

**State Board of Dentistry**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**May 15, 2026**

**Budget Presentation**

- Recently enacted fee increases for licensees are helping the board maintain a balanced budget.
- In 2025, there was increase of 4.9 percent increase in the number of licenses issued by the board.

**Prosecutorial Report**

- Dentist is accused of sexual misconduct. Proposed consent agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty: \$3,000+ fine to cover the cost of investigation, two-year probation, remedial education and practice monitoring related to appropriate boundaries (this may or may not include a chaperone when treating female patients). Consent agreement: approved.

**Regulatory Update**

- **General Revisions:** Counsel needs to make changes to the proposed rulemaking now that the General Assembly passed legislation changing the practice requirements for dentists with restricted licenses to teach at the Commonwealth's dental schools. This will delay publication of the proposed rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
- **Mobile Dental Vans:** The board is currently working on an exposure draft that will be circulated among stakeholders before the official regulatory process begins. Counsel asked the SBOD to decide whether to release the exposure draft for stakeholder comment or to continue an internal dialogue on how to address public health dental hygiene practitioners (PHDHPs) owning mobile dental vans with fictitious names and practicing without dentists' supervision. Counsel opined that the SBOD could also issue a statement of policy to help guide the dental community while working on its proposed rulemaking. The board decided that Counsel should continue finalizing the exposure draft for dissemination to stakeholders for comment, hoping that stakeholder comments will help help them decide how to address the issue of mobile dental unit ownership. (*Editorial Note: PDA staff will forward the exposure draft to the Government Relations Committee, Dental Workforce Task Force, and Access to Oral Health and Oral Health Education/Promotion Committee for feedback*).

### **Chair's Report**

- Dr. Funari thanked Dr. Jaspan for his service on the SBOD and welcomed Ms. Yasmin Mukhtar, the new representative from the Attorney General's Office.

### **Commissioner's Report**

- No report.

### **Board Administrator's Report**

- No report.

### **Committee Report**

No reports.

### **Correspondence related to Oral Appliance Therapy**

The Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine again communicated its request that the the board issue policy or regulations requiring patients to have an in-person examination before sending away for appliances via online companies that are usually out-of-state.

### **2026 Meeting Dates**

July 17

August 28

November 13

### **2027 Meeting Dates**

January 15

March 12

May 14

July 16

September 10

November 5