

Dental Hygiene Board of California Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 North Market Blvd.
HQ1 Hearing Room, 1st Fl.
Sacramento, CA 95834

DHBC Members Present:

President – Dr. Carmen Dones, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Educator Member
Vice President – Sonia “Pat” Hansen, RDH Member
Secretary – Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, RDH Member
Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Member – Michael Long
Public Health Dentist Member – Dr. Sridevi Ponnala
Public Member – Dr. Justin Matthews
Public Member – Vacant
Public Member – Vacant

DHBC Members Absent:

Public Member – Sherman King

DHBC Staff Present:

Anthony Lum, Executive Officer
Albert Law, Assistant Executive Officer
Traci Napper, Licensing Manager
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
Elizabeth Dietzen-Olsen, DCA Regulatory Legal Counsel for the DHBC (via Webex)

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

Dr. Carmen Dones, President of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC), reviewed meeting guidelines and called the meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.** Board Secretary Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with six (6) members present. Board Member Sherman King was absent and excused.

Additionally, the Executive Officer (EO), Anthony Lum made an announcement regarding a revision to the Board Meeting agenda items posted to the DHBC website that included the

in-person public meeting location and moving the Strategic Planning agenda item to the Full Board Meeting on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

2. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 2: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

3. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 3: President's Report.

President Dones reported she participated in the Department of Consumer Affairs's (DCA) September Leadership Meeting with various leaders. At the meeting, leadership topics were discussed, and best practices were shared.

President Dones stated she and Executive Officer (EO) Lum continue to meet at least twice a month or more for updates on Board issues and for items that need her attention.

Lastly, the President thanked the Board members and staff for their steadfast contributions to dental hygiene. She expressed her gratitude for allowing her the opportunity to serve as President of DHBC and wished everyone a fantastic holiday season.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

4. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 4: Update from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Executive Staff.

Yvonne Dorantes, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Member Relations, reported on the following:

a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Steering Committee Updates:

Last month the committee met, and they elected their new leadership. Reji Varghese, the Medical Board of California's Executive Director will be serving as the as Chair and Marlon McManus, the Board of Behavioral Sciences' Assistant Executive Officer will be serving as Vice-Chair. Under Reji and Marlon, we hope to accomplish a lot of DEI initiatives and we look forward to their leadership.

b. Unconscious Bias Training for Board Members:

DCA is unveiling an updated unconscious bias training. Due to your critical role and how unconscious bias can affect your decision-making authority. The training will be self-paced and available on DCA's online Learning Management System (LMS). We anticipate launching this new training in early 2025. Board Members will be required to take this training annually. As a reminder, DCA does offer over 20 online DEI

courses as well as on LMS and self-paced. Although those courses are not mandatory, we highly encourage you to take them.

c. **Military Licensing Resource Webinar:**

To support and maximize outreach to our military community DCA is hosting a second live webinar on November 21, 2024, to share information about military licensing resources. During the webinar attendees will learn about licensing resources available to members of the military and their spouses or domestic partners. The webinar will also feature demonstration of DCA's Federal Professional License Portal and state registration process which was launched last fall, and a Q&A session. Additional webinar details are available online at dca.ca.gov/military.

d. **Travel Expense Reimbursement Program:**

The State's Department of Human Resources which is also known as CalHR recently updated their travel policy to align with federal policies outlined in the U.S. General Services Administration effective October 1, 2024. DCA is now using federal standard meals and incidental expense rates for in state and out-of-state travel. DCA will also use the federal standard and non-standard reimbursement lodging rates. Information on these changes was shared with Board leaders at the end of September. Board members are encouraged to become familiar with these travel expense reimbursement rates.

e. **Charitable Campaigns:**

There are a couple of charitable campaigns happening this month. Recently the Annual Turkey Drive took place on November 13, 2024, and the final counts and amounts will be shared at the December Leadership Meeting. This campaign was to assist Joey's Food Locker located in Natomas.

Our Promise: California State Employees Giving at Work is another charitable campaign coming up. State employees including Board members have the opportunity to support a nonprofit of your choice or that you are passionate about either through payroll giving or through one-time donations. These contributions have a very positive impact in our communities and so this year's campaign is led by Monica Vargas, DCA Deputy Director of Communications and Karen Navarro, DCA Assistant Deputy Director of Communications. This campaign will officially launch on Monday, November 18, 2024, and it will run until December 31, 2024. If you did not sign up for it in the last two or three years it should carry over. You can also verify your past donations or change nonprofits you would like to donate to.

Board Member comment: President Dones inquired if the documents regarding the new policy of the federal regulations are posted to the DCA website. Ms. Dorantes stated that it should be posted on the DCA Intranet page, but that she would verify that information and share it with President Dones.

Public comment: None.

5. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 5: Update from the Dental Board of California (DBC).

Dr. Alan Felsenfeld, President of the Dental Board (DBC) reported on the following:

The Dental Board of California and its Dental Assisting Council met Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8, 2024, to discuss new items.

- The Dental Board has filled 80 of 84 authorized positions. The Board itself, however, has two members terming out as of January 1, 2025 (McKenzie & Pacheco).
- The Dental Board approved to distribute and post an updated Table of Permitted Dental Auxiliary Duties Delegable by Supervising Dentist as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, section 1068.
- While updating this Table and implementing the changes required of Senate Bill 1453, the Board's sunset bill, Board staff have become aware of sections of law that need to be clarified. The Board encouraged stakeholders to send feedback to the Board so it can be addressed at future Board and Council meetings through legislative process.
- The Board's Infection Control Advisory Working Group, consisting of Joanne Pacheco (Vice President, Board), Cara Miyaski (Chair, Council), and DHBC subject matter expert Michael Long, have reviewed the regulations for clarity of language, necessity for amendments, and consistency with other governing agencies, such as CAL-OSHA, CalEPA, and the Centers for Disease Control. The goal is to establish consensus and appropriate consistency on the proposed regulatory amendments to the minimum standards for infection control and subsequent implementation of those standards. The proposed language was brought to your Legislation and Regulatory Committee yesterday and now to your Board today. If approved by your Board, the proposed language will then be presented at the February 6-7, 2025, Dental Council and Board meetings.
- The Board heard a presentation on:
 - The Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program (BPC Section 853) by Mr. Torres.
 - The Accreditation Process for Dental Education Programs from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.
 - Creating a Pipeline of Dental Practitioners through Approval of Foreign Dental School Program from the Dolores Huerta Foundation.
- The Board and Council held elections for the 2025 calendar year.
 - Council: Chair Epps-Robbins & Vice Chair Fowler
 - Board: Dr. Steven Chan, President, Dr. Alan Felsenfeld, Vice President, & Dr. Lilia Larin, Secretary

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

6. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 6: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the July 19, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Petty addressed an error in the July 19, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes on page 9 regarding LEG REG Agenda Item (3): Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Responses to Comments and Continue Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1116. Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinics; Issuance of Approval, and Section 1116.5. Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice, Physical Facility Registration. She stated that the correct fee amounts should be as follows: the fee for an additional physical facility permit is \$160.00 and the fee for an additional physical facility biennial permit renewal is \$250.00.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved to approve the July 19, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Second: Michael Long.

Vote: Motion to approve the July 19, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes. Passed 5:0:2.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala			Abstain.
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

7. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 7: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the July 20, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Motion: Michael Long moved to approve the July 20, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Vote: Motion to approve the July 20, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes. Passed 5:0:2.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala			Abstain.
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

8. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 8: Dental Hygiene Board of California Election of Officers.

Nominations for President:

Members Long, Ponnala, Hansen, Tribble-Agarwal nominated Carmen Dones as President.

Member Carmen Dones accepted the nomination for the Office of President for 2025.

Nominations for Vice President:

Member Tribble-Agarwal nominated Sonia “Pat” Hansen as Vice President.

Member Sonia “Pat” Hansen accepted the nomination for the Vice President for 2025.

Nominations for Secretary:

Members Hansen and Ponnala nominated Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal as Secretary.

Member Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal accepted the nomination for Secretary for 2025.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

Nominations: Motion for the Board to accept the current slate of officers: Carmen Dones as President, Sonia “Pat” Hansen as Vice President, and Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal as Secretary for 2025: Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

9. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 9: Future Dental Hygiene Board of California Meetings for 2025-2026.

A motion was made to accept the proposed meeting dates; however, member Long requested to change the March 2025 meeting dates, as he was unavailable. A subsequent motion was proposed and accepted by the Board to revise the meeting dates.

Board Member comment: Member Long stated that he is not available to meet on Friday, March 28, 2025, and asks if the Board would consider moving the date to Friday, March 22, 2025.

Public comment: JoAnn Galliano recommended that Board move the November meeting date to the week in-between Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving Day to avoid potential travel issues.

The Board agreed to modify the 2025 meeting dates as follows:

2025

Friday, March 21, 2025 - Saturday, March 22, 2025

Friday, July 18, 2025 - Saturday, July 19, 2025

Friday, November 14, 2025 - Saturday, November 15, 2025

2026

Friday, March 27, 2026 - Saturday, March 28, 2026

Friday, July 17, 2026 - Saturday, July 18, 2026

Friday, November 20, 2026 - Saturday, November 21, 2026

Vote: Motion to approve the 2025 and 2026 full Board meeting dates. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

10. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 10: Executive Officer’s Report (Informational Only).

Executive Officer (EO) Anthony Lum reported on the following:

a. Personnel:

EO Lum reported the Board has two (2) vacant positions and recently received approval to resume hiring procedures to fill them. He stated that they were pending any hiring action from the Department of Finance’s budget reduction drill due to the state’s fiscal situation. He stated that the official impact of the budget and vacant position reduction drill on our program is still pending and will be reported after he receives the results.

He announced that the Assistant Executive Officer position has been filled and congratulated Albert Law on his promotion from ENF manager to AEO. He stated that filling the AEO position will assist him in running the Board. EO Lum stated that AEO Law assumed the position at the beginning of August and has done an outstanding job.

EO Lum also announced that a new public board member was appointed by the House Speaker on October 31, 2024. He stated that Julie Elginer is the newest board member and she’ll be present at the next board meeting as it was too short of a timeline to participate in this meeting.

b. Budget:

EO Lum provided the latest Budget Expenditure, Expenditure Projection, Revenue, and Fund Condition reports to the Board. He stated that these reports show totals from fiscal month 3 which is expenses captured through September 2024. Information regarding the Expenditure Report is on pages 57 to 59. He stated that we are almost halfway through the fiscal year and DHBC continues to be selective and efficient with spending. The anticipated expenses can be found on the Projection Report on page 60. The Revenue Report is on pages 61 and 62 and shows the amount of revenue the Board has received through FM3. EO Lum stated that we are projected to be on track to

receive the anticipated amount of revenue by year-end (approximately \$3 million). He stated that on page 63, the Fund Condition Report or “savings account” by fiscal year shows the amount of funds available if we obtain authorization to use it. EO Lum explained that the fund continues to be healthy and in the black moving forward.

c. Administration – EO Activities and Updates:

EO Lum stated that since his last report, the following are some of his activities:

- He participated in the Dental Board’s August and November 2024 Board meetings. At the meeting he expressed his appreciation for the ongoing cooperation and collaboration DHBC has had with their program. He reported that executive officer, Dr. Tracy Montez, is retiring soon and thanked her for welcoming him to their meetings and her efforts to work together with DHBC.
- He participated in the Dept. of Consumer Affairs’ September 2024 Leadership and DCA Director’s Quarterly Meetings where current issues affecting programs were discussed.
- In September, he conducted two Informal Conferences after board action on Pasadena City College and Taft College after they were found to be deficient of the law and CODA Standards. The results were:
 - After a presentation of additional compliance information including photos, he decided to withdraw the citation against Pasadena City College but affirmed the 2-year probation ordered by the Board to monitor their building progress.
 - For Taft College, he affirmed the citation and fine ordered by the Board with no modifications. He reported that they have since paid the fines and continue with their probation orders.
- He also provided a board update presentation to the California Dental Hygiene Educator’s Association at their annual meeting in October to inform them of the Board’s educational program overview and program statistics.

Board Member comment: Member Long asked EO Lum for clarification for the budget line items and why it was necessary to have the two meetings be split online and in-person. EO Lum provided an explanation with regards to the budget and request from DCA to conserve on funds due to the State’s fiscal situation and wanted to test out a split meeting (i.e. one meeting day online and one meeting day in-person) to obtain information and results from conducting the meetings using this method. EO Lum stated that he appreciated the members feedback and going forward can arrange for both days of meetings to be in-person. Member Long requested for committee meetings be in-person at least. Although, the board member stated a preference for both meetings to be in-person if possible.

Public comment: JoAnn Galliano, Education Consultant to DHBC, agreed with Member Long's request to have in-person meetings.

Edward Cramp supported the use of in-person meetings. He referenced his experience at Friday's meeting via Webex was difficult for him and the program representative to communicate with the Board effectively and efficiently.

11. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 11: Discussion and Possible Action to Amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Sections 1104.2, 1104.3, 1105.4, 1107, 1108, and 1109 Regarding the Dental Hygiene Educational Program's "Appeals Process."

EO Lum gave a presentation on the Dental Hygiene Educational Program Review Process in which he explained the current appeals process and his proposal to change the appeals process.

Motion: Michael Long moved for the full Board to review the current DHEP appeals process regulatory language to determine if this change is warranted. If the full Board determines this change is warranted, I move to authorize the Executive Officer to draft amended regulatory language in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Sections 1104.2, 1104.3, 1105.4, 1107, 1108, and 1109 to address the DHEP appeals process for intermediary actions or withdrawal of Board approval and return to the Board for review and possible action.

Second: Carmen Dones.

Board Member comment: The Board Members addressed questions regarding this proposal to change the appeals process, including whether this process mirrors other DCA Boards, why this change is being proposed, if Legal has approved this proposal, and questions about the taskforce and proposed rubric. The EO responded to all the Board Members questions and concerns.

Public comment: JoAnn Galliano, Educational Consultant of DHBC, stated that the Board should be responsible for making the initial decision regarding the penalty and not be a decision made solely by the Executive Officer.

Edward Cramp, partner of Duane Morris Law Firm and adjunct faculty member at the Drexel University College of Law and School of Education, agrees with the proposed change the EO presented to the Board. He also suggested the board consider the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) process as it is a laborious process featuring a real trial and real judge and it is expensive for institutions and the State. He recommended the board to consider a process similar to the Bureau for Private and Post-Secondary Education that encourages a mediated settlement before the ALJ process.

Vote: Motion for the full Board to review the current DHEP appeals process regulatory language to determine if this change is warranted. If the full Board

determines this change is warranted, I move to authorize the Executive Officer to draft amended regulatory language in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Sections 1104.2, 1104.3, 1105.4, 1107, 1108, and 1109 to address the DHEP appeals process for intermediary actions or withdrawal of Board approval and return to the Board for review and possible action. Passed 4:1:2.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones			Abstain.
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews		X	
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

12. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: Discussion and Possible Action on Education Committee Report and Recommendation(s).

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones stated that because there were action items that required individual recommendations, she reported each item separately, but on the informational only items, a summary was provided at the end of her report.

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (3): Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Statutory Language Amendments to Business and Professions Code Section 1941.

Dr. Petty reported that on February 20, 2020, the United States Department of Education (USDE) sent a letter to State Leaders notifying that as the USDE holds all accrediting agencies to the same standards, the distinctions between regional and national accrediting agencies are unfounded, that the USDE will no longer use the terms "regional" or "national" to refer to an accrediting agency, and that the USDE will distinguish only between institutional and programmatic accrediting agencies.

Additionally, she stated that at the Board’s July 19, 2024, Education Committee meeting, the members engaged in a robust discussion regarding amending BPC section 1941 to align with USDE accreditation agency terminology. The Committee tabled the discussion and requested for staff to research the feasibility and implications in changing BPC section 1941, and to bring the research back to the Board at a future scheduled meeting for consideration.

Yesterday, November 15, 2024, during the Education Committee meeting, the members again engaged in a robust discussion and determined the change is warranted. Therefore, the Education Committee recommends for the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendment for BPC section 1941, and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025.

Rebecca Busacca, President of the National Accreditation Commission, addressed the Board on the topic of accreditation. She stated that DHBC's program approval criteria, state and federal law, and accreditation standards are creating barriers for new programs that could otherwise produce greater number of hygienists and presumably reduce workforce shortages. Ms. Busacca stated that DHBC regulations categorizing accreditation as regional does not align with the institutions' transfer policies or with state, federal, and accreditation regulations. She proposed that the Board adopt the staff's changes to BPC 1941 regulations to include institutionally recognized accreditors and allow current applicants to proceed with new RDH programs.

Motion: Carmen Dones moved for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to complete the draft of proposed statutory language and recommend to the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendment for BPC section 1941, and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Edward Cramp of Duane Morris Law Firm stated that he is representing a client who would like to have a program approved by the Board. He stated that the client does not have regional accreditation but is accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education. The client is currently approved institutionally by numerous boards, bureaus, and departments. He stated the client has institutional accreditation by APHES and is programmatically accredited by five different accreditors. Mr. Cramp stated the client is committed to gaining program approval and have submitted an application for review; however, the language in the code for regional accreditation prevents the client from moving forward. They urge the Board to consider reading the language of the current code as an accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to complete the draft of proposed statutory language and recommend to the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendment for BPC section 1941, and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025. Passed 5:1:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen			
Sherman King	X		Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews		X	
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (4): Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Regulatory Language Amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1105.2(e) Regarding Student Competency in Providing Dental Hygiene Care for All Classifications of Periodontal Disease.

Dr. Petty reported that during the review of several dental hygiene educational programs (DHEPs), staff discovered some programs are not requiring students to treat Stage III (Severe) and Stage IV (Very Severe) periodontal disease patients, in violation of DHBC and Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA) requirements of “breadth of experience and student competency in patient experiences in all classifications of periodontal disease.”

President Dones asked staff to research establishing guidelines for 16 CCR section 1105.2(e) and CODA Standard 2-14 regarding competency in providing dental hygiene care for all types of classifications of periodontal disease.

Yesterday, November 15, 2024, during the Education Committee meeting, the members again engaged in a robust discussion and determined the change is warranted. Therefore, the Education Committee recommends for the Full Board to consider and approve the language approved by the Education Committee. If the full Board approves the language, direct staff to submit the language to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105.2(e) as noticed.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Full Board to consider and approve the language approved by the Education Committee for 16 CCR section 1105.2(e). If the full Board approves the language, I move to direct staff to submit the language to the Director of the

Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105.2(e) as noticed.

Second: Sonia “Pat” Hansen.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Kimberly Pennington, Program Director of CCC-SD, commented that adding the stages would help clarify the expectations required by the Board and the regulations set by CODA.

Lisa Kamibayashi, Director of the West Los Angeles Dental College, stated that students seeing stages 1-3 is doable, but stage 4 may require extraction and immediate referral. Ms. Kamibayashi stated that students may find it difficult to locate patients that have stage 4. She stated that she would like the Board to clarify on what students are expected to do when treating the patient, offering consultation, or referring out. She stated that the language on stages should not be too restrictive as the terminology has changed many times and may cause issues in the future. She recommended that the language include broader terminology for periodontal classification.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to consider and approve the language approved by the Education Committee for 16 CCR section 1105.2(e). If the full Board approves the language, I move to direct staff to submit the language to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1105.2(e) as noticed. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (5) Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of the Concorde Career College-San Diego Dental Hygiene Educational Program.

Dr. Petty reported that on October 15, 2024, Board staff conducted a site visit at CCC-SD. At that visit, CCC-SD was determined to have six (6). The most egregious of the violations is that CCC-SD failed to ensure dental hygiene students completed all requirements for competency established by the Board and CODA. Therefore, several of Cohort 16 and Cohort 17 graduates did not meet all DHBC and CODA requirements to receive licensure as verified through reviewed documentation.

She stated that as CCC-SD demonstrates repeated violations of the law and CODA Standards by graduating students lacking CODA and California state mandated requirements for licensure, the Education Committee was going to recommend to the Full Board to issue a citation and the fine of \$2,000 (\$1,000 for each year of graduating unqualified students pursuant to the law), and place CCC-SD on a three-year probation period with quarterly reporting requirements identifying corrective measures where the program will be reassessed. A separate motion was made to table this recommendation because new information was recently submitted by CCC-SD but staff had not reviewed it prior to the meeting.

Dr. Petty stated that the purpose of the site visit was to review the new program director and to review the facilities to increase enrollment at CCC-SD. She recalled that at the November 2023 meeting the Board permitted CCC-SD to expand facilities and increase enrollment from 24 to 32 students. Dr. Petty stated that Board staff apologizes for forgetting to include this at the Education Committee meeting. She went on to state that the site visit confirmed that the expansion was feasible and complimented their new facilities. Dr. Petty reported to the Board that in December 2024, CODA accepted a permanent increase in enrollment at CCC-SD. Lastly, Dr. Petty stated that the Board would need to make a motion to give CCC-SD final approval to allow the increase of student enrollment.

Motion: Carmen Dones moved for the Full Board to approve the increase enrollment from 24 students to 32 students at the Concorde Career College-San Diego (CCC-SD).

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to approve the increase enrollment from 24 students to 32 students at the Concorde Career College-San Diego (CCC-SD). Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

During the discussion of CCC-SD, the Education Committee decided to table the decision to cite and fine for program issues. It was stated that Board staff did not have adequate time to review the letter response from CCC-SD and the Committee did not want to prematurely make a motion without that information available.

Motion: Michael Long moved for the Board to table the discussion to cite and fine Concorde Career College-San Diego (CCC-SD).

Second: Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board moved for the Board to table the discussion to cite and fine Concorde Career College-San Diego (CCC-SD). Passed 5:1:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews		X	
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (6): Dental Hygiene Educational Program Site Visit Update and Schedule.

Dr. Petty reported updates on Pasadena City College, Carrington College-Sacramento, Cypress College, Taft College, Cabrillo College, Concorde Career College-San Diego, as well as the upcoming DHEP site visit schedule.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Dr. Travaris Harris, Vice President of Instruction at Cabrillo College, provided the Board with information regarding the safety concerns reported by students and faculty that lead to the college receiving a letter and report from DHBC.

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (7): Discussion and Possible Action to Establish a Taskforce to Create a Penalty Rubrik for DHEPs Found Non-Compliant of the Board’s Laws and CODA Standards.

Executive Officer Lum reported that in 2023, the Board promulgated regulations regarding “Reviews, Site Visits, Citations and Fines, and Probationary Status for Dental Hygiene Educational Programs” (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1104.3). Within the regulation, subdivision (b)(3) established factors to be considered in the issuance of any citation or fine to a dental hygiene educational program (DHEP). As the established factors may be subjective, Board staff requested the Education Committee establish a task force to formulate a DHEP penalty rubric, thereby promoting the consistent application penalties against DHEPs in violation of DHBC laws, regulations, and CODA Standards. The taskforce makeup should be two board members and subject matter experts with DHEP knowledge.

The Education Committee recommends to the Full Board to establish a task force to formulate a DHEP penalty rubric, thereby establishing consistent penalties against DHEPs in violation of DHBC laws, regulations, and CODA Standards.

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to establish a task force to formulate a DHEP penalty rubric, thereby establishing consistent penalties against DHEPs in violation of DHBC laws, regulations, and CODA Standards.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to establish a task force to formulate a DHEP penalty rubric, thereby establishing consistent penalties against DHEPs in violation of DHBC laws, regulations, and CODA Standards. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 12: EDU Agenda Item (8) Future Agenda Items.

Education Committee Chair Carmen Dones reported on the Education Committee informational items and stated that there were no future agenda items suggested.

Motion: Michael Long moved for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee's full report.

Second: Sonia "Pat" Hansen.

Board Member discussion: Member Long stated his concern with the educational environment at Cabrillo College and its impact on students' ability to receive their full education.

Dr. Petty reiterated that EO Lum’s letter and her report were limited to the educational program and did not include any external issues.

EO Lum stated that student safety is a valid concern; however, DHBC does not have authority to take any official action. He stated that when such issues are identified DHBC will inform the school, but it is a responsibility of the school to ensure that their students are in a healthy environment.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Education Committee’s full report. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

13. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: Discussion and Possible Action on Legislative and Regulatory Committee Report and Recommendation(s).

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair, Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, stated that because there were action items that required individual recommendations, each item would be reported separately, but on the informational only items, a summary was provided at the end of the Legislative and Regulatory Committee report.

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (3): Discussion and Possible Action Regarding California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005: Minimum Standards to Infection Control.

The Dental Board of California (DBC) established an Infection Control Advisory Working Group, consisting of Joanne Pacheco (Vice President, DBC), Cara Miyaski (Chair, DBC Dental Assisting Council), and Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) Member Michael Long, have reviewed California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, section 1005 regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control for clarity of language, necessity for amendments, and consistency with other governing agencies, such as CAL-OSHA, CalEPA, and the Centers for Disease Control. The goal was to establish a consensus

between the DHBC and DBC on the proposed regulatory amendments on 16 CCR section 1005 with subsequent implementation of the minimum standards. If the DHBC approves the proposed language, the amendments to 16 CCR section 1005 will be presented at the February 6-7, 2025, DBC Dental Assisting Council and subsequent DBC meeting for approval. The Legislative and Regulatory Committee recommends to the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendments for 16 CCR section 1005.

Motion: Sonia Hansen moved for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's recommendation for the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendments for 16 CCR section 1005.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Tooka Zokaie, Sr. Health Policy Analyst, on Behalf of the California Dental Association (CDA), stated that CDA is concerned if the infection control language requiring an additional training and infection control course during working hours is duplicative to the current two-hour license course renewal, annual OSHA training, and eight-hour infection control course training. She stated another concern regarding the language of protective eyewear to include top and side shields. Ms. Zokaie stated that they are concerned if those industrial shields are readily available.

EO Lum recommended the Board to consider ratifying the drafted language at today's meeting as this material is intended to be a collaboration with the Dental Board of California (DBC). He stated that the material will be forwarded to the DBC to review at their February board meeting.

Tracy Montez, Executive Officer of Dental Board of California (DBC), agreed with EO Lum's recommendation to the Board and mentioned that DBC would consider points made at the DHBC board meeting today. Regarding Ms. Zokaie's comment on infection course language, she stated that it would not be duplicative as it would be tailored to the specific facility and is not just a course in infection control. And in response to Ms. Zokaie's comment on top and side shields, DBC EO Montez stated that although the industrial standard is referenced it can be discussed further with dental professions and during the 45-day comment period if it is an issue. She thanked Dr. Petty and Mr. Long for their input and work in crafting this.

In response to a question by President Dones, DBC EO Montez stated that the Dental Board of California would have 45-day period and if DHBC or any other organization/association/board/public can make comment.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's recommendation for the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendments for 16 CCR section 1005. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (4): Discussion and Possible Action to Seek New Legislation for Business and Professions Code Sections 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, 1944, and 1961.5.

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair, Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, stated that staff drafted new amended statutory language for BPC sections 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, 1944, and 1961.5, and requested the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to review the existing statutory language to determine whether the changes were warranted. The Legislative and Regulatory Committee determined the changes were warranted and completed the draft of the proposed statutory language.

The Legislative and Regulatory Committee recommends to the Full Board to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendments for BPC sections 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, 1944, and 1961.5, and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025.

Dr. Petty clarified that the language in 1915.1 differed from the board meeting materials that LEG REG Committee voted on Friday, November 15, 2024. The section reads as follows:

(d)(5) Supervision ratios and dental hygiene student oversight while performing clinical procedures shall be at a minimum of one clinical supervising faculty member to five dental hygiene students.”

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendments including amendments by the Full Board to 1915.1, as well as BCP sections 1926.3, 1941, 1944, 1961.5, and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025.

Second: Sonia Hansen.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: Kimberly Pennington, Program Director of CCC-SD, asked a clarifying question regarding volunteering and the type procedures that are prohibited and permitted for students to perform. Dr. Petty responded to her question.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee's recommendation to consider, complete, and approve the final draft of proposed statutory language amendments including amendments by the Full Board to 1915.1, as well as BCP sections 1926.3, 1941, 1944, 1961.5, and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia "Pat" Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

Subsequent discussion later in the meeting after returning to Legislative and Regulatory Committee Agenda Item (4) was introduced by Secretary Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal to re-address the topic of student and faculty ratios as mentioned in section 1915.1. The Board members also engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding other sections of law and proposed drafted language.

The Full Board discussed the proposed language for BPC 1915.1. The board determined amendments to the proposed language were necessary and suggested the following amendments:

(6) The dental hygiene student shall perform only those procedures authorized by subdivision (a) of Section 1908, subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 1910, subdivision (a) of Section 1911, and 1911.5 under the supervision of their assigned clinical supervising faculty.

(7) The dental hygiene student shall perform only those procedures authorized by subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 1909 under the direct supervision of a California licensed dentist.

(8) The dental hygiene student is prohibited from performing any procedures authorized by Section 1907, subdivision (b) of Section 1908, subdivisions (c) and (d) of 1910, and Section 1910.5.

The original motion-maker Justin Matthews accepted and amended their motion to the following:

Amended Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Full Board to accept the amended draft language and approve the final draft of the proposed statutory amendments for BPC section 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, 1944, 1961.5 and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025.

Amended Motion Second: Sonia “Pat” Hansen.

Board Member discussion: Dr. Petty restated the changes to be made to the statute language. Regarding the question for specifying language to be licensed dentist or California licensed dentist, Member Ponnala (Dentist member) stated that the language should cover California licensed dentist.

Public comment: Tooka Zokaie, Sr. Health Policy Analyst, on Behalf of the California Dental Association (CDA), stated that she agreed with Member Ponnala that the overseeing dentist should maintain a California licensed dentist.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the amended draft language and approve the final draft of the proposed statutory amendments for BPC section 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, 1944, 1961.5 and direct staff to seek sponsored legislation for 2025. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (5): Discussion and Possible Action for Non-Substantive Changes to the Board’s Statutes through the 2025 Omnibus Bill.

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair, Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, reported that each year, the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development (Committee) sponsors an Omnibus Bill to address any non-substantive changes in existing statute to help clarify, define, or correct the information that’s in the language. Committee staff has contacted us for any Omnibus Bill recommendations to be submitted to them by the mid-January deadline for inclusion in the bill.

As Board staff has identified several non-substantive statutory changes to assist the public with clarity and consistency, the Legislative and Regulatory Committee recommends acceptance of Board staff’s non-substantive nomenclature statutory changes for the Omnibus Bill. Additionally, the Legislative and Regulatory Committee recommends the delegation of authority to the Executive Officer to recommend any non-substantive changes in existing statute to be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development for review.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to accept the non-substantive nomenclature statutory changes for the Omnibus Bill. Additionally, I move for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee recommendation to delegate authority to the Executive Officer to recommend any non-substantive changes in existing statute to be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development for review.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to accept the non-substantive nomenclature statutory changes for the Omnibus Bill. Additionally, I move for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee recommendation to delegate authority to the Executive Officer to recommend any non-substantive changes in existing statute to be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development for review. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		Absent.
Sherman King			
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (6): Regulatory Update: Status of Dental Hygiene Board of California Regulatory Packages.

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair, Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal stated that Dr. Adina Petty reported on the current status of 16 CCR sections 1116 (Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinics), 1116.5 RDHAP Practice Registration, and 1105.4 (Appeals Process and Reinstatement of Withdrawn DHEPs).

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

FULL BOARD Agenda Item 13: LEG REG Agenda Item (7): Legislative Update: Bills of Interest and Legislative Calendar (Informational Only) and LEG REG Agenda Item (8): Future Agenda Items.

Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal reported that Dr. Petty provided an overview of the final status of previously reported 2024 legislation that was of interest to the Board. The Committee Chair also stated that there were no future agenda items suggested.

Motion: Sridevi Ponnala moved for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s report.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the Legislative and Regulatory Committee’s report. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		Absent.
Sherman King			
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

14. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 14: Enforcement Update: Statistical Report. (Informational Only).

Assistant Executive Officer, Albert Law, reported Enforcement statistics and reported on the current status for consumer complaints, Board initiated complaints, arrest/conviction complaints, desk investigations, field investigations, citations and fines, as well as probation violations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 through October 31, 2024.

Board Member comment: None.

Public comment: None.

15. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 15: Licensing, Continuing Education Audits, and Examination Update: Statistical Reports. (Informational Only).

Licensing Manager Traci Napper reported on the applications and renewals for RDH, RDHAP, and fictitious Name Permits, as well as the total licensee population for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Additionally, Ms. Napper reported on the passage rates for the DHBC Law and Ethics exams for RDHs and RDHAPs through Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

She stated that there was a correction for in Attachment 2 “Delinquent License Status Per Year 2019-2024” on page 99 to include the total licensee population through October 31, 2024. Licensing Manager Napper stated that a decrease can be attributed to licenses being canceled October 1, 2024, license renewals to current active or current inactive status, or licenses being retired.

Ms. Napper also provided updates on the current failure and pass rates of the Continuing Education audits conducted for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Board Member comment: President Dones inquired why there was a significant difference in total Continuing Education (CE) Audits conducted across the Fiscal Years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025. Licensing Manager Napper and AEO Law cited internal

administrative changes as the cause for a decrease in audits performed. In FY 22-23 there was a full time CE analyst and in FY 22-23 the analyst was promoted internally to enforcement analyst resulting in a vacancy for the CE analyst position. A new CE analyst was hired in FY 22-23 in which a limited number of audits were conducted to allow the analyst to familiarize themselves with the role. Now, there is additional staff to assist the CE analyst in performing audits so they anticipate that the number of audits will increase.

President Dones also asked what types of marketing the board is doing to lower CE failure rates. EO Lum stated that licensees can find updates and information on the DHBC website, email the board, and subscribe to the newsletter and email blast. He also announced that DHBC will be doing more outreach soon now that we have the resources and staffing. Licensing Manager Napper stated that she recently did outreach to the RHDAP Program at the University of the Pacific.

Secretary Tribble-Agarwal asked if it was possible for licensees to upload their CE's and have them reviewed upon submission. Licensing Manager Napper stated that licensees can upload their CE certificates during renewal on BreEZe; however, staff will not be able to review the CEs. EO Lum followed up with an example of another board that implemented this suggested process required four staff and stated that DHBC does not have the staff resources to effectively carry out this process. The staff reiterated that CE certificates should be maintained by licensees for a minimum of six years and submitted to the board upon request. The staff also mentioned that upon renewal the licensee is prompted to certify if they have completed the required number of CEs.

Member Long asked if failed CE audit information is posted to the DHBC website. AEO Law stated that the citation and fine issued after a failed audit is considered an administrative action and is posted to the DCA license search website. AEO Law stated that staff are working on new statute to add a limitation on how long a citation can be posted.

President Dones and Member Long requested for further breakdown of licensee data.

Vice President Hansen inquired how often audits are conducted. Licensing Manager Napper stated that audits are selected randomly and conducted on a monthly basis.

Public comment: Cindy Saelee asked if it possible to breakdown the data of licensees who work on a part-time and full-time basis. Licensing Manager Napper responded to the commenter that that data is not collected by staff at this time.

EO Lum thanked all the staff for their quick and efficient work in completing their reports for the Board meeting.

16. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 16: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Oromyofunctional Therapy and its Use in the Dental Hygiene Profession.

Executive Office Anthony Lum stated Oromyofunctional Therapy was originally an agenda item requested to be posted for the July 2024 Board meeting to start discussions. During the July meeting, there was an extensive presentation with a robust discussion. The EO stated that this is a continuation of that initial discussion.

Motion: Justin Matthews moved for the Full Board to accept the comments and information submitted and take no action at this time.

Second: Michael Long.

Board Member discussion: Member Long thanked staff, members, presenters, and external organizations, including the American Dental Hygienists' Association and The Oral Motor Institute for their valuable contributions to this discussion. He stated that myofunctional therapy, dentistry, and dental hygienists have a unique opportunity to use their education and expertise to fill a vital role in the assessment and treatment of these disorders. Member Long also stated there are valid concerns regarding the field's qualifications educational standards and regulations particularly when treating newborns, infants, and toddlers. Lastly, he shared he is excited to continue this journey alongside like-minded healthcare professionals who share the vision of advancing innovative and scientifically supported treatment approaches.

President Dones recommended that dental hygienists interested in oral myofunctional therapy as an added duty should explore this through their professional organization and pursue the channels through legislation to expand scope.

Public comment: Cherise Burns, Interim Executive Officer of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board stated that in California the scope of practice of a speech language pathologist includes screening, evaluation counseling, and treatment of disorders of speech voice language or swallowing in individuals or groups of individuals, or groups of individuals. She specified that the knowledge of procedures for accessing and treating though interventions and procedures Oral Facial Myofunctional disorders including those related to tongue thrust is a competency within the speech language pathology occupational analysis and is in the educational clinical training of speech language pathologists. Ms. Burns stated that she is interested to hear further conversations by the board and associations on this topic.

Vote: Motion for the Full Board to accept the comments and information submitted and take no action at this time. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

17. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 17: Discussion and Possible Action for Finalization of the DHBC 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.

EO Lum stated that Full Board Agenda Item 17 was taken out of order at today’s meeting, because it could not be addressed on Friday, November 15, 2024, meeting. The Board has been working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to develop the Board’s Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2028. The original draft was finished in March 2024 and was set to be finalized at July 2024 meeting; however, the July 2024 meeting did not establish a quorum and the item was tabled. DHBC staff is proposing the Strategic Plan be approved and ratified at the meeting today, November 16, 2024.

Motion: Carmen Dones moved for the Board to approve the final draft version of the Board’s 2024-2028 Strategic Plan for immediate implementation.

Second: Justin Matthews.

Board Member discussion: None.

Public comment: None.

Vote: Motion for the Board to approve the final draft version of the Board’s 2024-2028 Strategic Plan for immediate implementation. Passed 6:0:1.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Carmen Dones	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Sherman King			Absent.
Michael Long	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

18. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 18: Future Agenda Items.

1. Member Long asked if the Board has the authority to interpret scope of practice items and requested staff to investigate how other DCA boards address the issues of interpreting scope and present findings back to the DHBC Board Members at the next meeting.
2. Vice President Hansen requested for staff to present what legislations will allow hygienists to administer Botox treatments (non-statics) in California.
3. JoAnn Galliano, Education Consultant to DHBC expressed concern about the quality of mandatory courses and the high rates of failed audits and unlicensed practice. She asked the Board if an audit on mandatory courses’ content is feasible to reduce the failure rates and unlicensed practice. She stated that this was a consumer protection issue. This was addressed by Executive Officer Lum, stating that he understands the concern; however, DHBC does not currently have the authority to audit CE courses.

19. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 19: Closed Session.

The Board met in Closed Session to discuss and complete the executive officer’s annual performance report and make any recommendations needed.

20. FULL BOARD Agenda Item 20: Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at **2:42 p.m.**