crunchy Wells, D.M.D.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H.
Shelley Gregg, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.

State Officials Present:

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

Court Reporter: Margie Addington

Dr. Ted Rokita, passed board member, passed away recently. The Board wishes to acknowledge his passing and send sympathy to the family.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Rader/Sammons
Motion carried 8-0-0

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed and approved minutes from June 4, 2026, April 10, 2026, and June 5, 2026.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE HEARING

A. LSA Document #26-151

828 IAC 0.5-2-3 Dental fees

828 IAC 0.5-2-4 Dental hygiene fees

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A public rule hearing was held in person and by Zoom by the Board regarding the fee rules. Notice of the hearing was published in the Indiana Register on May 27, 2026. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments regarding the rule. No written comments were received and there were no public comments.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the fee rules as published.

Sammons/Findley

Motion carried 9-0-0

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

9:00 a.m.

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

Cause No. 202607-DEN-0004

Re: Petition for Review of Denial of Licensure

Parties Present:

Respondent present

No attorney present - Waives

State not represented

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

Participating Board Members:

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Case Summary: On or about July 20, 2026, Ms. Durachata's application for renewal was denied due to not appearing as requested and a positive response of a DUI. Ms. Durachta submitted an appeal of the denial, and a notice was issued on July 28, 2026, setting this matter for hearing. Ms. Durachata explained that she was never notified to appear before the Board. She pled guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated in May of 2025. Ms. Durachta indicated that she completed all requirements for the courts in November 2025

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Durachta's petition for review and to renew her dental hygiene license.

Sammons/Wells

Motion carried 9-0-0

B. Peter Andrews, DDS aka Khaled Hashem, License No. 12014379A (Inactive Expired)

Cause No. 202604-DEN-0002

Re: Administrative Complaint and Notice of Proposed Default

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

No Attorney present

Ian Mathew, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

Participating Board Members:

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Shelley Gregg, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about April 30, 2026, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Dr. Andrews's 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 on June 5, 2026, for this hearing. Dr. Andrews failed to appear. On July 10, 2026, a Notice of Proposed Default and Notice of Future Default Proceeding, was sent scheduling this matter for today. Dr. Andrews has failed to personally appear or be represented by counsel.

At this time Mr. Mathew asked the Board to default Dr. Andrews.

A motion was made and seconded to default Dr. Andrews.

Findley/Sammons
Motion carried 9/0/0

Mr. Mathew presented his case. Deanna Silva, Investigator for the Office of the Attorney General, was called to testify in this matter. She testified that Dr. Andrews has not responded to any inquiries.

Exhibit 1 Admitted – Consumer Complaint
Exhibit 2 Admitted – Indiana Application File
Exhibit 3 Admitted – Ohio File

Dr. Andrews has been revoked in the state of Ohio in 2025 and in Canada in 2013.

Board Action: After hearing testimony and evidence presented, a motion was made and seconded to revoke Dr. Andrews license for a period of seven (7) years.

Kolkman/Ward
Motion carried 9-0-0

C. Allen Daniels, DDS, License No. 12011357A
Cause No. 202504-DEN-0005
Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent was present

No Attorney present

Rebekah Hammond, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

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Case Summary: On or about July 9, 2025, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Dr. Daniels and on September 15, 2025, a Final Order Accepting Proposed Settlement Agreement was filed placing his license on probation with terms and conditions. Dr. Daniels filed his Petition to Withdraw Probation on June 1, 2026, and on August 5, 2026, a hearing notice was issued setting this matter for hearing. Dr. Daniels has completed the terms of his probation: personal appearances, one inspection by the compliance officer, therapy and sixteen hours of continuing education in the areas of professionalism/ethics and boundaries. His therapist stated that therapy is no longer necessary. Ms. Hammond stated that the state does not object to Dr. Daniels requesting to withdraw his probation early.

Board Action: After hearing testimony and evidence presented, a motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Daniels petition for withdraw of probation.

Kolkman/Snoddy
Motion carried 9-0-0

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. PROBATION

1. Nichole Downing, DDS, License No. 12014543A Cause No. 202408-DEN-0008

Dr. Downing appeared regarding her on going probation. She stated that nothing has changed since her last visit. She is currently employed by Dr. Cash and Dr. Summerlin. She is attending AA, meets with sponsor, weekly therapy sessions, and sees a psychiatrist. Dr. Downing's next appearance is scheduled for December 4, 2026.

B. APPLICATION

1. Palak Bothra (DDS)

Dr. Bothra was present with counsel Brdley Heffer for discussion of her application. Dr. Bothra completed her dental degree at the Modern Dental College and Research Centere in 2016. She has taken and passed the ADEX examination and the INBDE. Dr. Brotha has completed a three-year CODA accredited program in clinical orthodontic training at Boston University from July 1, 2023, to June 4, 2026. The only remaining requirement is one final year of research in DScD program. Her degree has not been conferred as of this date. She also completed a Master of Public Health in 2022 and is currently licensed in the state of Washington.

Board Action: After discussion, the Board voted to table Dr. Botapplicationt this for additional documentation.

Kolkman/Findley
Motion carried 5/3/1 Gregg abstained10-0-0

2. Oliver Barajas (LDH)

Mr. Barajas appeared as requested to discuss his dental hygiene application. Mr. Barajas is a 2026 graduate of Indiana University South Bend and has taken and passed the ADEX examination and NBDHE. He responded positive regarding an OWI and resisting law enforcement charge in January of 2023 and a disorderly conduct charge in October 2024. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. All requirements of the court have been met, and he has been sober for two years.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Barajas' dental hygiene application for licensure.

Sammons/Findley
Motion carried 9/0/0

3. Myah Hahn (LDH)

Ms. Hahn appeared before the Board as requested to discuss her dental hygiene application. Ms. Hahn is a 2026 graduate of Indiana University Fort Wayne and has taken and passed the ADEX examination and NBDHE. She responded positive regarding an OWI in December 2025. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She was placed on one year of nonreporting court probation which ends in December 2026. The Board finds that Applicant should be able to practice as a dental hygienist in Indiana but has concerns about her December 2025 conviction and the ongoing term of criminal probation.

Board Action: After discussion, the Board voted to grant Ms. Hahn's dental hygiene application for licensure on probation, without any right to petition for probation withdrawal until her criminal probation has been completed.

Rader/Snoddy
Motion carried 9/0/0

4. Mohammed Nooruddin (DDS)

Dr. Hahn appeared before the Board as requested to discuss his dental license application. Dr. Hahn is a 2026 graduate of Indiana University and has taken and passed the ADEX examination and NBDHE. Dr. Hahn has failed the NBDE Part II three times with passing on the fourth attempt. Dr. Hahn explained why it took him four attempts to pass the examination.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Nooruddin's application for dental licensure.

Kolkman/Sammons
Motion carried 9/0/0

C. RENEWALS

There were no renewals for review.

D. REINSTATEMENT

There was no reinstatement for review.

E. LICENSURE PRE-APPROVAL

There were no licensure pre-approvals for review.

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

There was no report from the compliance officers.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Applications

1. Jacob Al-Hashemi (DDS)

Dr. Hashemi's application by reciprocity was submitted to the Board for review. Dr. Hashemi is a 2006 graduate of Mustansiriyah University and has completed a CAGS

Endodontics program from 2014 to 2019 at Boston University. He is currently licensed in the state of Washington.

Board Action: A motion was made by Dr. Sammons to deny Dr. Al-Hashemi's application for licensure. Motion failed due to no second.

A motion was made and seconded to have Dr. Al-Hashemi appear before the Board for further review of their application. Board requested a copy of their Board scores.

Rader/Kolkman

Motion carried 8/1/1 Findley abstained

2. Bruno Carlini, Jr. (DDS)

Dr. Carlini's application by examination was submitted to the Board for review. Dr. Carlini is a 2001 graduate of State University of Campinas and has completed a three-year certificate program in Prosthodontics at the University of Louisville.

Board Action: A motion was made by Dr. Sammons to deny Dr. Al-Hashemi's application for licensure. Motion failed due to no second.

A motion was made and seconded to have Dr. Al-Hashemi appear before the Board for further review of his application. Board requested a copy of their Board scores.

Rader/Kolkman

Motion carried 8/1/1 Findley abstained

3. Brooke Dusseau (LDH)

Ms. Dusseau's application by examination was submitted to the Board for review. Ms. Dusseau is a 2025 graduate of Prairie State College. Ms. Dusseau's application is being reviewed due to the number of times she has taken the NBDHE examination. She has taken the examination four times and passed on the fourth attempt. Based upon Ind. Code 25-13-1-6(4) the applicant cannot take the examination more than three times.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Dusseau's application for dental hygiene licensure based upon Ind. Code 25-13-1-6(4) and the number of times she took the examination.

Sammons/Kolkman

Motion carried 9/0/0

4. Gloria Galindo Caro (DDS)

Dr. Galindo Caro's application by examination was submitted to the Board for review. Dr. Galindo-Caro is a 2008 graduate of Autonomous University of Baja California and has taken and passed the CDCA examination and the National Boards Part I and Part 2. Did not provide proof of completing a two-year residency as required by the statute.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Galindo Caro's application for dental licensure due to not having an approved two-year residency program.

Rader/Wells

Motion carried 9/0/0

5. Pinar Kayaalp (LDH)

Ms. Kayaalp's application will be reviewed at a later date.

6. Amir Laghbani (LDH)

Ms. Laghbani's application will be reviewed at a later date.

7. Liliya Rul (LDH)

Ms. Rul's application will be reviewed at a later date.

B. Continuing Education

1. Paige Antoszewski, RDH Coronal Polishing and Fluoride Application for Dental Assistants

The Board reviewed the continuing education application. Upon review the Board requested that the application was missing the number of hours for each lecture ethics, course work and lab work. Application was tabled pending the additional documentation.

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Dr. Evan Hiple

Re: Oral Preventive Assistant (OPA)

Dr. Hiple presented information regarding a program to train oral preventive assistants. The training program would be in a dental office administered by a dentist. There would be two pathways, one through education and the other by experience. It would be the Board that would approve the curriculum.

B. Compliance Fund Update

The Board reviewed the report for August. Questioned what the cyber security fee was for and why. Requested someone to come to the meeting and explain this charge.

C. Update on Proposed Administrative Rules

The rules are in process.

D. Convictions of Concern Modifications

The Board needs to review the rules for convictions of concern to determine which ones would bar someone from being licensed as a dentist or dental hygienist. The list is very broad.

E. PLA-ATG MOU

The Board needs to review the MOU to determine if any changes are required. The contract expires at the end of the year. Need to have the proposed changes complete by December 2026.

F. Foreign Trained Dental Hygienists

Reviewed the statutory requirements for foreign trained dental hygienists. The Board will have files for review at the October 9, 2026, meeting.

G. Specialty License for Dentist

Discussion was held of adding specialty licenses to statute foreign trained dentist. There are highly qualified individuals who could be licensed if the statute recognized specialty licenses.

X. REPORTS

A. Office of the Attorney General

Rebekah Hammond presented the report from the Attorney General's Office. Currently there are 78 open investigation files with an average age of 8.92 months and 3 open litigation files with an average age of 2.79 months.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the State Board of Dentistry adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Findley/Snoddy

Motion carried 9/0/0