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Dental Hygiene Board of California
Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Public Access Teleconference Meeting Location:
DHBC Headquarters Building
2005 Evergreen Street
1st Floor Lake Tahoe Room 1290
Sacramento, CA 95815

Please note that the Board conducted the meeting online through WebEx.

DHBC Members Present:
President – Joanne Pacheco, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Educator Member
Secretary – Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal, RDH Member
Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Member – Michael Long
Public Member – Sherman King
Public Member – Nicolas Kiet Quach

DHBC Members Absent:
Vice President – Sonia "Pat" Hansen, RDH Member
Public Health Dentist Member – Dr. Sridevi Ponnala
Public Member – Dr. Julie Elginer
Public Member – Vacant

DHBC Staff Present:
Anthony Lum, Executive Officer
Tifany Moore, 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

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

Joanne Pacheco, President of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC, Board), reviewed meeting guidelines and called the meeting to order at **10:26 a.m.** Board Secretary Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with five (5) 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 Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action to Take a Position on the Following 2025-2026 Legislative Bills of Interest.**

a) Assembly Bill (AB) 1952 – Berman: Dentistry: dental hygienists: licensure.
b) AB 350 – Bonta: Health care coverage: fluoride treatments.
c) AB 2140 – Johnson: Healing arts: reports: claims against licensees.
d) Senate Bill (SB) 1311 – Wahab: Licensed Professions.
e) AB 1130 – Berman: Dentistry: outreach and support program.
f) AB 1629 – Haney: Dental Coverage.
g) AB 1670 – Arambula: Medi-Cal: dental care.
h) AB 1717 – Castillo: Medi-Cal dental reimbursement: house/extended care facility call.
i) AB 1760 – Arambula: Dentistry.
j) AB 1811 – Rogers: Health professional shortage areas.
k) AB 2029 – Sharp-Collins: Dental Plan Portal.
l) AB 2504 – Bauer Kahan: Formerly "Dentistry: licensure." Amended to "Community colleges: artificial intelligence: pilot program."
m) AB 2625 – Solache: Dental Practice Act: foreign dental schools.
n) AB 2694 – Alvarez: Public postsecondary education: community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree program.
o) SB 1187 – Durazo: Open meetings: majority.
p) SB 1390 – Menjivar: Formerly "Healing arts: standards for licensure or certification." Amended to "Online dating services: background checks."
q) SB 1391 – Wahab: Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses.
r) SB 1416 – Wahab: Physicians and surgeons: dentists: unprofessional conduct.

Dr. Adina Petty reported as to current legislation of interest to the Board and provided brief synopsis for each of the listed bills.

Motion: President Pacheco moved for the Full Board to approve the proposed positions as follows: Assembly Bill (AB) 1952 (Oppose unless amended), AB 350 (Support), AB 2140 (Watch), Senate Bill (SB) 1311 (Oppose unless amended), AB 1130 (Watch), AB 1629 (Watch), AB 1670 (Watch), AB 1717 (Watch), AB 1760 (Watch), AB 1811 (Support), AB 2029 (Watch), AB 2504 (Watch), AB 2625 (Watch), AB 2694 (Watch), SB 1187 (Watch), SB 1390 (Watch), SB 1391 (Watch), and SB 1416 (Watch).

Second: Member King.

Board Member discussion: Member Long asked if the board staff submitted a letter of opposition for Senate Bill (SB) 1311. EO Lum responded that a letter was sent to legislature later than planned due to competing workload demands on board staff. The EO stated that he would confirm if the letter that was submitted on the portal would also be available for the Assembly to view as well.

Regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 1629, Member Long asked to move the position to a support position.

Member Long stated his concern for public safety regarding the removal of liability insurance for AB 1760 and expressed his interest in changing to an opposed position.

For AB 2694, Member Long stated he would be interested in moving to a support position to enhance access to care and has the potential to expand the number of dental hygiene faculty through the development of additional bachelor's degree programs.

Member Long stated that his concerns regarding SB 1187 and the establishment of quorum being based upon the maximum number of members despite the Board not having control over the appointment of board members when there are vacancies. He recommended that the board take an opposed position. He asked that board staff submit a letter of opposition.

Member Long asked for clarification regarding SB 1391. Dr. Petty responded that the Board is already aligned with the contents of the bill regarding offering a retired license category and the disclosure of that information. Member Long stated his interest in assuming a watch position.

Public comment: Tooka Zokaie on behalf of the California Dental Association (CDA) expressed support for AB 1629 to move from a watch to a support position. Ms. Zokaie also requested clarification on the Board's watch position for AB 1760, noting that the bill maintains patient safety and aligns with the Dental Practice Act. Ms. Zokaie reiterated her recommendation to retain a watch position rather than oppose the bill and expressed support for discussion of a potential support position.

Susan McLearan of the California Hygienists' Association (CDHA) stated that the CDHA is concerned about the lack of clinical requirements in SB1311.

In response to the discussion on AB 1760, Tooka Zokaie clarified it is a cleanup bill and will update language regarding who is required under the Dental Practice Act to carry liability insurance during training. Dr. Petty added that all dental hygiene programs currently provide liability insurance, although it is not mandated by law.

Discussion on SB 1187 concluded with Member Long accepting the current watch position, as members determined that the Board is governed by Bagley-Keene Act and is not directly impacted by the revisions to the Brown Act contained in SB 1187.

After discussion of the bills, the Board amended the motion.

Amended Motion: President Pacheco moved for the Full Board to approve the proposed positions as follows: Assembly Bill (AB) 1952 (Oppose unless amended), AB 350 (Support), AB 2140 (Watch), Senate Bill (SB) 1311 (Oppose unless amended), AB 1130 (Watch), AB 1629 (Support), AB 1670 (Watch), AB 1717 (Watch), AB 1760 (Watch), AB

1811 (Support), AB 2029 (Watch), AB 2504 (Watch), AB 2625 (Watch), AB 2694 (Support), SB 1187 (Watch), SB 1390 (Watch), SB 1391 (Support), and SB 1416 (Watch).

Amended Second: Member Long.

Legislation	DHBC Position
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Board Member discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

4. FULL Agenda Item 4: Proposal of Future Agenda Items.

Board Member comment: Member Long proposed adding agenda items to determine March and May 2027 board meeting dates.

Public comment: Stephen Prisby on behalf of The American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX), stated that he will be presenting an update to the Dental Board of California (DBC) in August 2026. Mr. Prisby stated that he would be willing to do his presentation for the Board (DHBC) as well.

5. FULL Agenda Item 5: Adjournment.

President Pacheco adjourned the Full Board meeting at **11:11 a.m.**

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