

State Board of Dentistry

Meeting Summary

July 17, 2026

Prosecutorial Division

- Dentist engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to notify patients that his office had closed and for not repaying a patient for services that were never provided. Consent agreement: public reprimand, \$5,000 civil penalty, cost of investigation, and five hours of remedial education in record keeping. The board approved the consent agreement.
- Dentist suffers from cannabis and substance abuse dependency. Consent agreement: enrollment in the three-year Voluntary Recovery Program. The board approved the consent agreement.
- Unlicensed Amishman was practicing dentistry exclusively on Amish community. Consent agreement: cease and desist, \$10,000 civil penalty and cost of investigation, with a stay on both the civil penalty and cost of investigation. The stay becomes null if the Amishman commences practicing dentistry again. This consent agreement is consistent with prior disciplinary action taken in a similar case. The board accepted the consent agreement.
- After a joint investigation with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, a dentist was subject to an immediate temporary suspension order for significant infection control violations. Consent agreement: \$10,000 civil penalty, \$4,000 cost of investigation, four year suspension stayed during period of probation, which includes appropriate oversight and the completion of 20 hours of education. The board approved the consent agreement.
- Dentist is voluntarily surrendering his license, acknowledging reciprocal disciplinary action due to having surrendered his license in California for a disciplinary matter. The board approved the consent agreement.
- Dentists with shared space failed to meet infection control standards. Consent agreement: civil penalty of \$7,500, cost of investigation (divided evenly), 18-month suspension stayed during a probationary period, and remedial continuing education. The board rejected the consent agreement as too lenient.

Prosecutorial Department Follow-Up Report

- As of July 15, 32,000+ licensees.
- 811 open cases and 329 cases closed. Of the 811 open cases, approximately 8-10 percent resulted in official discipline by the board.
- Average number of days taken to close a case: 301.

Presentation--Affiliated Monitors, Vin DiCianni

- Mr. Cianni started Affiliated Monitors in 2022 because he saw the need for state licensing boards to use independent monitoring as part of the disciplinary process.
- Affiliated Monitors identifies appropriate individuals that they will train to serve as monitors who ensure that the disciplined license holders are following the board's orders outlined in the consent agreement. It has spent time building a network to identify monitors that have plenty of experience (5-10 year minimum), have a good reputation, and are known in the dental community. Affiliated Monitors also likes to recruit former board members as monitors. A general dentist is used to monitor a general dental practice; a dental specialist will review a like specialist. The board determines who monitors a dental auxiliary.

- Affiliated Monitors creates a checklist for license holders to follow. Monitoring plans and checklists are based on a review of the complaint, the disciplinary process, and the consent agreement/order.
- Affiliated Monitors makes clear to the license holder that it is neutral party, but that it does report to the board. Its ultimate goal is to offer mentoring and remedial services that help the license holder comply with the board's orders, improve, and continue actively practicing dentistry.
- The costs of monitoring and mentoring are borne by the licensee, not the board. Cost to licensee holder is dependent on frequency of monitoring and overall duration of the service. Cooperation from the license holder and the ability to address deficiencies in a timely manner can reduce costs.

Report of Regulatory and Board Counsel

- Regulatory Counsel provided an update on proposed rulemaking on mobile dental units. She presented a draft of the proposed rulemaking (exposure draft) and annex for the board to review and approve. The board approved a motion to release the exposure draft for public review and comment.
- Regulatory Counsel presented a statement of policy on mobile dental units, which would provide guidance to licensees while the proposed rulemaking moves its way through the regulatory policy, which could take up to two years. The statement of policy does not change or provide new standards of practice and does not hold the same weight as regulations, but it would provide the board's interpretation of current regulations and clarity. However, it is not enforceable. The board approved a motion to move the statement of policy through the internal review process.

Report of Board Administrator

No report

Commissioner's Report

No report

Committee Report

No reports

Chair's Report

Dr. Funari reported that the General Assembly passed Act 13 of 2026. This law changes practice location requirements for foreign-trained dentists who serve as faculty at Pennsylvania's dental schools.

2026 Meeting Dates

- August 28
- November 13

