



Dental Hygiene Board of California Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Dental Hygiene Board of California Headquarters
2005 Evergreen Street
1st Floor Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95815

DHBC Members Present:

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

DHBC Staff Present:

Anthony Lum, Executive Officer
Albert Law, Assistant Executive Officer
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

Sonia “Pat” Hansen, Acting President of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC, Board), reviewed meeting guidelines and called the meeting to order at **9:08 a.m.** Board Secretary Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with eight (8) members present.

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

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

3. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 3: President's Report.

Sonia "Pat" Hansen filled the role of Acting President due to the completion of Dr. Carmen Dones term. The Board thanks Dr. Dones for her commitment and support of the Board.

Acting President Hansen reported she participated in the Department of Consumer Affairs's (DCA) February 2025 President's Training where they reviewed the role and responsibilities of the officer position.

Acting President Hansen stated she and Executive Officer (EO) Lum met at least twice a month for that past couple of months for updates on Board issues and for items that need her attention.

Lastly, the Acting President shared that she has been working on enforcement cases with Board staff to continue to move forward with pending cases of concern to the Board.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

4. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 4: Update from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Executive Staff.

Judie Bucciarelli, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Board and Bureau Relations Representative, reported on the following:

a. Fire Response

On January 29th, 2025, Governor Newsom released Executive Order N-15-25 providing quick recovery relief for local businesses by deferring renewal fees and waiving other fees for DCA licensees in the Los Angeles wildfire areas.

Specific DCA provisions included the following:

DCA licensees whose licenses expire between January 1st and July 1st, 2025, will be granted a one year extension to pay their renewal fees if their business or residence address is in certain zip codes impacted by the fires. Licensees will still need to renew their license, but their fees will be postponed for one year.

In addition, duplicate or replacement licenses, including wall certificates will be provided free of charge until January 7th, 2026, and delinquency fees are suspended until July 1st, 2025, for those in the impacted areas.

DCA met with Board and Bureau leadership on January 29, 2025, to discuss the Executive Order and its implementation. DCA provided messaging to the Boards and Bureaus for dissemination to the impacted licensees, as well as consistent messaging for use on all DCA Board and Bureau websites. Boards and Bureaus have shared the

Executive Order and fee deferral opportunity with their stakeholders. DCA sincerely appreciates the quick and personal outreach by the Boards and Bureaus to impacted licensees.

Each DCA Board and Bureau website was updated with information for individuals impacted by the fires. DCA's Office of Information Services Information Technology team developed landing pages for all online databases so licensees going through the renewal process will receive information regarding the fee deferral when going to renew their license online.

DCA has a dedicated "Disaster Help Center" webpage accessible at www.dca.ca.gov that includes information on the Executive Order, Frequently Asked Questions, and other important resources that may be helpful to licensees and survivors as they navigate the rebuilding process.

Additionally, DCA has a toll-free phone number (1-800-799-8314) and email (cafires@dca.ca.gov), which are both available for fire survivors needing assistance.

DCA is grateful to the Governor for the opportunity to assist DCA's licensees in their time of unprecedented need. DCA thanked DCA's Board and Bureau leadership for their continued partnership and commitment to help all survivors.

b. Governor's 2025-26 Proposed State Budget

Governor Newsom released his proposed 2025-26 State Budget on January 10, 2025. In addition, DCA's vacancy reduction and government efficiency plans were approved by the Department of Finance and may be made official in the Spring revisions.

The Governor remains committed to funding resources to address California's housing and homelessness crisis. Included in the Governor's proposed budget is the creation of a dedicated California Housing and Homeless Agency. DCA and other regulators currently under the Business and Consumer Services and Housing Agency would form a Consumer Protection Agency.

This provides an extraordinary opportunity for DCA to better align with other consumer protection entities as one Consumer Protection Agency. With a Consumer Protection Agency Secretary within the Governor's cabinet, this opportunity will strengthen DCA's mission, momentum and delivery of services to California.

The Governor's reorganization proposal will be reviewed by the non-partisan Little Hoover Commission and the Legislature this Spring. As more information is available, DCA will continue to keep Board and Bureau Leadership updated.

c. Hybrid Telework Transition

On March 3, 2025, Governor Newsom issued an executive order requiring all State agencies and departments to update their hybrid telework policies for employees and

increase from two to four days in office per week beginning on July 1, 2025. On March 13, 2025, the California Department of Human Resources issued guidance on implementation of the executive order. The guidance provides defined parameters for when agencies and departments can make case-by-case exceptions to the four-day in-office minimum requirement. DCA is working closely with Business and Consumer Services Housing Agency on next steps and will be meeting next week to discuss this transition with Board and Bureau Leadership.

d. Board and Bureau Relations Team Update

Ms. Bucciarelli shared an update regarding DCA's Board and Bureau Relations (BBR) Team. Yvonne Dorantes served as the Assistant Deputy Director of BBR since October of 2022. On December 6, 2025¹, the Governor Newsom appointed Yvonne as the Assistant Deputy Director of Legislative and Government Affairs at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Her last day at DCA was December 31, 2024.

Melissa Gear was appointed by the Governor Newsom as Deputy Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs at the Department of Health Care Access and Information on February 14, 2025. She has been with DCA since September of 2022. Her last day with DCA was February 28, 2025.

DCA appreciates Melissa and Yvonne's dedication to the DCA and wish them well in their new roles. Moving forward, any questions or matters that individuals may need assistance with should be sent to BBR's email at: MembersRelations@dca.ca.gov.

e. State Close

Ms. Bucciarelli thanked Board staff for their continued hard work and thanked the Board for their dedicated services on behalf of California consumers.

Board Member comment: Member Long asked if there is an update on DCA's rollout of updating all the DCA Board and Bureaus' websites. EO Lum stated that he is in constant communication with the department and can update the Board when information is received.

Member Elginer thanked Ms. Bucciarelli and DCA for their efforts in ensuring that those impacted by the wildfires receive assistance and accommodation from DCA and the DCA Boards and Bureaus.

Member Elginer asked if there is a published organization chart. EO Lum responded that he will send her a copy.

Public comment: None.

5. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 5: Update from the Dental Board of California (DBC).

Dr. Steven Chan, President of the Dental Board (DBC) thanked Executive Officer Lum and members of the Dental Hygiene Board for the opportunity to provide this update.

Dr. Chan reported on the following:

- He congratulated Joanne Pacheco on her appointment to the Dental Hygiene Board upon her departure from the DBC. He stated that Ms. Pacheco was a valued member of the DBC.
- The DBC held its most recent board meeting on February 6 – 7, 2025. The next Board meeting will be held on May 14 – 15, 2025, in Anaheim.
- The Board's Executive Officer, Tracy Montez, retired. Dr. Chan acknowledged her leadership and commitment to the DBC. The DBC is currently recruiting to fill this position.
- At the February 6 – 7, 2025, DBC meeting, the proposed regulations regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control received additional comments. The DBC sent this proposal back to the working group to address the comments and will be bringing this back before the DBC at the May 14 – 15, 2025, DBC meeting.
- The DBC continues to process licensing applications within its statutory mandates, address access to care concerns, and be responsive to consumers of dental services.
- The DBC will be creating its strategic plan this year as the current strategic plan expires at the end of 2025.
- Dr. Chan stated that he looks forward to the continued partnership with the DHBC, especially as they continue to update the DBC's dental assisting regulations.

Board Member comment: Executive Officer (EO) Anthony Lum and Acting President Hansen expressed gratitude to Dr. Chan for DBC's cooperation with the DHBC and hopes to continue that collaboration between the two boards in the future.

Public comment: None.

6. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 6: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the November 15, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved to approve the November 15, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: Member Elginer stated that there was an error on November 15, 2024, Board Meeting minutes on page 54 that should be corrected from 2025 to 2024.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion to approve the November 15, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes, as amended. Passed 5:0:3.

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

7. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 7: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the November 16, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Michael Long moved to approve the November 16, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: Member Long stated that there was a typo on page 22 of the November 16, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. The correction will replace the word ‘rations’ with ‘ratios’. Dr. Petty stated there was a date error on page 25 of the November 16, 2024, Board Meeting minutes, and should be corrected from 2025 to 2024.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion to approve the November 16, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes, as amended. Passed 5:0:3.

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

8. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 8: Dental Hygiene Board of California Election of Officers.

EO Lum stated that the reason for another Election of Officers is being conducted due to the prior President, Carmen Dones, who was voted as President in November 2024, was not reappointed in January after her term expired at the end of December 2024. He presented the Board members with the process of nominating a new president.

Nominations for President: Member Long moved for the Board to accept the nomination of Joanne Pacheco as President for 2025.

Justin Matthews seconded the nomination.

Member Joanne Pacheco accepted the nomination for the Office of President for 2025.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

Nominations: Motion for the Board to accept Joanne Pacheco as President for 2025. Passed 8:0:0.

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

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

EO Anthony Lum reported on the following:

a. Personnel:

EO Lum reported that the Board has two (2) vacant positions and recently revised both duty statements and has one position scheduled for interviews next week. The second position will be advertised for hiring soon.

He stated that with the recent appointments of Dr. Elginer and Ms. Pacheco as Board members there is currently only one vacant Board member position remaining.

b. Budget:

EO Lum stated the latest Budget Expenditure, Expenditure Projection, Revenue, and Fund Condition reports are in today’s meeting materials on pages 67–75. These reports show totals from fiscal month (FM) seven (7), which are expenses captured through January 2025.

The Expenditure Report was provided on pages 67 to 69. The DHBC has spent approximately 55% (~\$1.6 million) of our annual budget and staff continue to be selective and efficient with spending.

The Expenditure Projection Report (page 70) provides anticipated expenses through this year, and it’s projected that we’ll have roughly 11.5% (~\$340,000) of our budget remaining at year-end.

The Board's Revenue Report (pages 71-73) shows the amount of revenue the Board has received through FM7 (~\$2.4 million). If projected out, the Board should be on track to receive the anticipated amount of revenue by year-end (~\$3.5 million).

The Fund Condition Report (the Board's "savings account" by fiscal year) shows the amount of dollars available in the fund to show the fiscal health of the Board. The fund continues to be good standing moving forward with ~\$4.5 million in the fund this year.

EO Lum provided a flowchart of the State Budget Process [on page 75 and in a PowerPoint (PPT)].

- Up through December of the preceding year, the DCA's Budget Office works with the Department of Finance (DOF) to create a draft report of all DCA Programs to include additional expenditures or reductions depending on each program's specific needs.
- Then, the DOF assembles ALL state government program's budgetary needs into a draft budget report for the Governor to release by January 10 for the next fiscal year. This is an initial draft as changes will occur.
- In the meantime, the Legislature is afforded the opportunity to work with the Governor's Office on the budget and by May 14 of each year, the Governor releases the Revised Budget Proposal called the May Revision containing changes that have been agreed upon.
- The Legislature then deliberates on the revised budget and must approve and pass a new balanced budget by June 15 of each year to begin implementation as of July 1 of the following fiscal year or forfeit their pay until a budget is passed (pursuant to Proposition 25 in 2010). The fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30 of each year.

c. Administration – EO Activities and Updates:

EO Lum stated that since his last report, the following are some of his activities:

- He attended the Dental Board's February 6 - 7, 2025, Board meetings through Webex. The main issue of concern for the Board were the revised infection control regulations.
- He participated in the DCA's December 2024 Leadership and DCA Director's Quarterly Meetings where current issues affecting programs were discussed.
- He communicated with several legislative staffers throughout January and February of 2025 to obtain an author for the Board's proposed statutory language prior to the bill deadline without success. As explained by Legislative staffers, this year is more complex than previous years because of the combination of a

greater legislative need and the Governor's order reducing the number of bills proposed by each legislator from 50 to 35. They explained that our proposed language is valid and has great intent but contains subjects they're not focused on at the current time. He is still working to possibly get some of the approved language into legislation this year through amendments, but that's still to be determined.

- He arranged to update the laws and regulations book for 2025 and beautified the new strategic plan to be presentable on the website. Both will be posted soon, and thanked DCA's Publications, Design, and Editing team who assisted in completing the projects.
- The Governor issued a new Executive Order (N-22-25) which requires staff to return to the office a minimum of four (4) days per work week (from two days a week) effective July 1, 2025. This applies to state employees living within a 50-mile radius of the office with exceptions considered for staff on a case-by-case basis.
- EO Lum began researching topics for the Board's next newsletter, which will be the Spring/Summer 2025 edition. He encouraged Board members interested in adding information to it, to let him know.
- He was recently informed that the dates for the November 2025 meeting (November 14-15, 2025) conflicts with some members schedules. Since this issue was not on the current agenda, he requested for a Board a member to add the issue for a "Future Agenda" Item later in the meeting to be presented and voted upon at a later Board meeting. He stated Board staff will work with members to identify appropriate "Late October to November" meeting dates to be considered at a future meeting.

d. Separation of Authority in State Government (Presentation):

EO Lum stated that the chart (on page 76 and PPT in the meeting materials) shows the breakout of authority within the state government system.

He presented this issue for clarity because over the past few meetings, there have been lengthy discussions about scope of practice issues. Additionally, he received a member's request to review the roles and separation of authority in state government for everyone's edification.

Board Member comment: Member Elginer asked EO Lum about a line item on page 69 if DHBC has increased the projection spent through the Attorney General's Office. EO Lum stated that in these reports we don't have the flexibility to increase or decrease the budget every year. He stated that we can move funds around as long as it is within the allotted budget to cover expenses.

Member Elginer commends the Board on having over 16 months in reserve and recognizes the difficulty in accomplishing that. She stated that she has expertise in budget development and in analyzing financial statements and offered to help the Board in that capacity if needed.

Member Long stated that he received positive feedback on the DHBC newsletter. He asked if releasing two newsletters a year is the current goal. EO Lum stated that two a year is the current goal, but he would like to see it increase to three or four, with the ultimate goal of releasing a quarterly newsletter. Member Long stated that he submitted an article for the newsletter on enforcement actions and encouraged other Board members to work with EO Lum on sharing information to get out to the public and licensees.

Member Long asked why the strategic plan has not been updated and uploaded to the website. EO Lum stated that the new DHBC 2024-2028 Strategic Plan that we've been working on the past year was recently requested to be posted to the website.

Member Long asked about the Board Member Guidelines and Procedure Manual to which EO Lum stated that staff plan to revise the packet and bring to the Board for updating.

Member Long inquired on whether staff were able to connect with other boards to see how they address the issue of interpreting scope of practice. EO Lum stated that each board is unique with how they deal with scope. Regarding DHBC's own statutory laws, EO Lum stated that they are written to be more vague than other boards. EO Lum stated that the Board must have the statutory authority first to revise any scope of practice issues.

Member Pacheco thanked EO Lum for developing this presentation. She stated that she thinks it should be provided to, and included in, all dental hygiene educational programs (DHEPs).

Public comment: Susan McLearn, California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA), stated that they do try to differentiate CDHA and DHBC for licensees and will continue to do so. Additionally, she asked EO Lum as to what steps would need to be taken for the Board to have the authority to interpret scope of practice issues. EO Lum stated that the Board would need to obtain legislative authority to review scope of practice issues. He stated that scope of practice issues should not be the focus of the Board since the DHBC is a consumer protection agency. EO Lum stated that the DHBC relies on Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in interpreting the language pertaining to scope issues. Ms. McLearn requested an example of how the Board uses the SMEs. EO Lum stated that the Board uses contracted SMEs to interpret scope of practice and to assist with enforcement cases. He stated that when there is question on scope, Board staff will identify the section of law that pertains to the scope issue which is relayed to the SME to determine whether it is part of the scope or not.

Member Elginer stated that her experience on the Chiropractic board had a similar issue and presented the comparisons to the Board. She stated that other boards struggle with the same issues and wanted to suggest that working with the Chiropractic board and their Executive Officer may be helpful resources on how to address these issues as they arise.

Member Long asked EO Lum if he could share the list of the Board's SMEs. EO Lum stated that he did not feel comfortable sharing the names of the SMEs as they review sensitive information on enforcement cases, and they do not have any input on policy issues that the Board should be focusing on.

Member Elginer asked if Board members can submit names of potential SMEs for consideration. EO Lum responded that anyone who is interested in becoming an SME for the Board can go to the website for information.

Rachel Doherty, Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP), MPH, recommended that the Board should be able to conduct a review with experts to define scope of practice in order to prevent improper practice rather than just for enforcement issue. EO Lum stated that in trying to define scope of practice the language is vague on purpose. He stated that by defining scope of practice in law would make it the language more prescriptive which was not the intent of the statutory language creators.

10. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 10: Discussion and Possible Action on Dental Hygiene Educational Program Taskforce – Penalty Rubric for Non-compliant Programs (Two (2) Board Members; Three (3) Subject Matter Experts.

Executive Office Anthony Lum stated that this item was originally agendized during the November 15 – 16, 2024, Full Board Meeting. During the meeting it was requested that a taskforce be established to create enforcement actions that could be taken against the DHEPs that are found deficient of the law and non-compliant within the designated timeframe.

EO Lum stated that instead of agendizing a public meeting each time, a taskforce will discuss issues and possible solutions, create draft language, and then present the draft language to the Education Committee for review. He asked for two board members to volunteer.

Members Elginer and Pacheco stated their past experiences will serve them well on this taskforce and volunteered to join it.

Motion: Justin Matthews recommended for the Board to accept Board members Pacheco and Elginer as taskforce members, add SMEs to the taskforce, and formulate a DHEP penalty rubric, thereby establishing consistent penalties against DHEPs in violation of DHBC laws, regulations, and CODA Standards.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member comment: Member Matthews and Acting President Hansen thanked the Board members for volunteering for the taskforce.

Public comment: Susan McLearn, CDHA, asked if the Board would take SMEs recommendations. EO Lum stated he can accept recommendations through writing.

Vote: Recommendation for the Board to accept Board members Pacheco and Elginer as taskforce members, add SMEs to the taskforce, and formulate a DHEP penalty rubric, thereby establishing consistent penalties against DHEPs in violation of DHBC laws, regulations, and CODA Standards. Passed 8:0:0.

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

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

Education Committee Chair Michael Long stated that because there were action items that required individual recommendations, he reported each item separately, but on the informational only items, a summary was provided at the end of his report.

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 11: EDU Agenda Item (3): Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration to Approve a New Dental Hygiene Educational Program by California Baptist University.

Education Committee Chair Michael Long stated that Dr. Petty reported that California Baptist University (CBU) submitted a letter of intent to request Board approval to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene education program based in Riverside, California to address educational needs as well as increase preventative oral health services and access to care in the communities of Riverside, Ontario, San Bernardino, and the many underserved populations of the Inland Empire Region.

On January 9, 2025, CBU submitted a feasibility study to the Board for review and consideration to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene education program.

Yesterday, March 21, 2025, the Education Committee considered staff’s review report for the CBU feasibility study and voted to recommend to the full Board to provisionally approve a new Dental Hygiene Educational Program offered by CBU.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee’s recommendation to provisionally approve a new Dental Hygiene Educational Program offered by California Baptist University, with the condition being an extendable two (2) year probational period once the program begins operation.

Second: Sherman King.

Board Member discussion: Member Elginer praised California Baptist University’s report for being thorough and exceptionally well done. She suggested that they consider incorporating a public health component in educational or professional development. She also stated that they can contact her for her expertise in public health to give a general overview of the needs of the Inland Empire area as well as the broader public health issues that are facing the Southern California area.

Public comment: Dr. Kelly Donovan, on behalf of CBU, thanked the board for their review and acceptance of the program.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee’s recommendation to provisionally approve a new Dental Hygiene Educational Program offered by California Baptist University, with the condition being an extendable two (2) year probational period once the program begins operation. Passed 8:0:0.

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

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (4): Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Dental Hygiene Educational Program Cohort Decrease Request from Cabrillo College.

Education Committee Chair, Michael Long, stated that Dr. Petty reported that on September 1, 2024, Cabrillo College sent a copy of their submission to CODA regarding a “Request for a Change in Enrollment Pattern” to the Dental Hygiene Board of California and

requested to be placed on the Board's March 21-22, 2025, meeting agenda. Cabrillo is requesting Board approval to admit 20 students every other year, starting from the next academic cycle in June 2025. The first cohort under this new enrollment pattern would begin in June 2026, and subsequent cohorts would follow every two years.

Yesterday, March 21, 2025, the Education Committee considered Cabrillo's request and voted to recommend to the full Board to approve Cabrillo's request.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to approve the change in enrollment pattern of the Cabrillo College Dental Hygiene Educational Program to admit a cohort of 20 students every other year, rather than on an annual basis.

Second: Sridevi Ponnala.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to approve the change in enrollment pattern of the Cabrillo College Dental Hygiene Educational Program to admit a cohort of 20 students every other year, rather than on an annual basis. Passed 8:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (5) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Dental Hygiene Educational Program Schedule Request from Concorde Career College.

Education Committee Chair, Michael Long, stated that Dr. Petty reported Concorde Career College (CCC) requested for the Board to consider accepting the current academic

schedule for the CCC dental hygiene educational programs at Garden Grove, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

The Education Committee determined the current CCC schedules consists of only nine weeks of instruction and therefore CCC is in violation of California law. Additionally, all other California dental hygiene educational programs consist of at least ten weeks of instruction in those programs using a quarter system.

Yesterday, March 21, 2025, the Education Committee considered CCC's request and voted to recommend to the full Board to disapprove CCC's request and enforce that CCC's program is to consist of at least ten weeks of instruction per CCC term.

Motion: Sherman King moved for the Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to disapprove the request to accept the current academic schedule for the dental hygiene educational programs at Garden Grove, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the for the Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to disapprove the request to accept the current academic schedule for the dental hygiene educational programs at Garden Grove, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Passed 8:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (6): Dental Hygiene Educational Program Site Visit Update and Schedule and EDU Agenda Item (7) Future Agenda Items.

Education Committee Chair, Michael Long, stated that for the DHEP Site Visit Update and Schedule, Dr. Petty reported on the current compliance status of Pasadena City College, Taft College, Cabrillo College, Cypress College, Concorde Career College-San Diego, Cerritos College, Concorde Career College – Garden Grove, Carrington College - San Jose, Concorde Career College-San Bernardino, and West Los Angeles College. She also provided an update on the current Dental Hygiene Educational Program Site Visit Schedule.

For Future Agenda Items, Linda Brookman requested the Board add Interim Therapeutic Restoration training to all RDHAP programs.

Board Member discussion: Member Long stated that in his 19 years as a dental hygienist, he has worked at nine different dental offices. He stated that based on his experience there is an issue within dental offices that are causing hygienists to be selective of where they work, thereby indirectly causing shortages. Member Long listed short appointments, scaling dental equipment, pressure to upsell, a practice that had patients complaining to him about the dental office while in the dental chair, a dentist that over-diagnosed and drilled on healthy teeth, confrontational and unprofessional communication, and a dental office with numerous Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) violations wherein the dentist had substandard care as some reasons he would choose to not work at these particular dental offices again. He stated that he is unsure if there is a shortage issue or if hygienists are struggling to find a dental office suitable and up to standard of care to work. He asked the Board to keep this in mind when the topic of workforce shortage arises.

Public comment: Susan McLearn, California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA), agreed with Member Long's comment. She also stated that the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) is supposed to be doing a study for workforce shortage, although there seems to be a delay. Ms. McLearn also cautioned against using national statistics to highlight dental hygiene data, because of California's unique dental hygiene and dental workforce.

Tooka Zokaie, on behalf of the California Dental Association (CDA), thanked Chair Long for sharing his experiences. She stated that their association represents approximately 75% of California's dentists and the members value patient safety, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Ms. Zokaie stated that they have ongoing trainings to uphold their values and that CDA is constantly working to raise the bar for how dental teams are fostered and how they treat patients with protection. She stated that the current statistics show that there are two times as many active dentists (36,161) as there are active dental hygienists (17,799) in California. She stated that there is a shortage and there are additional challenges to hiring/recruitment.

JoAnn Galliano, Education Consultant to the DHBC and 40 years of experience as a hygienist, stated that statistics can be manipulated for use. She stated that there are dentists (general practitioners vs specialists) that may or may not be actively hiring RDHs and hygienists may be full time or be part time. Ms. Galliano also addressed that students that graduate in rural areas may have limited options if there are not a lot of dental offices. She stated that it is a complex issue, but it is important to look at overall health and look at the HCAI's study results to understand the distribution and identify how DHBC can best meet the access to care needs of the consumer population. Ms. Galliano stated that there is a shortage of dental health professionals and DHBC has a responsibility to oversee access to care and consumer protection.

Cheryl Greer, RDHAP, echoed Michael Long's comment as a hygienist with 20 years of experience. She stated that her experiences of working many offices made her notice that the time spent with patients is shortened and does not find it to be an acceptable amount of time to give patients their proper treatment. She stated that there may be a connection to OSHA, sterilization processes, and the lack of time hygienists are given to see patients.

Elena Francisco, RDHAP and Program Director, agreed with Member Long and the other speakers. She stated that RDHAPs that attend their dental hygiene program state that they need to leave dental practices because dentistry is not being practiced as they [registered dental hygienists (RDHs)] have been trained. She stated that RDHs are choosing to become self-employed RDHAPs so that they can take care patients better. Ms. Francisco stated that the shortage may be result of hygienists leaving dental practices to work elsewhere.

Motion: Julie Elginer moved for the Board to accept the Education Committee's full report.

Second: Justin Matthews.

No other Board discussion or public comments took place after the motion was made and seconded.

Vote: Motion for the Board to accept the Education Committee's full report. Passed 8:0:0.

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

12. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: Discussion and Possible Action on Legislative and Regulatory Committee Report and Recommendation(s).

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair, Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, stated that because there were action items that required individual recommendations, each item would be reported separately, but on the informational only items, a summary was provided at the end of the Legislative and Regulatory Committee report.

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (4): Discussion and Possible Action on Amendments to 16 CCR Section 1116.5: Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice; Physical Facility Registration.

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair, Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, stated that on January 1, 2025, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, section 1116.5 went into effect for the registration of physical facilities by RDHAPs. Subsequently, the Board was informed about some confusion regarding the requirements for registration of physical facilities as a stand-alone practice versus registration of physical facilities to maintain portable equipment.

In an effort to address those concerns, Board staff prepared the proposed amendments to the previously approved language and form for 16 CCR section 1116.5 for conciseness.

Yesterday, March 21, 2025, the Legislative and Regulatory Committee considered the proposed amendments to the previously approved language and form for 16 CCR section 1116.5 and voted to recommend to the full Board to approve the proposed amended language and form for 16 CCR section 1116.5.

Motion: Julie Elginer moved for the Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to approve the proposed amended language and form for CCR section 1116.5, and direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of

Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review. If the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting the action, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing, if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, and adopt the proposed regulations as described in the text notice for 16 CCR section 1116.5.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed amended language and form for CCR section 1116.5, and direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review. If the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting the action, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing, if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, and adopt the proposed regulations as described in the text notice for 16 CCR section 1116.5. Passed 8:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (6): Discussion and Possible Action to Amend 2025 DHBC Omnibus Bill Proposal.

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported that Executive Officer Anthony Lum reported difficulty obtaining an author for previously approved statutory amendments, but Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 1905(a)(8), 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, and 1944 may be added to the 2025 Omnibus Bill if approved by the Legislature.

Yesterday, March 21, 2025, the Legislative and Regulatory Committee considered the proposed amendments to BPC sections 1905(a)(8), 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, and 1944, and voted to recommend to the full Board to approve the proposed amendments and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to review the proposed amendments to the 2025 Omnibus Bill (SB 861) request to BPC sections 1905(a)(8), 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, and 1944. If the Board determines these changes are warranted, I move for the Board to approve the proposed statutory language and consider all or part of the language to be used in an amendment to the Omnibus Bill. The determination of what language is accepted depends whether some language is substantive and should not be in an Omnibus bill.

Second: Sridevi Ponnala.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Susan McLearn, CDHA, asked what is the board’s plan for the data being requested biannually, in regards to the form that is attached to 1926.3. EO Lum stated that the data reported for the DHBC to showcase the distribution of RDHAPs located throughout the State. He stated that staff were asked to collect these statistics and to present to the Board members in a request that was made over a year ago.

The Board requested that we show the data to show the distribution of where RDHAPs are located throughout the state.

Vote: Motion for the Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to review the proposed amendments to the 2025 Omnibus Bill (SB 861) request to BPC sections 1905(a)(8), 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, and 1944. If the Board determines these changes are warranted, I move for the Board to approve the proposed statutory language and consider all or part of the language to be used in an amendment to the Omnibus Bill. The determination of what language is accepted depends whether some language is substantive and should not be in an Omnibus bill. Passed 8:0:0.

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

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (7): Legislative Update: Bills of Interest and Legislative Calendar (Informational Only).

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported that Dr. Petty reported on new legislation for 2025 of concern to the Board.

Yesterday, March 21, 2025, the LEG REG Committee considered the new legislation for 2025 of concern to the Board, and voted to recommend to the full Board to approve the proposed positions as follows:

Legislation	DHBC Position
AB 224 Bonta: Health care coverage: essential health benefits.	Watch.
AB 341 Arambula: Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program.	Watch.
AB 350 Bonta: Health care coverage: fluoride treatments.	Support.
AB 371 Haney: Dental coverage.	Watch.
AB 489 Bonta: Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence.	Watch.
AB 873 Alanis: Dentistry: dental assistants: infection control course.	Oppose.

Legislation	DHBC Position
AB 966 Carrillo: Dental Practice Act: foreign dental schools.	Watch.
SB 62 Menjivar: Health care coverage: essential health benefits.	Watch.
SB 351 Cabaldon: Health Facilities.	Watch.

Motion: Julie Elginer moved for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed positions as follows: AB 224 (Watch), AB 341 (Watch), AB 350 (Support), AB 371 (Watch), AB 489 (Watch), AB 873 (Oppose), AB 966 (Watch), SB 62 (Watch), and SB 351 (Watch).

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed positions as follows: AB 224 (Watch), AB 341 (Watch), AB 350 (Support), AB 371 (Watch), AB 489 (Watch), AB 873 (Oppose), AB 966 (Watch), SB 62 (Watch), and SB 351 (Watch). Passed 8:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (3): Discussion and Possible Action Regarding California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005: Minimum Standards to Infection Control, LEG REG Agenda Item (5): Status of Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) Regulatory Packages, and LEG REG Agenda Item (8): Future Agenda Items. (Informational Only).

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported that the Committee reviewed informational only items including **LEG REG Committee Agenda Item 3** regarding California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005: Minimum Standards to Infection Control, **LEG REG Committee Agenda Item (5):** Regulatory Update: Status of Dental Hygiene Board of California Regulatory Packages, and **LEG REG Committee Agenda Item 8:** Future Agenda Items.

Executive Officer Anthony Lum updated the Legislative and Regulatory Committee on **LEG REG Committee Agenda Item 3** regarding California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005: Minimum Standards to Infection Control. It was reported that additional work needs to be done on these regulations, so the Dental Board of California (DBC) and the Board’s subject matter experts will be working to revise the language and once approved by them at the DBC’s May 14 – 15, 2025, meeting, it will be returned to our Board for a consensus vote at the July 18 – 19, 2025, Full Board meetings.

Dr. Petty updated the Legislative and Regulatory Committee on **LEG REG Committee Agenda Item (5):** Regulatory Update: Status of Dental Hygiene Board of California Regulatory Packages. the status of Board Regulatory Packages, as well as provided a snapshot of timing for the regulatory package process.

The Legislative and Regulatory Committee asked for any Future Agenda Items for the committee to address. There were some future agenda items suggested.

Board Member Dr. Julie Elginer requested for staff to add Legislative Bill Sponsor information as well as Committee analyses to the meeting materials. Board Member Michael Long asked to bring Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinic regulations back before the Board to consider removal of automated external defibrillator (AED) requirements.

Board Member discussion: Member Elginer clarified her statement yesterday to Board staff that she only would request the information during the early March board meetings if it is publicly available. If the information is not available in time for the March meeting, she will look forward to having that information during the following July and November board meetings.

Public comment: None.

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s report.

Second: Michael Long.

No other Board discussion or public comments took place after the motion was made and seconded.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's report. Passed 8:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King	X		
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

13. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 14: Enforcement Update: Statistical Report. (Informational Only).

Assistant Executive Officer (AEO), Albert Law, reported on Enforcement statistics and the current status for complaints, investigations, citations and fines, and probation violations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 between July 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. The Enforcement Statistics can be found in the Board materials on pages 83 to 86 and in the Enforcement Addendum.

Board Member comment: Member Long asked AEO Law to remind the Board of the process enacted when the Enforcement unit investigates cases and then engage the Board members with the decision. AEO Law responded to Member Long with examples of different investigation cases and mechanisms that are used to determine the outcomes of the cases, such as issuing a citation and fine or being forwarded to the Attorney General's Office with a Board vote to adopt stipulated settlement or proposed decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge.

Member Long asked why the Enforcement Committee is not utilized. EO Lum stated that there is an Enforcement Committee, but it has not been agendized since the presentation of statistics would be the only agenda item at the Enforcement Committee meeting and then repeated at the full Board meeting. He stated that this was to respect the Board members' time to not have an additional committee meeting unless there is an action item.

Member Elginer asked when the disciplinary guidelines were last reviewed and if it would fall under the purview of the Enforcement Committee. EO Lum stated that updating the guidelines is part of the Strategic Plan and will be brought to the Enforcement Committee when staff are ready to present a draft to the Board. He stated that staff will work with Legal to prepare the draft as well. He later stated that there were timing issues that arose during and after the pandemic as staff needed to prioritize working on the Sunset Review and the Strategic Plan, thereby halting the progress being made on updating the guidelines.

Acting President Hansen stated that she has been working with Board staff on cases and is happy to see the cases moving forward despite staff shortages and hopes to make continued progress on that front.

Public comment: None.

14. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 14: Licensing, Continuing Education Audits, and Examination Update: Statistical Reports. (Informational Only).

On behalf of Traci Napper, Licensing Manager, AEO Law presented the statistics on the number of applications and renewals issued for RDHs, RDHAPs, Fictitious Name Permits, and Military Temporary Licenses, as well as the breakdown of total licensee population for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Additionally, AEO Law reported on the passage rates for the DHBC Law and Ethics exams for RDHs and RDHAPs through Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

AEO Law also provided updates on the current failure and pass rates of the Continuing Education (CE) audits conducted for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Board Member comment: Member Elginer asked if the statistics on page 90 for the RDH Law and Ethics Exam and RDHAP Law and Ethics Exam are shared with the schools' program directors. EO Lum responded that DHBC is currently implementing a program to notify the schools twice a year. Member Elginer stated she is concerned with the high failure rates and believes that the statistics should be communicated to the schools so that they can address changes as needed to their curriculum. She stated that she would like to implement a reporting requirement for program directors to inform the board of how they plan to address failure rates in their curriculum and how they plan to communicate this information to their students. Member Elginer suggested that staff create a Google form with two to three questions for program directors to fill out with their responses to how they will address their rates.

Members Elginer and Long thanked the staff for the breaking down the licensing population data for practicing licenses on a county level. EO Lum stated that this was part of a new request for statistics to be presented to the Board. He stated that currently the data collected for RDHAP is based on the address of record and does not reflect additional areas that RDHAPs may be practicing. EO Lum stated that a new form will be released, and new data will be collected to identify RDHAP worked locations and determine potential areas of need thereafter.

Member Pacheco, in response to Member Elginer's comment, stated that there is section in the American Dental Association's (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA's) in the "Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs" addressing Ethics and Professionalism in Standards 2-19 and 2-20.

Member Matthews stated that he is concerned that 28% of the failed audits were due to an invalid CE provider. AEO Law responded to Member Matthews stating that licensees are required to verify that their CEs are completed with a provider that is approved by the ADA's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP), Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE), or by the DBC to be accepted by DHBC. Member Matthews asked if there is any action to be taken to review these CE providers that may not be approved by the DHBC but are still accepting licensees' course fees but will not assume any CE credits from the DHBC. Dr. Petty stated that all licensees are informed that they need to look for that information. She also mentioned that licensees should be knowledgeable about this process as it is part of the Law and Ethics Exam. Dr. Petty and EO Lum stated that CE information has been posted on the website, published in the newsletter, and written in email blasts to remind and advise licensees. EO Lum stated that he understands Member Matthews' perspective on the licensee not knowing if a provider is approved or not, but unfortunately this is how regulations are currently set up.

Member Elginer asked if the 28% failure rate of audits is published to the website. EO Lum stated that this information is currently only in the meeting materials. Member Elginer requested that the failure rate be posted to the website. EO Lum stated that with the incoming updates to the website that the current statistics could be added as well.

Member Elginer recommended that staff work with CDHA to CE information and audit pass/failure rates as an agenda item through their association to make sure that licensees are following necessary protocols and that it can be verified.

Public comment:

Susan McLearn, CDHA, stated that she will take Member Elginer's comment under advisement. She also stated that the information has been published in CDHA's journals, newsletters, and e-blasts and will continue to remind licensees so have a good pass rate.

Elena Francisco agreed with Member Matthews' concern with invalid providers. She shared some of her own experiences attending courses at dental conferences and the CEs are not usable or acceptable by the DHBC because of the provider. EO Lum stated that there is no current mechanism for DHBC to review CE providers. As of now, DHBC utilizes approvers (CERP and PACE) and uses regulations from the DBC for CE.

15. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 15: Future Agenda Items.

1. Member Elginer requested for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to implement a mid-meeting teleconference to review pieces of legislation as well as

the status of the Omnibus bill. She stated that a four-month period is too long to be able to not have actional updates during that timeframe.

2. Member Elginer requested for the Enforcement Committee to convene to discuss and review the guidelines that are set to be updated for the Strategic Plan.
3. Member Elginer asked for clarity whether Board members are required to disclose that they have been appointed to the Board, such as when members go in for a teeth cleaning is it required for members to inform the hygienist.
4. Member Elginer asked for the public members and licensed members to be interspersed in the seating arrangement for the following meetings. EO Lum stated that it was a coincidental seating arrangement and did not have the intention of splitting the members up based on their public or license status. He stated he will be more cognizant of that for future meetings.
5. Member Long stated that there is a scheduling conflict with the November 2025 meeting date as it falls on the same date as the CDHA's Annual House of Delegates Conference and he and other member(s) will be in attendance. He asked for the Board to consider a new date. EO Lum responded that staff will create some available dates to bring back to the July 18-19, 2025, meeting for the Board members to choose from. Joanne Galliano, Educational Consultant to DHBC, stated that it would be preferable to have a decision made for November meeting date sooner in advance than July to secure a date. EO Lum stated that this is a decision where all Board members need to be present for. He presented two options for this agenda item to take place: at the scheduled July meeting (in person) or at an additional teleconference meeting (via Webex) arranged earlier and would discuss with the President.

16. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 16: Closed Session.

As announced earlier in the meeting, there is no closed session for this meeting.

17. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 17: Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at **12:16 p.m.**