



## **Dental Hygiene Board of California Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

Dental Hygiene Board of California Headquarters  
2005 Evergreen Street  
1st Floor Hearing Room  
Sacramento, CA 95815

### **DHBC Members Present:**

Acting President – Sonia “Pat” Hansen, RDH Member  
Secretary – Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, RDH Member  
Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) Member – Michael Long  
Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Educator Member – Joanne Pacheco  
Public Health Dentist Member – Dr. Sridevi Ponnala  
Public Member – Dr. Julie Elginer  
Public Member – Sherman King  
Public Member – Dr. Justin Matthews  
Public Member - Vacant

### **DHBC Staff Present:**

Anthony Lum, Executive Officer  
Albert Law, Assistant Executive Officer  
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**

Sonia “Pat” Hansen, Acting President of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC, Board), reviewed meeting guidelines and called the meeting to order at **9:03 a.m.** Board Secretary Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with eight (8) members present.

Acting President Hansen introduced the new Board members, Dr. Julie Elginer and Joanne Pacheco. They each provided a brief background on their professional experience and prior board member experience. They shared their readiness and excitement to participate as new Board members of the DHBC.

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

**Board Member comment:** None.

**Public comment:** Kayla Sejera, RDHAP and Dental Coordinator at Tri County's Regional Center, stated that Board should add bill AB 341 for Board discussion. She stated that she is concerned with this bill passing.

## **3. FULL Agenda Item 3: Adjournment to Committee Meetings.**

Acting President Hansen adjourned the Full Board meeting at **9:14 a.m.**

## **4. FULL Agenda Item 4: Education Committee Meeting.**

## **5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 1: Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum.**

Michael Long, Education Committee Chair, called the Education Committee to order at **9:17 a.m.**, completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with five (5) members present.

## **6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 2: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.**

**Committee Member comment:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

## **7. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on Consideration to Approve a New Dental Hygiene Educational Program by California Baptist University.**

Dr. Adina Petty stated that on December 5, 2024, California Baptist University (CBU) submitted a letter of intent to request DHBC approval to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene education program based in Riverside, California. This program will address educational needs as well as increase preventative oral health services and access to care in the communities of Riverside, Ontario, San Bernadino, and the many underserved populations of the Inland Empire region.

On January 9, 2025, CBU submitted a feasibility study to the Board for review and consideration to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene education program.

Dr. Petty invited CBU Representatives, Dr. David Pearson, Dean of the College of Health Science at CBU, and Dr. Kelly Donovan, Founding Program Director of Dental Hygiene Program at CBU, to present their request to the Board.

**Motion:** Justin Matthews moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to provisionally approve a new Dental Hygiene Educational Program offered by California Baptist University, with the condition being an extendable two (2) year probational period once the program begins operation.

**Second:** Joanne Pacheco.

**Committee Member discussion:** Member Matthews asked Dr. Petty if the Board will be provided updates the program's progress. Dr. Petty stated that she will be monitoring their progress, and the timeline is available in the Board materials.

Executive Officer (EO), Anthony Lum, complimented the program's feasibility study for being well thought out and hopes that other interested parties follow with same level of thoroughness.

Chair Michael Long stated that he appreciated that it is a bachelor's degree program and that the program is regionally accredited.

**Public comment:** Susan McLearn, California Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA), stated her concern about access to care. She asked how they are addressing need for dentists as their graduates will need to work for a dentist. Dr. Pearson responded to Ms. McLearn's concern stating that they do not have a dental school right now, but their focus is on training well-equipped hygienists, first and foremost, to add them to the workforce. Dr. Donovan added on that their nursing program uses a mobile clinic and mobile facility and they plan to have the hygiene students work with the nursing students as they service the Inland Empire area.

Tooka Zokaie, on behalf of the California Dental Association (CDA), stated that CDA continues to support this program in a high need area as there continue to be challenges for hygienists to find openings.

Elena Francisco, stated a concern for a lack of RDH educators as California hygiene students do not have to take clinical exam anymore and is worried about the qualifications of educators selected. She asked if they have a system to vet trained educators.

Ryan Weller, RDHAP, stated that she is concerned about the need for another dental hygiene program. She referenced that there are at least three dental hygiene schools within 95 miles and that the primary Bachelor of Science program has had a 50% filled capacity the last couple of years. She questioned why they think more people would be attending CBU, based on how full the other surrounding schools are presently.

EO Lum informed the CBU representatives if they would like to address the public comments they may.

Dr. Pearson responded to Ms. Francisco's comment in agreement that is important that they hire qualified educators. He stated that within the next five years they hope to develop an advanced program where they can train educators in their area. Dr. Donovan stated that she also agreed with having a Bachelor of Science be the minimum for faculty acceptance.

**Vote: Motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to provisionally approve a new Dental Hygiene Educational Program offered by California Baptist University, with the condition being an extendable two (2) year probational period once the program begins operation. Passed 5:0:0.**

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Michael Long, Chair	X		
Sherman King	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

**8. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Dental Hygiene Educational Program Cohort Decrease Request from Cabrillo College.**

Dr. Adina Petty stated that on October 31, 2024, the Cabrillo College (Cabrillo) Dental Hygiene Educational Program (DHEP) submitted to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA) a “Request for a Change in Enrollment Pattern.”

On September 1, 2024, Cabrillo sent a copy of the “Request for a Change in Enrollment Pattern” to the Board. At that time, Cabrillo was notified they were required to obtain approval from the Board pursuant to 16 CCR section 1105.3(b)(3). Cabrillo then requested to be placed on the Board’s March 21-22, 2025, meeting agenda to request Board approval.

Dr. Petty asked Dr. Matthew Wetstein - President of Cabrillo College, Dr. Travaris Harris - Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Heidi Weber - Dean Health, Athletics, Wellness, and Kinesiology, to make their request to the Board.

**Motion:** Justin Matthews moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the change in enrollment pattern of the Cabrillo College Dental Hygiene Educational Program to admit a cohort of 20 students every other year, rather than on an annual basis.

**Second:** Sherman King.

**Committee Member discussion:** Member Matthews asked what would be necessary for the program to return to a normal cohort being admitted. Dr. Wetstein responded that budget cuts and the funding formula for the California community college system are the main reasons for their downsize in cohorts. He also cited that declining enrollment and high

cost of living are affecting student enrollment as Californians move towards the Central Valley and Inland Empire regions. Dr. Wetstein stated that another source of income is disappearing as they will not be able to offer professional development courses anymore due to a change in regulation from DHBC.

Member Pacheco asked if this program change has been approved by CODA. Dr. Weber responded that it has been approved by CODA.

Member Pacheco inquired what specific change in regulation and revenue stream is the program experiencing. Dr. Weber responded that the expanded duties courses are weekend courses offered to working professionals will be affected. The courses have a fee and include an online and in-person portion. The course fees are then used to pay faculty salaries. She stated that the program has learned that this is not appropriate based on DHBC standards. EO Lum asked Dr. Weber to clarify if they meant extended functions meaning the Soft Tissue Curettage, Local Anesthesia, and Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Analgesia (SLN) course, to which Dr. Weber responded yes.

Member Pacheco asked if other programs also experiencing the same issues with budget constraints at their community college. Dr. Wetstein stated that other programs at their college are experiencing similar financial constraints.

Member King asked for the program's reasoning in reducing their student size when having more students would increase income and the faculty size remains the same. Dr. Wetstein stated that the cost of running the program will decrease, faculty staff will stay the same, but there will only be one cohort instead of two. He stated that this means there will be less courses for instruction and worked hours for faculty.

**Public comment:** JoAnn Galliano, Education Consultant for DHBC, stated that she is concerned for continuity of care for patients that students will see and access over the course of their training. She also asked what kind of referral process for patients. Dr. Weber stated that there will be the same number of staff but will be downsizing the number of students. Dr. Weber also stated that there will be the same amount of oversight with faculty and supervising dentists. Dr. Wetstein referenced the program's ability to rely on their community partnerships such as Diantis, which provides low-income community members with care referrals.

Chair Long stated that it is unfortunate that the program and community are in this situation with the loss of students. The Cabrillo College representative stated that this is an issue of funding formula changes and high-cost career education programs in the health care field are at a loss. He stated that they would appreciate advocacy with the legislature since they are funded on a per tuition basis.

Mustafa, RDHAP, stated concern for the program's administration struggling to find a solution to finance when other community college programs have been able to manage their budgets. He also stated that he is concerned with this occurring while a shortage in the hygiene profession is ongoing.

**Vote: Motion to recommend to the Full Board to approve the change in enrollment pattern of the Cabrillo College Dental Hygiene Educational Program to admit a cohort of 20 students every other year, rather than on an annual basis. Passed 4:1:0.**

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Michael Long, Chair	X		
Sherman King	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco		X	
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal	X		

**9. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 5: Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Dental Hygiene Educational Program Schedule Request from Concorde Career College.**

Dr. Adina Petty stated Concorde Career College (CCC) requests for the Board to consider a request to accept the current academic schedule for the CCC DHEPs at Garden Grove, San Bernardino, and San Diego. She stated that the current schedule is nine weeks of instruction with an additional half week being final exams.

Dr. Petty asked Edward Cramp, Attorney at Duane Morris LLP, and Kimberly Pennington, Program Director at CCC-San Diego to present their request.

Dr. Petty also provided the Board and attendees with a presentation for DHBC DHEP Academic Instruction Requirements.

**Motion:** Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal moved for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to disapprove the request to accept the current academic schedule for the CCC Dental Hygiene Educational Programs at Garden Grove, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

**Second:** Joanne Pacheco.

**Committee Member discussion:** The Education Committee engaged in a robust discussion regarding the program’s 9.5-week schedule versus the program’s previous 10-week schedule.

**Public comment:** Joanne Galliano, Education Consultant for the DHBC, stated that students may not be prepared for this workload (night and weekend clinics) and the additional external factors of stress, personal life, and family. Ms. Galliano encouraged the

Board to disapprove the schedule and to mandate that the schedule becomes a 10-week instructional schedule with an additional final exam week.

EO Lum thanked Edward Cramp and presenters for their time and despite the motion to disapprove their request he hopes to continue to work together and have this re-addressed at upcoming Board meeting. Edward Cramp, Legal Counsel for CCC, agreed and stated that they are committed to getting it right and fulfilling the Board's standards. He stated that the program is in best interest of the students, faculty, and the public.

**Vote: Motion for the Education Committee to recommend to the Full Board to disapprove the request to accept the current academic schedule for the Dental Hygiene Educational Programs at Garden Grove, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Passed 5:0:0.**

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Michael Long, Chair	X		
Sherman King	X		
Justin Matthews	X		
Joanne Pacheco	X		
Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal	X		

#### **10. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 6: Dental Hygiene Educational Program Site Visit Update. (Informational Only).**

Dr. Adina Petty reported on the current status of the following DHEPs: at Pasadena City College (PCC), Taft College (Taft), Cabrillo College (Cabrillo), Cypress College (Cypress), Concorde Career College-San Diego (CCC-SD), Cerritos College (Cerritos), Concorde Career College-Garden Grove (CCC-GG), Carrington College-San Jose (Carrington-SJ), Concorde Career College-San Bernardino (CCC-SB), and West Los Angeles College (WLAC).

**Committee member comment:** None.

**Public comment:** Linda Brookman, RDHAP and former educator, asked if the recommendations for the site visits are available to the public. Dr. Petty responded to Ms. Brookman stating that site visit reports and documentation are available in the Board meeting materials starting on page 574.

#### **11. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 7: Future Agenda Items.**

**Committee Member comment:** None.

**Public comment:** Linda Brookman, RDHAP and former educator, asked the Board to consider adding an ITR program to each RDHAP curriculum as there is only one ITR program offered at North State with Dr. Paul Glassman. She stated that it is difficult for RDHAP's to take these courses and added that it would be beneficial to have another course available in the Southern California region as well.

## **12. EDUCATION COMMITTEE Agenda Item 8: Adjournment of the Education Committee.**

Chair Long adjourned the Education Committee at **11:11 a.m.**

## **13. FULL Agenda Item 5: Legislation and Regulatory Committee Meeting.**

### **14. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 1: Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum.**

Naleni "Lolly" Tribble-Agarwal, Legislation and Regulatory Committee Chair, called the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to order at **11:16 a.m.**, completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with five (5) members present.

### **15. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 2: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.**

**Committee Member comment:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

### **16. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005: Minimum Standards to Infection Control. (Informational Only).**

EO Anthony Lum stated that the Dental Board of California (DBC) established an Infection Control Advisory Working Group. The working group 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. The DHBC approved the proposed language and amendments to 16 CCR section 1005 and was presented at the February 6, 2025, DBC Dental Assisting Council and at the subsequent February 6-7, 2025, DBC meeting for approval.

The DBC received several comments on issues contained in the draft regulatory language to the extent that further revision to the language is necessary. They will have their experts and staff work to revise the language based upon the comments received, collaborate with the DHBC's experts, and address the draft language at the May 14-15, 2025, DBC meeting



for approval. If approved, the draft language will then be submitted back to the DHBC for consensus vote at the July 18-19, 2025, Full Board meeting.

**Committee Member discussion:** Member Elginer asked EO Lum if he could provide her with the list of those participating in the working group. EO Lum stated he would provide her with the list of DHBC and DBC collaborators.

**Public comment:** None.

#### **17. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Possible Action on Amendments to 16 CCR Section 1116.5: Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice; Physical Facility Registration.**

Dr. Adina Petty stated on January 1, 2025, 16 CCR section 1116.5 went into effect for the registration of physical facilities by Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAPs). Subsequently, the Board was informed about some confusion regarding the requirements for registration of physical facilities as a stand-alone practice versus registration of physical facilities to maintain portable equipment.

She stated that in an effort to address those concerns, Board staff prepared the attached proposed amendments to the previously approved language and form for 16 CCR section 1116.5 for conciseness.

Dr. Petty stated that the information is available in the Legislation and Regulatory Addendum posted to the DHBC website.

**Motion:** Michael Long moved for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the proposed amended language and form for 16 CCR section 1116.5, and direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review. If the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting the action, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing, if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, and adopt the proposed regulations as described in the text notice for 16 CCR section 1116.5.

**Second:** Member Hansen.

**Committee Member discussion:** Member Long thanked Dr. Petty for her assistance in reviewing the materials with him and for clarifying the information.

Acting President Hansen asked what the Board can do facilitate access for RDHAPs to access the AEDs through prescription. Dr. Petty stated that AEDs do require a prescription, but it is more of a general prescription. Dr. Petty stated that RDHAPs can go to the AED sales website, the AED manufacturers and sellers will direct them on how to get an AED prescription. She also stated that they can go to their private physician to get a prescription. Dr. Petty stated that the oxygen is a legislative mandate (SB 534) for administration of local anesthesia. She stated that the Board's approval was based on RDHAP's having a relationship with a dentist who would then assist RDHAPs with the prescription for local anesthesia, oxygen, and fluoride. Dr. Petty stated that any changes would have to be done through legislation which is statutory and not regulatory.

Member Long stated that his opinion on the relationship between the RDHAP and the dentist is regarding patient care and not for ordering supplies. He stated that he would like to see RDHAP have the ability to order the supplies they need to treat patients under their scope of practice.

Member Long asked for clarity on what the process is if the Board approves this language while still wanting to further discuss the topic of oxygen and AED. Dr. Petty stated that the Board approves the language, goes through the approvals process, published by the Office of Administrative Law, then there is a 45-day comment period that licensees and the public can participate, the comments would then be presented to the Board with another 15-day comment period.

Susan McLearan, CDHA, asked to remove the AED requirement as it seems unfair that they are required for RDHAP offices but not in dental offices. EO Lum stated that DHBC does not have purview over dental offices but do have purview over the RDHAP remote offices. He and Acting President Hansen stated that implementing the AED requirement is for safety reasons as RDHAPs work in rural areas. They reiterated that this is to protect the consumer in case of emergency.

Member Elginer stated that any concern for the portable oxygen requirement could be an opportunity for trade associations to work on this issue, since it was created through statute (SB 534).

Member Long stated mobile dentistry in rural areas do not require an AED. Member Ponnala stated that she recently got a mobile van, and an AED is a requirement. She stated that AEDs are available everywhere in public, such as gyms and malls. Member Ponnala stated that AEDs have gone down in price in the last couple of years and believes the AED requirement is more of a consumer protection issue with regards to population safety.

**Public comment:** Kieresten Anderson, RDHAP in a rural area, stated her concern about the portable oxygen requirement as she has had issues acquiring this for her brick-and-mortar practice since it requires a prescription and RDHAPs do not have prescription writing abilities. She stated that her location in a rural setting makes it difficult to have a relationship with a dentist, who can order this as needed.

Brenda Lee, RDHAP, stated having similar concerns as Ms. Anderson with the oxygen tank and AED requirements for registration of a physical facility. Ms. Lee stated that as an RDHAP she sees this as a barrier as these medical devices require a physician's prescription to lawfully purchase and is questioning how RDHAPs can meet this amendment of the CCR.

Elena Francisco, RDHAP, stated that she felt blindsided with this mandate. She stated that she understands the requirement for oxygen, but it concerned with accessing it since a prescription is required and it is expensive for RDHAP afford. Ms. Francisco asked when the original discussion took place and where to locate the paperwork that dictated that AEDs are not required in their practice.

Jennifer Watney, RDHAP, stated she would like DHBC to provide the paperwork or justification for the AED requirement. She stated that it seems unfair to impose on RDHAPs who typically perform non-invasive procedures and have a lower likelihood of medical emergencies that would need an AED.

Dr. Petty responded to the commenters asking about when these requirements were made official. She stated that the Board approved the language on November 19, 2022, and it was sent to publication for the 45-day comment period. The notice was filed on January 23, 2024. It was published on February 2, 2024. Dr. Petty stated that individuals can find this information on the Laws and Regulations page located on the [DHBC website](#). She added that individuals can review the minutes from November 19, 2022, for the Board's approval.

**Vote: Motion for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the proposed amended language and form for 16 CCR section 1116.5, and direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review. If the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting the action, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing, if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, and adopt the proposed regulations as described in the text notice for 16 CCR section 1116.5. Passed 5:0:0.**

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Chair	X		
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Michael Long	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		

#### **18. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 5: Status of Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) Regulatory Packages. (Informational Only).**

Dr. Adina Petty provided an update on the status of the Rulemaking Files (see pages 579 – 581 of the Board meeting materials) since the November 22, 2024, Board Meeting. 16 CCR sections 1116 (Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinics) and 1116.5 (RDHAP Physical Facility Registration) were approved on November 22, 2024, and went into effect on January 1, 2025. 16 CCR section 1105.4 Appeals Process and Reinstatement of Withdrawn Dental Hygiene Educational Programs (DHEPs) was approved on January 27, 2025, and was effective April 1, 2025. She stated that 16 CCR section 1105.2(e) (Periodontal Classifications) is in process and 16 CCR section 1116.5 (RDHAP Physical Facility Registration) was reopened today in the Legislation and Regulatory Committee Agenda Item 4. Dr. Petty ended her report stating that the processing times are located on page 581 within the Board meeting materials.

**Committee Member discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

#### **19. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 6: Discussion and Possible Action to Amend 2025 DHBC Omnibus Bill Proposal.**

Executive Officer Anthony Lum reported the Board licenses and regulates California dental hygienists pursuant to sections 1900 through 1967.4 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC). Since inception of the statutes, the Board continually analyzes and reviews them for any possible revisions that would help clarify the language for staff, licensees and interested stakeholders; improve procedures; and enhance program efficiencies for the betterment of the Board. This ongoing task is to improve the Board’s oversight requirements of Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs), RDHAPs, Registered Dental Hygienists in Extended Functions (RDHEFs), and DHEPs to uphold the law.

The original Omnibus Bill proposals from our last meeting will remain (DHBC naming clarifications) and the additional request adds new language to the proposal, if approved, through an amendment to the bill. The requested amendments add the following language:

- 1) Provides an opportunity to remove language that should have been repealed from a previously approved bill (Senate Bill 1451, Statutes of 2024) during the last session removing the requirements to seek DBC approval for dental hygiene scope of practice issues. This was a compromise with the DBC for the removal of the RDH member from their board and the stricken language has been discussed with the Senate Business, Professions, & Economic Development (Senate BP&ED) staff for repeal.
- 2) Mirrors previously approved language for dental students (Assembly Bill 936, Statutes of 2023) to be applied to dental hygiene students to work at sponsored events under faculty supervision to improve access to dental care and increase their clinical experiences.
- 3) Provide direction to RDHAPs to notify the Board of their working locations at each license renewal which assists in the Board's oversight of the license category.
- 4) For clarity, separates one combined licensure fee into two separate fees (Application Fee and Initial Licensure Fee) so applicants know what their fees are paying for.

**Motion:** Julie Elginer moved for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to review the proposed amendments to the 2025 Omnibus Bill (SB 861) request to BPC sections 1905(a)(8), 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, and 1944. If the Committee determines these changes are warranted, I move for the Committee to approve the proposed statutory language and recommend to the Full Board to consider all or part of the language to be used in an amendment to the Omnibus Bill.

**Second:** Member Ponnala.

**Committee Member discussion:** Member Elginer asked if any of the items are not allowed in the Senate BP&ED on this bill if the staff plans to go back to the Legislature to determine if the spot bill dies or if any other legislative changes may occur (e.g., held in suspense or if they could re-purpose the bill to include this language). EO Lum responded he hopes the DHBC language may be included in the Bill and stated that the DHBC will continue pursuing this language even if the Board is unsuccessful during this legislative session.

**Public comment:** Susan McLearn, CDHA, asked whether the decision for the 1915.1 1-in-5 ratios in clinical services and the 1-in-6 in non-clinical should be added to the language. Dr. Petty responded to Ms. McLearn that the language she is speaking of was approved by the Board and clarified additional information as well.

**Vote: Motion for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to review the proposed amendments to the 2025 Omnibus Bill (SB 861) request to BPC sections 1905(a)(8), 1915.1, 1926.3, 1941, and 1944. If the Committee determines these changes are warranted, I move for the Committee to approve the proposed statutory language and recommend to the Full Board to consider all or part of the language to be used in an amendment to the Omnibus Bill. Passed 5:0:0.**

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Chair	X		
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Michael Long	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		

Later in the meeting, Member Long asked to re-open Legislation and Regulatory Committee Agenda Item (6) for discussion to get clarification on a question that was asked during the public comment regarding 1:5 supervision ratios mentioned in BPC section 1915.1(d)(5).

Dr. Petty stated that BPC section 1909, subdivisions (a) and (b) allows for the performance of soft tissue curettage and for the administration of local anesthesia, respectively, under direct supervision. BPC section 1910(a) allows for preventive and therapeutic interventions, including oral prophylaxis, scaling, and root planing under general supervision. She stated that the confusion may have been regarding the clinical procedures that require the 1 to 5 faculty-to-student ratio. She explained that general supervision would cover services like toothbrush instruction and fluoride administration and would not require the 1-in-5 clinical supervision ratio.

Based on this clarification, Member Long asked for the Board to amend the motion language. The original motion maker and seconder agreed to proceed with an amended motion.

**Amended Motion:** Member Elginer moved for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the full Board the language amendments with regard to supervision ratios for BPC section 1915.1, subdivisions (d)(5), (d)(6), and (d)(7) to be as follows:

- (d)(5) Supervision ratios and dental hygiene student oversight while performing clinical procedures as authorized in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 1909 and subdivision (a) of Section 1910 shall be, at a minimum, of one (1) clinical supervising faculty member to five (5) dental hygiene students.
- (d)(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.
- (d)(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.

**Amended Second:** Member Ponnala.

**Committee Member discussion:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**Vote:** Motion for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the full Board the language amendments with regard to supervision ratios for BPC section 1915.1, subdivisions (d)(5), (d)(6), and (d)(7) to be as follows:

- (d)(5) Supervision ratios and dental hygiene student oversight while performing clinical procedures as authorized in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 1909 and subdivision (a) of Section 1910 shall be, at a minimum, of one (1) clinical supervising faculty member to five (5) dental hygiene students.
- (d)(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.
- (d)(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. Passed 5:0:0.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Chair	X		
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Michael Long	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		

**20. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 7: Legislative Update: Bills of Interest and Legislative Calendar.** (Informational Only).

Dr. Adina Petty reported as to current legislation of interest to the Board, as well as reporting on the current legislative calendar.

**Motion:** Julie Elginer moved for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the proposed positions as follows: AB 224 (Watch), AB 341 (Watch), AB 350 (Support), AB 371 (Watch), AB 489 (Watch), AB 873 (Oppose), AB 966 (Watch), SB 62 (Watch), and SB 351 (Watch).

**Second:** Member Hansen

Legislation	DHBC Position
<b>AB 224</b> Bonta: Health care coverage: essential health benefits.	Watch.
<b>AB 341</b> Arambula: Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program.	Watch.
<b>AB 350</b> Bonta: Health care coverage: fluoride treatments.	Support.
<b>AB 371</b> Haney: Dental coverage.	Watch.
<b>AB 489</b> Bonta: Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence.	Watch.
<b>AB 873</b> Alanis: Dentistry: dental assistants: infection control course.	Oppose.
<b>AB 966</b> Carrillo: Dental Practice Act: foreign dental schools.	Watch.
<b>SB 62</b> Menjivar: Health care coverage: essential health benefits.	Watch.
<b>SB 351</b> Cabaldon: Health Facilities.	Watch.

**Committee Member discussion:** The Legislation and Regulatory Committee and public commenters engaged in a robust discussion regarding AB 341 and AB 873.

**Public comment:** Kayla Sejera, RDHAP and Dental Coordinator at Tri County’s Regional Center, in comment to AB 341, stated that they support adding RDHAPs to the language and support the Board’s decision for a watch position. She stated that they would like to see this as part of a pilot project rather than legislation.

**Vote: Motion for the Legislation and Regulatory Committee to recommend to the Full Board to approve the proposed positions as follows: AB 224 (Watch), AB 341 (Watch), AB 350 (Support), AB 371 (Watch), AB 489 (Watch), AB 873 (Oppose), AB 966 (Watch), SB 62 (Watch), and SB 351 (Watch). Passed 5:0:0.**



Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal, Chair	X		
Julie Elginer	X		
Sonia “Pat” Hansen	X		
Michael Long	X		
Sridevi Ponnala	X		

## 21. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 8: Future Legislative and Regulatory Committee Agenda Items.

**Committee Member comment:** Member Elginer requested to have the information on the sponsor of the bill as pieces of legislation are being introduced if it is publicly available.

Member Elginer requested to reconvene the Legislation and Regulatory Committee between the March and July Board meetings. EO Lum stated that it is possible to conduct an additional meeting that is in-person or teleconference, but it is the Board President’s prerogative whether another meeting occurs.

Member Long requested discussion and possible action on amending 16 CCR section 1116 (RDHAP Mobile Dental Hygiene Clinics) with regard to the requirement of an AED.

**Public comment:** None.

## 22. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 9: Adjournment of the Legislative and Regulatory Committee Meeting.

Chair Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal adjourned the Legislation and Regulatory Committee at **2:58 p.m.**

## 23. FULL Agenda Item 6: Roll Call & Re-Establishment of a Quorum.

Sonia “Pat” Hansen, Acting President called the meeting to order at **3:00 p.m.** Board Secretary Naleni “Lolly” Tribble-Agarwal completed the roll call, and a quorum was established with eight (8) members present.

## 24. FULL Agenda Item 7: Future Agenda Items.

**Committee Member comment:** None.

**Public comment:** Cheryl Greer, RDHAP, requested for ITR to be added as a CE course so that it is more accessible for RDHAPs. She also asked the Board to consider RDH and RDHAPs to be allowed to write prescriptions for items such as fluoride and oxygen.

**25.FULL Agenda Item 8: Adjournment.**

Acting President Hansen adjourned the Full Board meeting at **3:03 p.m.**