

State Board of Dentistry

Meeting Summary

March 13, 2026

Presentation from the Bureau of Enforcement & Investigation, Prosecutorial Division

- 40 attorneys total.
- BEI reviews, investigates, and adjudicates complaints for all 29 licensing boards.
- Total number of cases in 2025 for 29 boards: More than 22,000.
- SBOD data for 2025: total number of active licenses: 36,528; Total number of open cases: 692. Number of cases for SBOD is trending higher each year.

Presentation from Pennsylvania's dental schools

Dr. Mark Wolff, Dean, University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Mehran Hossaini, Senior Oral Surgeon & Associate Dean, Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry

Dr. Marni Oakley, Dean, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

- The SBOD requested they attend the meeting to more fully explain their respective schools' anesthesia-related academic and clinical curriculum and offer an opinion as to what it is sufficient for the SBOD to issue out-of-state applicants a permit level II to administer nitrous oxide upon graduation.
- The SBOD sometimes has difficulty determining whether out-of-state applicants meet or exceed CODA requirements for anesthesia-related education and training at a minimum. Dr. Funari asked if the presenters had concerns about out-of-state dental schools providing enough education and training to their students. Dr. Wolff said he was comfortable agreeing that all dental schools in the United States are meeting CODA standards at a minimum. Dr. Hossaini cautioned that the SBOD should try to quantify the educational and training standards of out-of-state schools, especially if applicants graduated a certain number of years ago. Dr. Oakley also recommended that the SBOD quantify its criteria for approval—a minimum of 14-hour training, how long ago the training was received, etc.

Regulatory Update

- There are several proposed rulemaking packages in various stages of internal review: the administration of botox injections, updates to the opioid curriculum (which they are modeling on the nursing board regulations), updates to regulations for anesthesia permit holders and general revisions of existing regulations (final review).
- Proposed rulemaking on mobile dental vans:
 - There was discussion about the public health dental hygienists practitioners' role with mobile dental vans, particularly about ownership and the use of fictitious names. The board tabled a vote on the proposed rulemaking to allow Counsel more time to address these issues.

Correspondence

- **ADEX Report:** The report contained information about student's scores and pass/fail rate on the ADEX examination. ADEX is now administering the exam in other countries. Dr. John Erhard and Ms. Donna Murray, RDH, will represent the SBOD at the next ADEX meeting.
- **American Association of Dental Sleep Medicine:** AADSM requested that the SBOD enact regulations/update policies requiring that dentists must examine and diagnose patients in-person before they are given appliances for sleep-related disorders. Currently there are companies that "see" patients on-line, send them materials to take their own impressions at home; the patient then returns those impressions to the company who fabricates the appliances and mails them to the patient, who inserts the appliance themselves. This is a process very similar to that used by mail-order orthodontic companies. The Board comments overwhelming expressed concern that appliances used to treat sleep disorders which are poorly made could result in catastrophic outcomes for the patient. Board counsel will research the board's authority to address this issue as it relates to telehealth laws, the board's jurisdiction over out-of-state companies and how these entities work around existing regulations to provide services remotely.

No Reports

Board Chair
Board Commissioner
Board Administrator
Committees

2026 Meeting Dates

May 15
July 17
August 28 (rescheduled from September 4)
November 13

2027 Meeting Dates

January 15
March 12
May 14
July 16
September 10
November 5