



Dental Hygiene Board of California Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 North Market Blvd.
Ruby Room
Sacramento, CA 95834

DHBC Members Present:

President – Dr. Carmen Dones, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Educator Member
Vice President – Sonia “Pat” Hansen, RDH Member
Secretary – Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, RDH Member
Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Member – Michael Long
Public Health Dentist Member – Sridevi Ponnala
Public Member – Sherman King
Public Member – Dr. Justin Matthews
Public Member – Vacant
Public Member – Vacant

DHBC Staff Present:

Anthony Lum, Executive Officer
Albert Law, Assistant Executive Officer
Traci Napper, Licensing Analyst
Adina A. Pineschi-Petty, Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Education, Legislative, and Regulatory Specialist
Crystal Yuyama, Administrative Analyst
Yuping Lin, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Legal Counsel for the DHBC
Elizabeth Dietzen-Olsen, DCA Regulatory Legal Counsel for the DHBC

1. FULL Board Agenda Item 1: Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Carmen Dones, President of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC, Board), reviewed meeting guidelines and called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.** Board Secretary Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with seven (7) members present.

2. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 2: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: Susan McLearn, California Dental Hygienists’ Association (CDHA), requested additional questions to be added to the “Dental Hygiene License Renewal

Survey” on or before the next Board meeting. She stated the questions would be to determine if and how licenses are being used in order to obtain a full and accurate assessment of the dental hygiene community workforce. Ms. McLearn provided a written copy of the CDHA’s questions to the Board.

3. FULL Agenda Item 3: Enforcement Presentation: Update on “Attorney General’s Annual Report on Accusations Prosecuted for Department of Consumer Affairs Client Agencies, Business and Professions Code section 312.2 January 1, 2024.”

Mr. Carl Sonne, Senior Assistant Attorney General, provided background on the Attorney General’s Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – 2023 (Report). He reported on how the data in the Report was collected, and summarized the data for all of the Boards and Bureaus in the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to allow the Board to put the DHBC’s data in context.

Additionally, Mr. Sonne provided the Board on data specific to the DHBC. He stated the Board has a sophisticated and robust enforcement program, and complemented staff on their professional handling of cases.

Board Member comment: President Dones recognized staff for their efficiency in handling DHBC cases.

Public comment: None.

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (a): Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum.

Dr. Carmen Dones, Education Committee Chair, called the Education Committee to order at **9:31 a.m.**, completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with all five (5) members present.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (b): Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

Committee Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (c): Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Permanent Student Enrollment Increase with Distance Education at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Ms. Lori Laughter, University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program (UOP) Director, stated UOP was seeking approval from the Board to increase enrollment by two (2) students at UOP’s San Francisco facility. Additionally, Ms. Laughter and Dr. Elisa Chavez, Professor of Diagnostic Sciences and Director of the Pacific Center for Equity and Oral Health, stated UOP was seeking approval from the Board to increase enrollment by

four (4) students through the addition of a remote education delivery option for students living in rural areas and communities known to be healthcare underserved. She stated by increasing UOP’s enrollment through the creation of synchronous learning programs in areas that are geographically remote from UOP’s main campus will allow students to be educated in their community and remain in underserved areas after licensure to provide care to their local communities. Ms. Laughter provided the specifics as to how UOP intended to provide remote education RDH students to ensure consistency with delivery to the RDH students enrolled in UOP’s San Francisco campus.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the Permanent Student Enrollment Increase at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program, San Francisco campus.

Second: Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal.

Committee Member discussion: Executive Officer (EO) Anthony Lum praised UOP for their idea and their commitment to increasing access to education.

Committee Member King requested clarity as to the delivery of education at the distant site. Ms. Laughter clarified the education at the distance site would be synchronous with a faculty member present in the classroom, and provided the same degree as students at the San Francisco campus.

Public comment: Elena Francisco, UOP faculty, thanked the Board for their support and seeing UOP’s vision as there is a tremendous need in the underserved communities.

A student at Southwestern College requested clarification as to the distance portion of UOP’s education. Ms. Laughter clarified the education at the distance site would be synchronous with a faculty member present in the classroom.

Vote: Motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the Permanent Student Enrollment Increase with Distance Education at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program. Passed 4:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones, Chair	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long			Recused
Justin Matthews	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

7. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (d): Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Clinical Facility Increase at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Dr. Michelle Hurlbutt, West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program (WCU) Dean stated WCU was seeking approval from the Board to increase the program’s facilities to allow for a larger simulation/dental materials lab. She stated WCU educates a maximum of 125 students at a time, having five (5) cohorts of 25 students. Dr. Hurlbutt added this expansion will allow WCU to allow students to make up missed lab sessions, or provide additional time to students needing additional lab training. She stated WCU will add nine (9) additional hygiene units with radiography, totaling 39 units, 15 with radiography capabilities, which will provide WCU with more flexibility in scheduling.

Motion: Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the Clinical Facility Increase at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Second: Michael Long.

Committee Member discussion: Committee Member Long stated he was reviewing past agendas and that there was a comment where WCU was satisfactorily passed but there was a lack of space. He commended WCU for moving forward to create additional space and addressing it, even though they are in compliance.

Committee Chair Dones thanked WCU for making more space for dental hygiene students as there is a shortage of dental hygienists.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the Clinical Facility Increase at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program. Passed 5:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones, Chair	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

8. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (e): Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of the Pasadena City College Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Dr. Adina Petty reported that DHBC staff conducted a site visit on October 12, 2022, of the Pasadena City College Dental Hygiene Educational Program (PCC). She stated based on the results of the site visit, it was noted that evidence of program compliance with the minimum Dental Hygiene Educational Program (DHEP) standards set by the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) was deficient.

Dr. Petty stated that at the Board's November 18, 2023 Full Board Meeting, the Board reviewed DHBC staff reports and documentation provided by PCC, and the Board expressed concerns regarding the "R" Building Educational and Facility Master Plan Project schedule, which addresses the timeline for the proposed "R" Building renovation, which includes the new dental education and clinical space in support of the PCC. She reported the Board stated the timeline for PCC to complete its intended plan is unacceptable as it is for multiple years and the PCC will be operating at full capacity while non-compliant of the law.

Adrine Reganian, PCC Director, and Dr. Micah Young, PCC Dean of Health Sciences were present in person, and Dr. Laura Ramirez, PCC Assistant Superintendent and Vice President of Instruction, and Mr. Alex Boekelheide, PCC Executive Director Strategic Communications and Marketing were present online. The PCC representatives were provided time to provide a narrative regarding PCC's commitment to correcting deficiencies, as well as for being available to answer the Board's questions.

Initially the Board proposed to issue a citation and place PCC on probation regarding their noncompliance with the DHBC's laws and regulations. However, Dr. Young stated if PCC receives a citation, the citation would hinder PCC's ability to receive funding to correct PCC's cited deficiencies in DHBC law and regulation.

Motion: Due to the Education Committee's concerns regarding continued dental hygiene program operations deficient of the law, Justin Matthews moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to place PCC on probation for two years with quarterly updating reporting requirements on their progression toward compliance.

Second: Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal.

Committee Member discussion: A robust discussion took place regarding PCC's deficiencies and as to the timeline projected for PCC to become in full compliance with the Board. The motion reflected a revision of removing the citation and only placing them on probation due to the school's comments about affecting the potential for them to obtain grant funding for their programs. The Board was unaware of the potential funding impact and accepted the comments as presented until research could be completed.

Public comment: J Petrillo, RDH, Board Trustee for the Long Beach CDHA Component and 1985 PCC graduate, stated they want to support PCC and honor the legacy and great work PCC provided through the years. They stated they are in support of upgrading the facility, and hope “the powers that be” need to know they need to get the facility upgraded and really work on it.

Vote: Motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to place PCC on probation for two years with quarterly updating reporting requirements on their progression toward compliance. Passed 5:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

9. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (f): Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Dr. Adina Petty reported DHBC staff conducted a site visit at the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program (Taft) on February 21 - 22, 2024. She stated this site visit was generated due to the review of Taft’s Self Study as prepared for CODA, as well as to the Board’s oversight goals to review all DHEPs in California. She stated evidence of program compliance with the minimum DHEP standards set by the Business and Professions Code (BPC), CCR, and CODA was deficient.

Dr. Petty stated Taft was determined to have seven violations, with the most egregious of violations being that Taft failed to ensure dental hygiene students completed all requirements for graduation established by the Board and CODA. Therefore, several 2022 and 2023 graduates did not meet all program requirements to receive licensure as verified through reviewed documentation. She stated these students obtained licensure based on notification from the program (letters from the program director) that their required competencies were completed. However, as discovered during the site visit, the students did not complete their competencies to be issued a dental hygiene license in California.

Dr. Vickie Kimbrough, Taft Director, was provided time to provide a narrative regarding Taft’s commitment to correcting deficiencies, as well as for being available to answer the Board’s questions.

Initially the Board proposed to issue a citation, fine, and place Taft on probation regarding their noncompliance with DHBC laws and regulations. However, Dr. Kimbrough stated if Taft receives a citation, the citation would hinder Taft's ability to receive funding to correct Taft's cited deficiencies in DHBC laws and regulations. The Board was unaware of the potential funding impact and accepted the comments as presented until research could be completed.

Motion: Carmen Dones moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to issue a fine of \$2,000 (\$1,000 each for the years of 2022 and 2023 graduations) and place the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program on three-years' probation with quarterly updating reporting requirements to ensure compliance of the law.

Second: Michael Long.

Committee Member discussion: A robust discussion took place regarding Taft's deficiencies. The motion reflected a revision of removing the citation and only placing them on probation and issuing fines due to the school's comments about affecting the potential for them to obtain grant funding for their programs.

Additionally, Committee Member Long stated a rubric for punitive measures needs to be established when presented with these DHEP concerns.

Public comment: Dr. Michelle Hurlbutt stated her concern is a lack of consistency regarding punitive measures the Education Committee is taking regarding the different DHEPs, and urged the Education Committee to establish set guidelines.

Committee Member King stated a fine is appropriate due to the deficiencies Taft has regarding graduating students who haven't completed all requirements, whereas PCC has facility concerns. EO Lum added that the egregiousness of Taft's deficiencies warrant the fine and specific probationary timeframe.

Dr. Tracy Montez, Executive Officer of the Dental Board of California (DBC), stated she was speaking in her former role as DCA's Chief of the Division of Programs and Policy Review who oversees the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) who helped with the decision to remove the Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination requirement. She stated she echoes the Education Committee's sentiment that this is about graduating students lacking competency completion. She stated one of the reason why OPES recommended removal of the Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination requirement was because the DHEPs were doing an excellent job at utilizing these clinical competencies to establish minimum competence. Dr. Montez urged the Education Committee to ensure the effectiveness of DHEPs so the Board would not have to bring back a Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination requirement.

Lisa Huitron, current student at West Los Angeles College, stated that between PCC having a facility problem where the facility is outdated and Taft not meeting state requirements is significantly different. She stated she has been in the dental field over 20

years and seeing her requirements as a dental hygiene student, she thinks it would be a great disservice to not make every DHEP fully required to meet all requirements before their students can continue on in the program and prior to taking the board exam.

Vote: Motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to issue a fine of \$2,000 (\$1,000 each for the years of 2022 and 2023 graduations) and place the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program on three-years' probation with quarterly updating reporting requirements to ensure compliance of the law. Passed 5:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones, Chair	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

10. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (g): Dental Hygiene Educational Program Site Visit Update and Site Visit Schedule.

Dr. Adina Petty reported on the current status of the following DHEPs: PCC [as reported in Education Committee Agenda Item (e)], Carrington College-Sacramento Campus, Carrington College-San Jose Campus, Cypress College, and Taft College [as reported in Education Committee Agenda Item (f)].

Dr. Petty additionally provided the current site visit schedule for the California DHEPs.

Committee member comment: Committee Member Tribble-Agarwal stated to be consistent with holding all DHEPs accountable, she requested the Carrington College – Sacramento Dental Hygiene Educational Program (Carrington-Sacramento) be placed on the July Board meeting agenda as an action item as they had a number of violations and feels they should be placed on probation.

Public comment: None.

11. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (h): Future Agenda Items.

Committee Member comment: Committee Member Tribble-Agarwal stated to be consistent with holding all DHEPs accountable, she requested Carrington-Sacramento be placed on the July Board meeting agenda as an action item as they had a number of violations and feels they should be placed on probation.

Public comment: Dr. Vickie Kimbrough, Taft Director, recommended the Board consider adding graduation portfolios for dental hygiene students.

Dr. Michelle Hurlbutt recommended the Board request a list of competencies and skills from each DHEP versus requesting a portfolio.

Dr. Tracy Montez, DBC Executive Officer, stated the DBC has a legislative proposal asking to remove the portfolio exam. She stated the portfolio has not worked as intended and there have not been any candidates submitting their portfolio since 2020.

Jessica Fagan, Carrington-Sacramento Dean of Curriculum, stated that Carrington-Sacramento is in compliance with the Board in all but one outstanding item that they are working with Dr. Petty to become in full compliance.

12. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item (i): Adjournment of the Education Committee.

Chair Dones adjourned the Education Committee at **11:53 a.m.**

13. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (a): Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum.

Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Legislation and Regulatory Committee Chair, called the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to order at **1:01 p.m.**, completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with all five (5) members present.

14. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (b): Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

Committee Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

15. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (c): Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Responses to Comments and Continue Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1105. Faculty to Student Ratio.

Dr. Adina Petty provided the history on proposed regulatory language for 16 CCR section 1105 regarding the faculty to student ratio in DHEPs. She stated the regulatory package was prepared by staff, submitted to OAL, and noticed for the initial 45-day public comment period, and during the public comment period, the Board received 66 comments. Dr. Petty stated of the 66 letters, 64 were in support of this proposal and came from a variety of current students, past students, and faculty members. Additionally, one comment (the California Dental Association) raised general concerns about workforce shortages, but stated they were neutral on the proposal, and the remaining comment was initially a letter of support, followed up with an email stating that they were in favor of the 1:6 ratio.

Dr. Petty recommended for the Committee to consider and approve the responses drafted to address public comments received during the 45-day comment period on the Board's proposed regulation regarding faculty to student ratios, and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105(b)(4) as noticed.

Motion: Michael Long moved for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Board to approve the responses drafted to address public comments received during the 45-day comment period on the Board's proposed regulation regarding faculty to student ratios, and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105(b)(4) as noticed.

Second: Carmen Dones.

Committee Member discussion: Committee Member Long, as a current faculty member at UOP, is in favor of a 1:5 faculty to student ratio.

Public comment: Tooka Zokaie, California Dental Association (CDA), stated that CDA was the neutral letter received by the Board. She stated she wanted to respectfully urge the Board to continue the dialog about this moving forward as faculty to student ratios. She stated CDA's letter dealt with overarching challenges the faculty to student ratios aim to address. She asked the Board to monitor changes with graduation rates, challenges with program retention, and how waitlists and ratios are working for the school.

Andrea Siyluy, a member of CDHA, stated she was against raising the faculty to student ratio to 1:6. She indicated when she was a student, she remembers how time and attention was divided when there were four (4) students to one faculty member. She detailed the clinical process she experienced when she was in school, and stated that the time taken away from students will increase the possibility for students to be overlooked. She stated there is a reason California set the standard for dental hygiene and the Nation, and if the ratio is increased, it will affect the quality of care received by patients.

Diane Loera, Cerritos College DHEP Director, stated she is in favor of retaining the 1:5 faculty to student ratio. She stated she wasn't sure how this started, or where the intent to change to 1:6 came from. She stated the 1:6 would not solve the number of students admitted to a DHEP, as the DHEP has the same infrastructure that can only accommodate 24 students. Ms. Loera stated with the current climate, and as student needs are much more diverse, students require much more attention in order to ensure the quality of students colleges produce. She states this is not only in dental hygiene, but across all technical education.

"Martun", recent graduate from the Central Valley, opposes a 1:6 faculty to student ratio. He stated that by raising the ratio you are not taking into account that it is not just increasing the number of students a licensed faculty member has to monitor and check, but increasing the number of patients that licensed faculty member has to monitor and check.

He states that the standard of care should be considered, and the patients have a right to professional care.

Lisa Huitron, West Los Angeles College, stated she wrote a letter to the Board and that she hopes the faculty to student ratio remains 1:5. She states it is difficult enough currently to be able to work with instructors without feeling that as students they are being rushed through or feeling like they are taking time away from other students when they have a question. She would like a 1:4 ratio, but knows that is not the current issue. Ms. Huitron states moving to a 1:6 ratio would be a great disservice to not only the staff and students, but to the patients.

Jenae Zappia, 2023 graduate, states the 1:6 faculty to student ratio takes away from the students and faculty when the students are learning the fundamentals of dental hygiene care. She states it is already difficult and students struggle with the current 1:5 ratio. She states a 1:6 ratio would not support producing high quality dental hygienists, and that our top priority should be a commitment to excellence in dental hygiene.

Tiffany Mosqueda, Orange County Society Trustee, stated the decision to remove the live clinical board exam was based on the 1:5 faculty to student ratio. She states that changing it to 1:6 can really affect the skills of the students graduating from these DHEPs. Ms. Mosqueda provided her personal experience with faculty availability, and stated if the ratio is increased, it will not be in the patient’s best interest.

Vote: Motion for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Board to approve the responses drafted to address public comments received during the 45-day comment period on the Board’s proposed regulation regarding faculty to student ratios, and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105(b)(4) as noticed. Passed 3:0:2.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Chair	X		
Carmen Dones			X
Sonia “Pat” Hansen			X
Michael Long	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		

16. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (d): Regulatory Update: Status of Dental Hygiene Board of California Regulatory Packages.

Dr. Adina Petty reported as to the current status of DHBC proposed regulatory packages completed and in process for the Board. Additionally, she provided an overview of the regulatory process.

Committee Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

17. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (e): Legislative Update: Bills of Interest and Legislative Calendar.

Dr. Adina Petty reported as to current legislation of interest to the Board, as well as reporting on the current legislative calendar.

Motion: Carmen Dones moved for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the proposed positions as follows:

Legislation	DHBC Position
AB (Assembly Bill) 1891 (Weber): Community colleges: allied health programs.	Support.
AB 2242 (Carrillo, Wendy): Dentistry: dental assistants.	Watch.
AB 2269 (Flora): Board membership qualifications: public members.	Watch.
AB 2701 (Villapudua): Medi-Cal: dental cleanings and examinations.	Support.
AB 2862 (Gipson): Licenses: African American applicants.	Watch.
AB 2920 (Reyes): Dentistry: dental schools.	Watch.
AB 3127 (McKinnor): Reporting of crimes: mandated reporters.	Watch.
AB 3175 (Villapudua): Health care coverage: dental services.	Watch.
SB (Senate Bill) 1067 (Smallwood-Cuevas): Healing arts: expedited licensure process: medically underserved area or population.	Watch.
SB 1369 (Limón): Dental providers: fee-based payments.	Watch.
SB 1385 (Roth): Professions and vocations.	Watch.
SB 1451 (Ashby): Professions and vocations.	Support.
SB 1453 (Ashby): Dentistry: board meetings.	Watch.

Second: Sridevi Ponnala.

Committee Member discussion: Discussion took place regarding the proposed legislation and their positions.

Public comment: Susan McLearn, CDHA, stated CDHA strongly supports AB 2701 requiring the Medi-Cal dental program to provide two (2) cleanings and examinations per year for their beneficiaries and would appreciate the Board providing support to this bill.

Tooka Zokaie, CDA, stated CDA also recommends a support position for AB 2701. She stated over half of states cover two (2) cleanings and prevention visits per year for their beneficiaries, but California does not currently offer the basic preventative benefit for adults. She stated the prevalence of dental disease is disproportionately high among lower income beneficiaries. Additionally, Ms. Zokaie stated CDA opposes SB 1451 stating the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) has never removed designated Dental Healthcare Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSA), and have increased over the past five (5) years creating additional regions for practices. She stated the DHPSA areas are based on the presence of a dentist, so any increase of RDHAPs would not jeopardize the DHPSA. Finally, Ms. Zokaie stated CDA is in support of AB 1891 as community colleges continue to be one of the most financially accessible pathways into the dental hygiene profession for students, and this bill would create a more dynamic and inclusive admission process by evaluating candidates more holistically, and providing a more diverse health workforce in California.

Vote: Motion for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Full Board to the take the following positions. Passed 5:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Chair	X		
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Michael Long	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		

18. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (f): Future Agenda Items.

Committee Member comment: Committee Member Dones asked staff to research creating legislation to mimic AB 936 (Wood, 2023) for dental hygiene students.

Public comment: None.

19. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item (g): Adjournment of the Legislative and Regulatory Committee Meeting.

Chair Tribble-Agarwal adjourned the Education Committee at **1:55 p.m.**

20. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 4: Roll call and re-establishment of quorum.

President Dones re-called the Full Board Meeting to order at **1:57 p.m.**, completed the roll call, and a quorum was re-established with all seven (7) members present.

21. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 5: President's Report.

President Dones stated she has been very busy with her and EO Lum meeting a few times per month for updates on Board issues needing her attention. She reported that since the November Board meeting, she has participated in a few Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Board Leadership meetings to obtain updates from the department on various issues such as the current state budget situation and process, staff's return to the office and mandated use of telework, and changes to the methods we are allowed to conduct open meetings.

President Dones stated she and EO Lum reviewed the results from his performance evaluation the Board completed in November, and that in February, she participated in the DCA President's Training session. Additionally, she welcomed the Board's newest board member, Michael Long, RDHAP Member, who was present for his first meeting.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

22. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 6: Update from the Department of Consumer Affairs Executive Staff.

Yvonne Dorantes, Assistant Deputy Director, DCA Member Relations welcomed Board Member Long and reported the following:

a. **Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency Update:**

Ms. Dorantes stated last month, the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency officially welcomed Secretary Tomiquia Moss. DCA welcomed her and stated they look forward to working with her.

b. **Budget Letter 23-27 - Current Year Expenditure Reductions:**

Ms. Dorantes reminded the Board of the Department of Finance's (DOF) Budget Letter that directed all State agencies under the Governor to take immediate action to reduce current year expenditures, with certain exceptions for time-sensitive, emergency-related,

mission-critical, or information security (IT) needs. She stated DCA thanks the Board for doing their part to reduce expenses and find cost savings as part of the collective state agency effort.

c. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update:**

Ms. Dorantes stated the DEI Steering Committee will hold its next meeting on April 5th. The Committee will discuss DEI actions, priorities, and language access, and will elect a new Chairperson.

She reported that DEI training opportunities continue to be a priority for DCA, and stated DCA's SOLID trainers underwent a DEI certification program with the University of Massachusetts in April of last year. Ms. Dorantes stated that before this certification, SOLID offered 3 DEI related courses for employees, but after obtaining certification, SOLID developed 11 new courses with 2,079 DEI course completions in 2023.

Ms. Dorantes reminded the Board of the training courses available to Board members on DCA's Learning Management System, including a recent training addition titled "How Leaders Navigate DEI Dialogue in the Workplace" which offers tools for effective conversations, psychological safety and how it impacts these conversations, and includes discussion around challenges leaders are facing. She stated this training is available online and can be completed at the Board Member's convenience.

d. **Legislative Hearing: Interstate Licensure Compacts:**

Ms. Dorantes stated DCA Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer was invited by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development (BP & ED Committee), to testify last month at an informational hearing focused on interstate licensure compacts. She stated Director Kirchmeyer discussed the impact of licensing compacts on consumer protection, licensees, and boards and bureaus, as well as the Legislature; answered questions from the BP & ED Committee and provided examples demonstrating that compacts are not a one size fits all solution, and that there are many factors for the Legislature to consider, including the priorities of consumer protection and licensing standards that should not be compromised or lowered. She stated Director Kirchmeyer reported 17 of the 36 (47%) boards and bureaus under DCA offer some form of reciprocity already, and that with several bills recently introduced proposing licensure compacts for DCA boards, DCA will continue to work with the Legislature on this issue.

e. **Complaint Prioritization and Referral Guidelines for Healing Arts Boards - Effective March 1, 2024**

Ms. Dorantes reported that in collaboration with the DCA Executive Leadership Team and the Executive Officer/Bureau Chief Cabinet, DCA's Division of Investigation (DOI) updated the Complaint Prioritization and Referral Guidelines for Healing Arts Boards. The guidelines were shared with Board leadership, and as of March 1, 2024, these guidelines should be used when determining which complaints to refer to DOI and what can remain with each respective program. Of note, referral guidelines for the professions and vocations boards/bureaus are in progress and will be completed soon.

f. **Look Ahead**

Ms. Dorantes reminded the Board members to file their required “Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) within 30 days of their appointment, annually, and within 30 days of leaving office. She stated this year’s annual filing period covers the prior calendar year (January 1 through December 31, 2023). The official deadline for filing is Tuesday, April 2, 2024. She stated to ensure compliance, DCA requests that Form 700 filers complete the e-filing by Friday, March 15, 2024, and that the Board members should have received an email from Netfile with instructions on how to file your Annual Form 700.

g. **Board Member Orientation Training – March 27, 2024**

Ms. Dorantes reminded the Board members to complete Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT) within one year of appointment and re-appointment. She stated BMOT training provides an important overview of the roles and responsibilities of a board member, and access to the variety of resources and support DCA has to offer. She stated Board Members can register through DCA’s Learning Management System, as well as the training will also be offered virtually on June 18, 2024, as well as on October 22, 2024.

23. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 7: Update from the Dental Board of California.

Dr. Tracy Montez, Dental Board of California’s (DBC) Executive Officer, reported that on March 12, the DBC had its Sunset Oversight Hearing. She stated the hearing went well, with questions focusing on foreign dental schools and dental assisting workforce shortages. She added both items be more fully addressed in the Board’s Sunset responses. Dr. Montez stated to help prepare for DBC’s Sunset Hearing, staff watched the DHBC’s Sunset Hearing last year, which allowed the DBC to be better prepared for questions.

Dr. Montez stated she will be meeting with EO Lum to discuss workforce data collection and trends, among other items, the week of March 25, 2024. She stated the DBC continues to process applications and complaints timely. Additionally, the DBC anticipates taking positions on various legislative bills at their May 14-15, 2024 DBC meeting in Anaheim, California. Dr. Montez stated she looks forward to continuing to work with the DHBC and EO Lum.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

24. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 8: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the November 18, 2023, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved to approve the November 18, 2023, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Second: Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion to approve the November 18, 2023, Full Board Meeting Minutes. Passed 7:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

25. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 9: Executive Officer’s Report (Informational Only).

Executive Officer (EO) Anthony Lum reported on the following:

a. Personnel:

EO Lum reported executive staff continue to work to fill our vacant positions, with two vacancies remaining. He stated the Board hired a new Special Investigator, welcomed Paul Corbin, and stated he is doing a fantastic job in working our enforcement cases. Additionally, EO Lum stated the Board filled the Citation and Fine Analyst position in December and recently filled the Board’s continuing education auditor position.

b. Budget:

EO Lum provided the latest Budget Expenditure and Revenue Reports to the Board and reported the DHBC’s current year budget along with a forecast of the anticipated amount to be spent for the rest of the year. He stated that the revenue amount will fluctuate throughout the year depending on the number of license renewals and applications the Board receives in a given month.

Additionally, EO Lum reported on the Board’s Fund Condition (FC) which shows a point-in-time of how much the Board has in the Board’s “savings account” by fiscal year. He stated that the FC is healthy, and a good safety net in the instance additional funds are needed to cover new expenses.

c. Administration:

EO Lum reported he participated in several meetings with DCA on various topics including departmental and Board issues; Leadership and Cabinet meetings; budget, legislation, and regulations; conducted interviews to fill vacant positions; and participated in a council meeting with the Dept. of Health Care Information and Access (HCAI) as they are wanting to learn more about the RDHAP license and how they provide their services to underserved areas.

Additionally, EO Lum reported he participated in the Dental Board’s February Board meeting and thanked them for working with the Board to eventually remove as much dental hygiene oversight language as possible from their laws as it is now the responsibility of the DHBC.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

26. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 10: Discussion and Possible Action on Education Committee Report and Recommendation(s).

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones reported on Education Committee Agenda Item (c) regarding “Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Permanent Student Enrollment Increase with Distance Education at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program (UOP).”

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Board to approve the Permanent Student Enrollment Increase at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program, San Francisco campus.

Second: Sherman King.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to approve the Permanent Student Enrollment Increase at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program, San Francisco campus. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Michael Long			Recused
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Board to approve the Permanent Student Enrollment Increase with Distance Education at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Second: Sherman King.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to approve the Permanent Student Enrollment Increase with Distance Education at the University of Pacific Dental Hygiene Educational Program. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long			Recused
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones reported on Education Committee Agenda Item (d) regarding “Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Clinical Facility Increase at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program (WCU).”

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Board to approve the Clinical Facility Increase at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to approve the Clinical Facility Increase at the West Coast University Dental Hygiene Educational Program. Passed 7:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones reported on Education Committee Agenda Item (e) regarding “Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of the Pasadena City College Dental Hygiene Educational Program (PCC).”

Motion: Michael Long moved for the Board to place the Pasadena City College Dental Hygiene Educational Program on probation for two years with quarterly updating reporting requirements on their progression toward compliance.

Second: Sonia “Pat” Hansen.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to place the Pasadena City College Dental Hygiene Educational Program on probation for two years with quarterly updating reporting requirements on their progression toward compliance. Passed 7:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones reported on Education Committee Agenda Item (f) regarding “Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program.”

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Board to issue a fine of \$2,000 (\$1,000 each for the years of 2022 and 2023 graduations) and place the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program on three-years’ probation with quarterly updating reporting requirements to ensure compliance of the law.

Second: Sherman King.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to issue a fine of \$2,000 (\$1,000 each for the years of 2022 and 2023 graduations) and place the Taft College Dental Hygiene Educational Program on three-years’ probation with quarterly updating reporting requirements to ensure compliance of the law. Passed 7:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones reported on the Education Committee informational items.

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Board to accept the Education Committee report.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to accept the Education Committee report. Passed 7:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

27. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 11: Discussion and Possible Action on Legislative and Regulatory Committee Report and Recommendation(s).

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported on Legislative and Regulatory Committee Agenda Item (c) regarding “Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Responses to Comments and Continue Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1105. Faculty to Student Ratio.”

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Board to approve the responses drafted to address public comments received during the 45-day comment period on the Board’s proposed regulation regarding faculty to student ratios and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105(b)(4) as noticed.

Second: Sherman King

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion to approve the responses drafted to address public comments received during the 45-day comment period on the Board’s proposed regulation regarding faculty to student ratios and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105(b)(4) as noticed. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones			Abstain
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported on Legislative and Regulatory Committee Agenda Item (e) regarding “Legislative Update: Bills of Interest and Legislative Calendar.”

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Board to approve the proposed positions as follows:

Legislation	DHBC Position
AB 1891 (Weber): Community colleges: allied health programs.	Support.
AB 2242 (Carrillo, Wendy): Dentistry: dental assistants.	Watch.
AB 2269 (Flora): Board membership qualifications: public members.	Watch.
AB 2701 (Villapudua): Medi-Cal: dental cleanings and examinations.	Support.
AB 2862 (Gipson): Licenses: African American applicants.	Watch.
AB 2920 (Reyes): Dentistry: dental schools.	Watch.
AB 3127 (McKinnor): Reporting of crimes: mandated reporters.	Watch.
AB 3175 (Villapudua): Health care coverage: dental services.	Watch.

Legislation	DHBC Position
SB 1067 (Smallwood-Cuevas): Healing arts: expedited licensure process: medically underserved area or population.	Watch.
SB 1369 (Limón): Dental providers: fee-based payments.	Watch.
SB 1385 (Roth): Professions and vocations.	Watch
SB 1451 (Ashby): Professions and vocations.	Support.
SB 1453 (Ashby): Dentistry: board meetings.	Watch.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Allison Wagstaff, CDHA Government Relation Council, asked to confirm AB 1891 and AB 2701 were changed from a “Watch” position to a “Support” position. EO Lum confirmed AB 1891 and AB 2701 were changed from a “Watch” position to a “Support” position.

Vote: Motion to approve the proposed positions as stated. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Abstain
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported on the Legislative and Regulatory Committee informational items.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee report.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee report. Passed 7:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

28. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: Enforcement Update: Statistical Report (Informational Only).

EO Lum reported due to time constraints for travel arrangements, and as agenda item 12’s content is in the meeting packet as a statistical report update for information only, he asked if there were any Board Member or Public Comments on the materials in lieu of a presentation.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

29. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: Licensing and Examination Statistics and Continuing Education Audits Update (Informational Only).

EO Lum reported due to time constraints for travel arrangements, and as agenda item 13’s content is available in the meeting packet as a statistical report update for information only, he asked if there were any Board Member or Public Comments on the materials in lieu of a presentation.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

30. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 14: Future Agenda Items.

1. Board Member Tribble-Agarwal requested for requested the Carrington College – Sacramento Dental Hygiene Educational Program be placed on the July Board meeting agenda as an action item.
2. Board Member Dones asked staff to research creating legislation to mimic AB 936 (Wood, 2023) for dental hygiene students.
3. Susan McLearan, California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA), requested additional questions to be added to the “Dental Hygiene License Renewal Survey” on or before the next Board meeting. She stated the questions would be to determine if and how licenses are being used in order to obtain a full and accurate assessment of the dental hygiene community workforce.

31. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 15: Closed Session.

The Board met in Closed Session to deliberate on enforcement disciplinary actions and decisions to be reached in Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings.

32. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 16: Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at **4:00 p.m.**