MICHIGAN BOARD OF DENTISTRY

February 12, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Dentistry met on February 12, 2026, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Irene Tseng, DDS, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Irene Tseng, DDS, Chairperson
Victoria Alicea-Price, RDA, CDA, COA
John DeCarolis, DDS
Delbert Denkins, Public Member
Sahar Farhat, ~~DDS~~ ***RDH***
Dennis Fasbinder, DDS
Rouzana Hares, DDS, MBA, MAGD
Melissa Keil, DDS
Janet Kinney, RDH, MS
Cynthia McCants, Public Member
Martha Morgan, RDH

Members Absent:
Deborah Brown, DMD
Ellen Chambers, CDA, RDA, BS
Kyle Danek, DDS
Shakeel Niazi, DDS
Mamnoon Siddiqui, DDS, MS
Dawn Marie Strehl, RDH
Steven Viger, Public Member
Hassan Yehia, DDS, Vice-Chairperson

Staff Present:
Robert Payne, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Bridget Smith, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section
Jennifer Shaltry, JD, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section

Kim Smith, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kinney, seconded by McCants, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Morgan, seconded by Kinney, to approve the minutes from October 10, 2025, with the amendments to remove Jennifer Fuller, DDS, and add credentials to Alicea-Price.

Voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY MATTERS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education Committee

MOTION by Morgan, seconded by Alicea-Price, to approve the Continuing Education Committee Report (Attachment 1) dated December 11, 2025, effective December 11, 2025.

Roll call vote followed: Yeas: Alicea-Price, DeCarolis, Denkins, Farhat, Fasbinder, Hares, Keil, Kinney, McCants, Morgan, Tseng
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED.

MOTION by Morgan, seconded by McCants, to approve the Continuing Education Committee Report (Attachment 2) dated February 12, 2026.

Roll call vote followed: Yeas: Alicea-Price, DeCarolis, Denkins, Farhat, Fasbinder, Keil, Kinney, McCants, Morgan, Tseng
Nays: None
Abstained: Hares

MOTION PREVAILED.

Credentials Review Committee

Fasbinder presented the committee's recommendations.

Amelia Hennum- Examination Review Request

MOTION by Kinney, seconded by Morgan, to accept the committee's recommendation that the CRDTS examination is not substantially equivalent to the ADEX examination because it lacks a didactic portion substantially equivalent to the ADEX's Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) section.

Roll call vote followed: Yeas: Alicea-Price, DeCarolis, Denkins, Farhat, Fasbinder, Hares, Keil, Kinney, McCants, Morgan, Tseng
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED.

Angela Weig– Credentials Review Requests

MOTION by Morgan, seconded by Keil, to accept the committee's recommendation that the applicants' credentials are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

Roll call vote followed: Yeas: Alicea-Price, DeCarolis, Denkins, Farhat, Fasbinder, Hares, Keil, Kinney, McCants, Morgan, Tseng
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED.

Dongxia Ye– Credentials Review Requests

MOTION by Fasbinder, seconded by Hares, to accept the committee's recommendation that 1) the applicant's passing of the WREB examination in 2020 is substantially equivalent to passing to all parts, written and clinical, of the ADEX examination; 2) the applicant's dental education is not substantially equivalent to a CODA-accredited DDS/DMD program, and 3) completion of a 2-year certificate program in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, a specialty not recognized in R 338.11501, followed by a 1-year residency through the University of Rochester should satisfy the educational requirement for licensure as a dentist by endorsement under R 338.11255(a)(ii)(B).

Roll call vote followed: Yeas: Alicea-Price, DeCarolis, Denkins, Farhat, Fasbinder, Hares, Keil, Kinney, McCants, Morgan, Tseng
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Board Review Panel

None

RDA Committee

None

RDH Committee

Morgan shared that North Central Michigan College has launched a new Dental Hygiene Program and is set to begin in Fall of 2028.

Rules Committee

Shaltry shared that the draft rules and the Regulatory Impact Statement have been approved. The rules are set for public hearing on March 23, 2026, and the comment period will be open from February 28 – March 23, 2026.

RDA Examination Review Committee

MacIntosh shared he wanted to set up a committee to review the RDA Exam. Alicea-Price shared that she would like to serve on the committee. MacIntosh shared that he and Dr. Tseng will be asking Chambers and Viger to serve.

HPRC Appointment Request

MacIntosh shared that there is currently no appointee from the Board of Dentistry on the committee. MacIntosh asked the board to contact colleagues who have the education and clinical training related to treatment of substance abuse and/or mental health disorders and to have them send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to the bureau.

HPRC Annual Report

MacIntosh provided a brief overview of the HPRC Annual Report and let the board know it is on Egress for them to view.

PA 161 Update

Erin Suddeth, DHHS Contractor shared the following:
54 PA 161 programs
153 Supervising dentists
222 Registered dental hygienists
182 Registered dental assistants

Disciplinary Subcommittee

McCants informed the board that the Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC) accepted 2 Consent Orders and Stipulations and rejected 1. They also handled an administrative complaint and had a Proposal for Decision they had to table for after full board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Report

Tseng shared Michigan recently licensed their first dental therapist.

Tseng shared that ADEX had their first joint meeting last fall for all chairpersons and vice-chairpersons from each state.

Tseng shared that ADEX is reorganizing since merging with CDCA, CITA, and WREB and sunsetting previous representation of state boards. Now, the joint organization is looking to make new councils from each state board and each jurisdiction of ADEX needs to appoint a dentist and dental hygienist representative. Tseng and Kinney will serve as representatives on the board.

Tseng encouraged all members to complete a CODA site visit.

Department Update

MacIntosh reminded members that there will be a new Board Member training on March 11, 2026, via Zoom and encouraged new and veteran board members to attend. MacIntosh shared that the last board member training is available on Egress for members to view.

MacIntosh reminded members to check their state e-mails.

Smith asked that all members sign their parking affidavits and vouchers to receive reimbursement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by McCants, seconded by Morgan, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on:

Prepared by:

Kim Smith, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

February 18, 2026