

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Minutes
October 10, 2025

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
Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Crunchy Wells, D.M.D
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H.
Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

Jeffrey L. Snoddy, D.D.S.
Kevin Ward, D.D.S.

State Officials Present:

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

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Sammons/Kolkman
Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea

Ms. Glickman Yea

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 8, 2025, as amended.

Glickman/Sammons
Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. **Steven Hollar, DDS, License No. 12009567A**

Cause No. 202409-DEN-0017

Re: Petition to Withdraw Probation

Parties Present:

Respondent present with counsel Terry Tolliever
Ian Mathew, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Annette J. Williamson, D.D.S., (Hearing Officer)
Robert D. Findley, D.D.S.
Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.
Edward Sammons, D.D.S.
R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.
Twyla Rader, L.D.H.
Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.
Crunchy Wells, D.M.D.
Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about May 15, 2025, a Proposed Settlement was reached with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation until the successful completion of the criminal probation.
- Dr. Hollar agrees to cooperate with any and all OAG investigations filed against him.
- Complete at least 4 hours of CE in sexual harassment, boundaries, and ethics. Such hours shall be completed in courses approved by the Board and shall not be countable towards any CE requirements for licensure

- Be subject to inspections from the Board's compliance officer while he is on probation
- Pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 within 90 days of the final order accepting the agreement
- Pay a fee of \$5.00 to be paid to the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund.
- Comply with all the terms outlined in his criminal court probation
- Dr. Hollar's probation shall remain in effect until termination according to the process set for below or by Board order.
 - No sooner than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration of the period of his criminal probation, the Respondent may file a petition for termination of probation, supported by an affidavit attesting to the compliance with each of the terms of probation.
 - Petitioner shall have an opportunity to file an objection to any petition to terminate probation if it finds that Respondent has violated either the terms of his criminal probation, or any of the terms of this proposed settlement agreement.
 - If no objection is filed, Respondent's petition shall be deemed granted with no further action by the Board, effective fifteen (15) days after the petition was filed, and IPLA shall adjust Respondent's status to reflect that he is no longer on probation.
 - However, if an objection is filed, the Respondent's probation shall continue until further Board order. There shall be no limitation on Respondent's right to file subsequent requests for termination of probation. This process outlined above shall continue to apply to those subsequent requests for termination of probation.
- Any violation of the Board order or violation of the statute and rules regulating the practice of dentistry may result in further sanctions up to including suspension.

Mr. Tolliver stated that all terms of the probation have been completed and requested that the probation status be removed. He submitted Exhibits A-C which are copies of the required CE courses, proof that fines have been paid, and documentation from the courts that Dr. Hollar has been discharged from criminal probation. He stated that Dr. Hollar has had two compliance officer visits and have submitted reports for the Board to review and there were no noted concerns.

The State noted that there were no objections to the withdrawal of the probation status.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Hollar's Petition for withdrawal from probation.

Kolkman/Findley
Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

B. Jordan Jamison

Cause No. 202508-DEN-0006

Re: Motion for Cease and Desist

Parties Present:

Respondent not present

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

Margie Addington, Court Reporter, Accurate Reporting

Participating Board Members:

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

Robert D. Findley, D.D.S.

Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.

Edward Sammons, D.D.S.

R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.

Twyla Rader, L.D.H.

Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.

Crunchy Wells, D.M.D.

Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Case Summary: On or about January 8, 2025, a Consumer Complaint was filed against Ms. Jamison with allegations of unlicensed practice. On or about August 19, 2025, a Motion to Cease and Desist was issued. Ms. Jamison has failed to appear. Mr. Mathew stated that enough notice has been given to Ms. Jamison to appear to address the concern, and as she is not present, he requested the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Default.

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

Sammons/Findley

Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

C. Irene Smith, LDH, License No. 13008969A

Cause No. 202408-DEN-0013

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

The hearing in the matter of Ms. Smith was continued.

D. Elyse Janke, LDH, License No. 13007471A

Cause No. 202405-DEN-0004

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.

Richard R. Nowakowski, D.D.S.

Edward Sammons, D.D.S.

R. Daron Sheline, D.D.S.

Twyla Rader, L.D.H.

Matthew Kolkman, D.D.S.

Crunchy Wells, D.M.D.

Tammera Glickman, Consumer Member

Board Witness:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director

Kayla Cridlin, Litigation Specialist

Case Summary: On or about June 5, 2024, the Board renewed Ms. Janke's dental hygiene license on probation with the following terms:

- Indefinite Probation, and may not request probation withdraw until the criminal probation has been completed
- Submit quarterly self-reports to apprise the Board of her process with her substance abuse treatment.
- Any violation of the Board order or violation of the statute and rules regulating the practice of dentistry may result in further sanctions up to including suspension.

Ms. Janke stated that she has completed all terms of her probation and is requesting the withdrawal of the probation status. She stated that she has submitted her quarterly reports via email.

Ms. Vaught stated that she has not received any quarterly reports. She stated that she received an email in April from Ms. Janke asking how to submit the reports, and another email in September asking how to submit the reports.

Ms. Cridlin stated that she has checked the two litigation email inboxes and does not show any emails from Ms. Janke.

Dr. Findley stated that there are several quarters without a report. Ms. Janke stated that she had to obtain special permission to appear to discuss her probation. The Board inquired if she has completed her criminal probation. She stated that she has completed her criminal probation; however, she has points on her driver's license still. The Board inquired into her attempts to

communicate to the IPLA office. She discussed her attempts to email PLA for an answer but did not attempt to call the office. She stated that she did complete her substance abuse program, and she was tested for alcohol use on June 5th per her program. Ms. Janke stated that she has had one glass of wine at a wedding she attended a few weeks ago, and that she does not drink socially the way she did in the past.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded, to deny Ms. Janke's petition for probation withdrawal and modify the probationary terms as follows:

- Petitioner no longer needs to establish that her criminal probation has been discharged as she has successfully established that this has occurred.
- Petitioner shall make all reasonable efforts to cause a credible third party to submit to the Board an assessment of her substance usage. Said assessment should be reasonably current at the point when Petitioner seeks probation withdrawal again.
- Unless otherwise specified, all other existing terms of the original probation remain in full force and effect. This includes Petitioner's ongoing obligation to bring her self-report requirements into compliance.

Sammons/Glickman
Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. PROBATION

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

Dr. Downing appeared as requested with counsel Laura Iosue to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that Candace Backer from the Indiana Well-Being Program provided an updated letter on her status with the program for the Board to review. The report indicated that a positive test came back, and that she was advised to cease her current practice and enter a seven-week treatment program. Ms. Iosue stated that Dr. Downing has signed a new five-year contract with the Indiana Well-Being Program which will not be completed until 2030.

Dr. Downing discussed her program and how it has impacted her. She also spoke of her support system, and that she is reaching out for a mentor. Ms. Backer was also present and provided the Board with an update of Dr. Downing's contract and compliance.

2. Tessa Creager, DDS, License No. 12011483A Cause No. 202406-DEN-0005

Dr. Creager appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation with the Board. She stated that she is currently on detention, and when that is completed, she will have to complete criminal probation. Dr. Creager stated that her criminal probation should be completed in 2026. She discussed the continuing education that she has completed and her current full-time work.

3. Abd Al Hadi Kawaiah, DDS, License No. 12014386A
Cause No. 202506-DEN-0004

Dr. Kawaiah was not present when he was called to appear. He provided a statement regarding his current employment, but it was not clear what work he was completing or if the employer was aware of his probation status and terms. Board expressed concerns and discussed whether there may be a violation of his probation.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue an Order to Show Cause for violation of his probation in the matter of Dr. Kawaiah.

Sammons/Sheline
Motion carried 8-1-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	opposed

Dr. Kawaiah appeared later during the meeting.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to vacate the Order to show Cause in the matter of Dr. Kawaiah.

Sammons/Findley
Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

Dr. Kawaiah stated that he is currently working in Crown Point at Comprehensive Dental Clinic four days per week. He stated that he was unsure if the owner was aware of his probation as he was only required to provide a copy of his license and a work contract for the office staff. The Board advised him to reach out to his employer as there may be concerns with insurance reimbursement, and being transparent with his employer. He stated that he signed an eight-week work contract with that employer. The Board noted that they will need to have a compliance officer visit while he is employed there.

4. 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 is ongoing and will be completed in a year and a half. He stated that he currently works full time and is not a part of any recovery program. He stated that he has not used anything since the incident, and he does complete random screening per his criminal probation.

B. APPLICATION

1. Srikanth Cherukadu Vasalaa (DDS)

Dr. Cherukadu Vasalaa appeared as requested to discuss action that occurred with the Texas Dental Board. He provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. He clarified that what occurred was not discipline, but a non-discipline action. The Board reviewed the documentation from Texas which outlines a completed remediation training plan.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Cherukadu Vasalaa's dental application.

Kolkman/Sheline
Motion carried 9-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

2. Keith Smith (DDS)

Did not appear. Dr. Smith will be rescheduled.

3. Andrew Wang (DDS)

Did not appear. Dr. Wang will be rescheduled.

4. Mid America Professional Group, PC, MDF

Marci Guevara, Vice President & General Counsel

Ms. Guevara appeared as requested to discuss the application for a new mobile dental facility permit. She stated that they provide dental services to schools, and they do obtain parent or guardian permission prior to care for the children. Ms. Guevara stated that their company currently holds six other mobile dental facility permits, and that during previous application processes over the years, she was advised that she needs to obtain a permit for each vehicle. The Board noted that she does not need to have a permit for each vehicle, and that she will need to update their referral lists to dentists as it does not appear to be up to date with current practitioners.

The Board discussed the renewal process in order to renew only one mobile dental facility permit. Ms. Guevara requested to withdraw the current application.

5. St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc.

Kristen Schultis, Executive Director

Ms. Schultis appeared as requested to discuss the application for St. Martin's to hold a mobile dental facility permit. She stated that they will be providing dental services for an underserved population in their area, and that they are still developing their program. She stated that they are still screening and recruiting dentists and that they currently only do intake and x-ray work. The Board expressed concerns as there is not a dentist on site. Dr. Kolkman stated that he is familiar with the clinic as he does volunteer work with them. He stated that can recuse himself; however, he is familiar with how the operation is set up, and that St. Martin's does have practice agreements in place. The Board advised Ms. Schultis to review the current Indiana code to ensure that she is covering all requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. application for a mobile dental facility permit.

Findley/Glickman
Motion carried 8-0-1

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	abstained
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

C. REINSTATEMENT

There were no reinstatements for review.

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

The Board discussed the reports submitted by the Compliance Officers. They noted that the report from Aria, mobile dental facility, appears to be missing information. They noted that they would like more details that address the concerns regarding prescriptive supervision and clarification on the access practice agreements. The Board noted that they will need to give more directions to the compliance officers regarding what the concern is with Aria.

The Board noted that Dr. Nahmias was requested to complete a visit for Dr. Swinney and Dr. Daniels but was unable to do so. They noted that those two compliance officer visit reports should be available at the next meeting.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Applications

1. Olerki Negreskul (DDS)

Dr. Negreskul application for dental licensure by examination was reviewed. He graduated from Crimea State Medical University and completed a residency program at Boston University. The Board reviewed his residency program to determine if it meets the requirements as an approved program for licensure. His program does not appear to be a CODA accredited program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Negreskul's application due to not meeting licensure requirements.

Sammons/Sheline
Motion carried 8-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	not present
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

2. Mohamad Rabah (DDS)

Dr. Rabah application for dental licensure by reciprocity was reviewed. He is currently licensed in the state of Virginia and graduated from Rak Medical & Health Sciences University. The Board reviewed his application to determine if the license is considered equal to an Indiana license. The Board stated that it appears he only completed a one-year residency program. In order to meet the requirements of the Board he would have had to complete a two-year CODA accredited program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Rabah's application due to not holding an equivalent license in the state of Virginia.

Sammons/Sheline
Motion carried 8-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	not present
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

B. Continuing Education

There were no continuing education applications for review.

VIII. DISCUSSION

A. Compliance Fund Update

The Board reviewed the Compliance Fund and noted that there have been no expenses and interest was accumulating.

B. Proposed Administrative Rules – Anesthesia Permits

The Board reviewed their Administrative Rules for Anesthesia Permits. They discussed training programs for deep sedation. They noted sixty (60) clock hours of coursework with patient requirements, including different models. Dr. Kolkman made notes about removing duplicative language and requirements that were listed in the rules. The Board reviewed the recommended changes proposed by Dr. Kyle Kramer from the Indiana School of Dentistry's anesthesia program.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to update the proposed language and accept the recommended changes.

Sammons/Sheline
Motion carried 8-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	not present
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

The Board noted that they need to be consistent with the language and terms through the rules.

The Board noted that the CDCA changed their name.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to update the name of the examination in the rules.

Sheline/Wells
Motion carried 8-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	not present
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	Yea
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

C. AADB Representative Appointment

The Board discussed who to appoint as their AADB representative.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to elect Dr. Snoddy as the Board's representative, and Dr. Ward as the Board's alternative representative.

Sheline/Sammons
Motion carried 8-0-0

Dr. Findley	Yea
Dr. Nowakowski	Yea
Dr. Sheline	Yea
Dr. Sammons	Yea
Dr. Kolkman	not present
Ms. Rader	Yea
Dr. Wells	Yea
Dr. Williamson	Yea
Ms. Glickman	Yea

IX. REPORTS

A. Office of the Attorney General

Ms. Hammond presented the report from the Attorney General's Office. She provided an overview of the new report. Currently there are 59 open investigation files with an average age of 8.85 months. There have been 4 new litigation cases open with an average age of resolution of 6.62 months.

B. IDA Report

Dr. Kolkman presented an update of what he has tracked from the Legislation. He stated that the IDA is looking into addressing the "3 strike rule" and licensure for foreign trained dentists as hygienists. He stated that there may be a Task Force looking into oral preventative assistants.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Vaught provided the 2026 Board meeting dates.

Ms. Vaught stated that license renewals will soon be open, and that there have been 538 licensed issued between May to August this year.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the State Board of Dentistry adjourned at 12:58 p.m. by consensus.