

**State Board of Dentistry (SBOD)**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**January 16, 2026**

**Board Member**

Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner  
Dr. Godfrey Funari, Chair  
Dr. Shawn Casey, Vice Chair  
Dr. Brice Arndt, Secretary  
Ana Chavez, EFDA, CDA  
Bonnie Fowler, Public Member  
Dr. Joel Jaspan  
Dr. Andrew Matta  
Dr. LuJuan Mountain  
Donna Murray, RDH, PHDHP  
Dr. Jennifer Unis Sullivan  
Dr. Joyce Warwick  
Brain Wyant, Department of Health designee  
Molly Pohlhaus, Office of Attorney General

**Board Counsel**

Laura Neal, Esquire

**Board Prosecution Liaison**

Paul Jarabeck, Esquire

**Regulatory Counsel**

Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire

**Board Administrator**

Caitlin Ostrowski

**Regulatory Update**

Jacqueline Wolfgang, regulatory counsel, provided the following update:

Proposed SBOD rulemaking under internal review or in draft form:

- **General revisions to existing regulations** are under internal review by several governmental offices and will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* as proposed rulemaking.
- Counsel intends to focus on finalizing **anesthesia permit holder regulations** this year.
- **Regulations for volunteer licenses** will reflect recent changes to the Dental Practice Act. The SBOD is not proposing substantive changes.
- **Regulations pertaining to the authority to prescribe or dispense controlled substances** will reflect recent changes to the Dental Practice Act. The SBOD is not proposing any substantive changes.
- **Mobile dental vans** (see below).

**Mobile van regulations**

Counsel is incorporating proposed rulemaking for mobile dental vans into existing regulations for entities filing fictitious names. She is adding new definitions so that standards of care with radiology, patient records, etc. for private dental facilities and clinics also apply to mobile vans. Mobile dental vans will have to register with the SBOD to operate in Pennsylvania.

The board's authority over licensees working in mobile vans is the same as licensees working in private facilities and clinics. The board can only hold licensees involved with mobile vans accountable with compliance with the Dental Practice Act and regulations. As with regular dental offices, the board will investigate mobile vans if patients file a complaint. The board does not have any jurisdiction over ownership of the vans.

Several board members commented or raised concerns about the exposure draft:

- Can the regulations address compliance with the American Disabilities Act?
- Can the board regulate that mobile dental vans maintain routine mechanical upkeep?
- Regulations should fully address how to obtain informed consent from parents beyond signing a form from the school at the beginning of the year. Many will not remember having signed a form and they will not be onsite the day services are rendered. Some board members did not feel a school form alone was sufficient.
- Regulations should address how private dental offices handle emergencies for patients once a van moves out of the area.
- Regulations need to address how dentists providing follow-up care are able to access radiographs taken by a mobile van.

Counsel will make further changes to the exposure draft, which will soon be sent to the stakeholder community for comment, after which, the board may make further revisions to the exposure draft before it is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* as proposed rulemaking.

### **Prosecutorial Report**

A family member filed a complaint against a dentist after a physical altercation at the dentist's office. The board rejected the first consent agreement as too lenient. New consent agreement: \$4,000 civil penalty, cost of investigation, and remedial education. The board approved the new consent agreement.

### **Committee reports**

N/A

### **2026 meeting dates**

March 13

May 15

July 17

September 4

November 13

### **2027 meeting dates**

January 15

March 12

July 16

September 10

November 5