



MINUTES

COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION ADA HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, IL & VIRTUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 (CLOSED SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Frank Licari, called a closed meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association Headquarters Building, Chicago, Illinois and in a virtual closed session for the purpose of a Mega Issue Discussion by the Commission.

Roll Call: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Ms. Jill Day, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer - Dixon, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Catherine Hayes, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Cataldo Leone (vice-chair), Dr. Frank Licari (chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending in person: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Ms. Jill Day, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Catherine Hayes, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Cataldo Leone (vice-chair), Dr. Frank Licari (chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending virtually: Dr. Kenneth Sadler attended virtually for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioners absent: Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, and Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins were unable to attend.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. John Hisel, Eleventh District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA).

Guests: Dr. Tracy De Peralta, Dr. Rocio Quinonez, and Dr. Philip Marucha attended the Mega Issue Discussion, in person.

Commission Staff: Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, *ex-officio*, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, Ms. Jessica Lynk, Mr. Shawn Morrison, Ms. Katie Navickas, Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Kelly Stapleton, Ms. Taylor Weast (virtual), managers, Ms. Marjorie Hooper, operations coordinator, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, CODA.

Mega Issue Discussion: The Commission engaged in a Mega Issue discussion titled “Student Assessment and Evaluation in Dental Education.” The Commission’s received a presentation from three



(3) guest speakers, focusing on information on the use of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) in predoctoral dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned the closed Mega Issue discussion at 4:00 P.M.



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 (CLOSED SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Frank Licari, called a regular meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 30, 2025, in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association Headquarters Building, Chicago, Illinois and in a virtual closed session for the purpose of reviewing educational programs by the Commission.

Roll Call: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Ms. Jill Day, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer - Dixon, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Catherine Hayes, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Cataldo Leone (vice-chair), Dr. Frank Licari (chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending in person: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Ms. Jill Day, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Catherine Hayes, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Cataldo Leone (vice-chair), Dr. Frank Licari (chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending virtually: Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon and Dr. Kenneth Sadler attended virtually for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioners absent: Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel and Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins were unable to attend.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. John Hisel, Eleventh District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA).

Commission Staff: Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, *ex-officio*, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, Ms. Jessica Lynk, Mr. Shawn Morrison, Ms. Katie Navickas, Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Kelly Stapleton, Ms. Taylor Weast (virtual for the morning), managers, Ms. Marjorie Hooper, operations coordinator, Mr. Daniel Sloyan, allied coordinator, Ms. Bridget Blackwood, Ms. Shelby Burgus, Ms. Zaira Perez Limon, senior project assistants, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda of the meeting was adopted.



Commissioner Fiduciary Duties, Professional Conduct Policy, and Conflict of Interest Obligations:

Ms. Samara Schwartz, ADA/CODA Senior Associate General Counsel, reminded the Commission of its fiduciary responsibilities and the Conflict of Interest policy.

Policy Reminder of Confidentiality: Dr. Frank Licari, CODA Chair, read the Commission’s Reminder of Confidentiality, noting the confidential nature of the Commission’s materials and deliberations related to the accreditation of programs.

Accreditation Mail Ballots Since Last Commission Meeting: The Commission approved for the record 13 mail ballots related to program accreditation actions, which had been considered since the Summer 2024 Commission meeting.

Consideration of Site Visitor Nominations: Site Visitors are appointed annually for one-year terms but for no more than six (6) consecutive years. The Commission considered the names of individuals recommended by the Predoctoral (including Dental Therapy), Postdoctoral General Dentistry (including Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency), Dental Anesthesiology, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Laboratory Technology, Dental Public Health, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine, Orofacial Pain, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics Education Review Committees.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation approves the site visitor appointments for 2025-2026 (**Appendix 1**).

Consideration of Matters Relating to Accreditation Actions: The Commission reviewed site visit evaluations, progress reports, and other requested reports on predoctoral dental education programs, advanced dental education programs, and allied dental education programs.

One (1) special appearance was made before the Commission by an educational program reviewed in the Commission’s Report on the Accreditation Status of Educational Programs.

Commission Action: Accreditation status was granted to programs evaluated since the Summer 2024 meeting. Accreditation actions are summarized in the “Report on the Accreditation Statuses of Educational Programs.” (**Appendix 2**).

Closed Session Business Related to CODA Operations: The Commission discussed confidential matters related to operations pertaining to the American Dental Association (ADA) headquarters relocation, cost of CODA operations, staffing needs, and the ADA Study of CODA.

Commission Action: No action was taken by the Commission.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned the closed session at 3:42 P.M.



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COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION ADA HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, IL & VIRTUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025 (OPEN SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Frank Licari, called a regular meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, January 31, 2025, in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association Headquarters Building, Chicago, Illinois and in a virtual open session.

Roll Call: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya (Dr. Leticia Ferreira-Cabido substituting for Dr. Bhattacharyya), Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Ms. Jill Day, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Catherine Hayes, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Cataldo Leone (vice-chair), Dr. Frank Licari (chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending in person: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya (Dr. Leticia Ferreira-Cabido substituting for Dr. Bhattacharyya), Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Ms. Jill Day, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Catherine Hayes, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari, Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending virtually: Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Keith Mays, and Dr. Kenneth Sadler attended virtually for a portion of the meeting.

Commissioners absent: Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel and Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins were unable to attend.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. John Hisel, Eleventh District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA).

Commission Staff: Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, ex-officio, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, Ms. Jessica Lynk, Mr. Shawn Morrison, Ms. Katie Navickas, Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Kelly Stapleton, Ms. Taylor Weast, managers, Ms. Marjorie Hooper, operations coordinator, Mr. Daniel Sloyan, allied coordinator, Ms. Shelby Burgus, and Ms. Zaira Perez Limon, senior project assistants, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA.



Adoption of the Agenda: The Commission adopted the agenda, reordering the report on the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental, and Allied Dental Education Programs to be considered prior to the reports of the Review Committees.

Conflict of Interest Statement, Fiduciary Reminder, and Reminder of Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment: Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, reminded the Commissioners of their fiduciary responsibilities, Professional Conduct, Prohibition Against Harassment, and the CODA Conflict of Interest policies.

Approve the Minutes from Summer 2024 Meeting: The minutes of the Summer 2024 Meeting were approved.

Accreditation Mail Ballots Since Last Commission Meeting: The Commission approved for the record two (2) mail ballots submitted by the Standing Committee on Nominations, which have been considered since the Summer 2024 Commission meeting.

Consent Calendar: The Commission noted there were no items on the consent agenda.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental, and Allied Dental Education Programs: The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee. Additionally, the Commission noted that each of the Review Committees considered the topic of diversity and the humanistic culture and learning environment as these topics pertain to the Accreditation Standards for the disciplines within each Review Committee's purview. The Review Committee reports were noted to follow this discussion on the Commission's meeting agenda. Noting the current environment for educational programs and the current regulatory mandates for which programs must comply at the local, state, and federal level in addition to CODA's Accreditation Standards, the Commission concluded that it would be beneficial to further discuss the topics of diversity and the humanistic culture and learning environment through a Mega Issue Discussion on "Diversity in Dental Education," with contributions of thought by The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity and others including, but not limited to, the American Dental Education Association, during the Summer 2025 Commission meeting. The Commission on Dental Accreditation also concluded that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards should be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs a Mega Issue Discussion on Diversity in Dental Education, with contributions of thought by The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity and others including, but not limited to, the American Dental Education Association, during the Summer 2025 Commission meeting.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Cataldo Leone. **Committee Members:** Dr. Sillas Duarte, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Ms.



Danae Seyffer Kotula, Ms. Wilhemina Leeuw, Dr. Thomas McConnell, Dr. Scott Phillips, Dr. Daniel Shin, and Dr. Deborah Weisfuse-Lipner. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA) attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Kelly Stapleton, manager, Predoctoral Dental Education, and Ms. Attiyya Muhammad, senior project assistant, CODA. Dr. Sherin Tookes, senior director, and Ms. Samara Schwartz (virtual), senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC) was held on January 6 – 7, 2025 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois and via a virtual meeting. The PREDOC RC report is found in **Appendix 3**.

Informational Report on Predoctoral Dental Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no change to the Curriculum Section of the Commission's Annual Survey for predoctoral dental education programs to be conducted in August 2025.

Informational Report on Dental Therapy Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no change to the Curriculum Section of the Commission's Annual Survey for dental therapy education programs to be conducted in August 2025.

Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs and Dental Therapy Education Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PREDOC RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs to consider administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs in the proposed revisions of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs, with a future report to the Predoctoral Dental Education Review Committee and Commission.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs that consideration of administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs be included in discussions of the Predoctoral Dental Education Review Committee following the 2025 Validity and Reliability Study of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs with consideration of the proposed revisions for predoctoral dental education programs, if applicable, and a future report to the Commission.



Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs and Dental Therapy Education Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

New Business: Informational Report on the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs: The Commission noted the PREDOC RC's new business discussion.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Miriam Robbins. Committee Members: Dr. Marc Henschel, Dr. Robert Hollowell, Dr. Edward O'Connor, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Sally Placa, Dr. Steven Rhodes, Dr. Anchita Venkatesh, and Dr. Michelle Ziegler. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA) attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, CODA. Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC) was held on January 9, 2025 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois. The PGD RC report is found in **Appendix 4**.

Informational Report on Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Related to the Optional Second Year: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PGD RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry related to the optional second year (**Appendix 4**) and directs revision of all related documents, for implementation July 1, 2025.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency related to the optional second year (**Appendix 4**) and directs revision of all related documents, for implementation July 1, 2025.



Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs Related to Sponsoring Institution and Authority to Operate: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PGD RC. The Commission noted that this topic will affect all advanced dental education programs under the Commission's purview, since all advanced dental education Accreditation Standards are similar related to the sponsoring institution. Additionally, it was noted that the list of accreditation organizations recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) could change and would require monitoring by the Commission unless the Commission has a prescribed list of agencies it accepts from CMS. The Commission believed CODA's advanced dental education Review Committees should review this matter and report to the Commission in Summer 2025.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for advanced dental education programs related to sponsoring institution and authority to operate.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs each advanced education Review Committee to examine the revision to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education disciplines under the Commission's purview, related to sponsoring institution and authority found in **Appendix 4**, with report to the commission at the August 2025 meeting.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PGD RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC): Committee Chair: Ms. Jill Day Committee Members: Dr. Wil Abshier, Ms. Julie Bera, Dr. Martin Bloom, Dr. Jennifer Boyce, Ms. Heather Ferris, Dr. Christy Ross, Ms. Staci Schory, Ms. Heather Seghi, and Ms. Diana Williams. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Ms. Ronda Lane, president, American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Ms. Laura Skarnulis, chief executive officer, Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and the DALE Foundation, Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Mr. Aaron White, chief operating



officer, DANB and the DALE Foundation, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education, Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinator, Allied Program Reviews, and Ms. Zaira Limon Perez, senior project assistant, Allied Dental Education, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC) was held on January 9-10, 2025 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois. The DA RC report is found in **Appendix 5**.

Informational Report on Dental Assisting Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation retains, with no changes, the Curriculum Section (**Appendix 6**) of the Commission's Annual Survey for Dental Assisting programs to be conducted in August 2025.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DA RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Assisting Standards to review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs to determine whether revisions are needed related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs, in conjunction with the Ad Hoc Committee's continued review of the Validity and Reliability Study, with a future report to the Dental Assisting Review Committee and Commission.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education (DH RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Monica Nenad. Committee Members: Ms. Denise Avrutik (absent), Dr. Linda Boyd, Dr. Ngoc Chu (virtual), Ms. Mara Crow, Dr. Marcia Ditmyer, Ms. Patricia Guenther, Dr. James Harrison (virtual), Ms. Joanne Pacheco, Dr. Sharon Peterson, Dr. Carole Palmer, Dr. Paul Francis Tayag Ayson, and Ms. Maiga Van Haalen. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Dr. JoAnn Gurenlian, director, Education, Research and Advocacy, American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education, Ms. Jamie Asher-Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinator, Allied Program Reviews, and Ms. Zaira Perez-Lemon, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tookes, senior director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.



The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education (DH RC) was held on January 6-8, 2025 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois and on January 13, 2025 via virtual meeting. The DH RC report is found in **Appendix 7**.

Informational Report on Dental Hygiene Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision of the Dental Hygiene Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 7**) with implementation in Fall 2025.

Consideration on Proposed Revisions to Standard 3-6 of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs: The Commission discussed the DH RC report, including the proposed revision to Standard 3-6 related to faculty degree qualifications, and concurred with the DH RC that the proposed revision be adopted and implemented immediately. The Commission believed that the revision of Standard 3-6 would benefit the programs with immediate implementation. The Commission also noted the increase in numbers of dental hygiene programs and expansion of program enrollments. The Committee discussed the proposed revision to Standard 3-6 c, including the difference between state dental board credentialing requirements for licensure and the proposed CODA Standards requirements for programs to credential the faculty.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs Standard 3-6, found in **Appendix 7**, with immediate implementation.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the proposed revision to Standard 3-6 c of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, related to internationally trained dentists and dental hygienists teaching in dental hygiene education programs, found in **Appendix 7**, be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for six (6) months, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting, with review of all comments received by the Review Committee and Commission in Summer 2025.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DH RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs that consideration of administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs be included in future discussions of the Dental Hygiene Education Review Committee, with consideration of the proposed revisions for predoctoral dental education programs, if applicable, and a future report to the Commission.



Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Education (DLT RC):

Committee Chair: Ms. Lonni Thompson. **Committee Members:** Ms. Laura Andreescu, Ms. LaShun James, Mr. Steven Pigliacelli, and Dr. Gitanjali Pinto-Sinai. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Mr. Bennett Napier, chief staff executive, National Association of Dental Laboratories (NADL), and Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinator, Allied Program Reviews, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Education (DLT RC) was held on January 6, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The DLT RC report is found in **Appendix 8**.

Informational Report on Dental Laboratory Technology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section:
There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Dental Laboratory Technology Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 9**) be retained with no changes for use in August 2025.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DLT RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Standards to review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs to determine whether revisions are needed related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs, with a future report to the Dental Laboratory Technology Review Committee and Commission.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc



Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Catherine Hayes. Committee Members: Dr. Hussein Assaf, Dr. Vinod Bhoopathi, Dr. Bruce Dye, and Dr. Kristina Petrocco-Napuli. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association; Ms. Kelly Braun, executive director, American Board of Dental Public Health; and Mr. David Peña, Jr., executive director, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) was held on January 22, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The DPH RC report is found in **Appendix 10**.

Informational Report on Dental Public Health Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DPH RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs a survey of dental public health education programs related to the use of distance education and administrative oversight with further analysis in relation to a potential revision to dental public health Standards, with a report to the Dental Public Health Education Review Committee and Commission in Summer 2025.

The Commission further directs that there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Fabricio Teixeira. Committee Members: Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Melissa Drum, Dr. Timothy Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Josanne O'Dell. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear,



chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Ms. Trina Andresen Coe, deputy executive director, American Association of Endodontists (AAE). Commission Staff: Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees, and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) was held on January 6, 2025, via a virtual meeting. The ENDO RC report is found in **Appendix 11**.

Informational Report on Endodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the ENDO RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (**Appendix 11**) related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs with immediate implementation.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Neel Bhattacharyya. Committee Members: Dr. Leticia Ferreira Cabido, Dr. Robert Kelsch, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. Dara Rogers. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association; Dr. Angela Chi, president, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology; and Dr. Kevin Torske, secretary/treasurer, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Dr. Sherin Took, senior director; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) was held on January 9, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The OMP RC report is found in **Appendix 12**.

Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.



Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OMP RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

New Business: Inclusion of Digital Slides and Diagnosis in Training Programs: The Commission noted the new business discussion of the OMP RC.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Jeffery Price. Committee Members: Dr. King Chong (KC) Chan, Dr. Jahanzeb Chaudhry, Dr. Karen Parker-Davidson, and Dr. Tena Phillips. Guest (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Dr. Angela Broome, president, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR), Dr. Hui Lang, director, ABOMR. Staff Members: Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager; Administration and Committees, and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC) was held on January 6, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The OMR RC report is found in **Appendix 13**.

Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OMR RC.



Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. George Kushner. **Committee Members:** Dr. Vasiliki Karlis, Dr. Deepak Krishnan, Dr. John Manahan, Dr. Jan Mitchell, and Dr. Vincent Perciaccante. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Ms. Mary Allaire-Schnitzer, associate executive director, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Dr. Charles Crago, vice president, (AAOMS), Dr. David Powers, president, American Board of Maxillofacial Surgery, (ABOMS) and Ms. Laurie Oddo, director, Advanced Education and Resident Affairs, (AAOMS) attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Commission Staff:** Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees, and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) was held on January 7, 2025, via a virtual meeting. The OMS RC report is found in **Appendix 14**.

Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Sections: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OMS RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs **Appendix 15** be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2025.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship programs **Appendix 16** be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2025.



Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OMS RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery **Appendix 14** related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for one (1) year, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting and American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session, with review of comments received by the Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2026.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery **Appendix 14** related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for one (1) year, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting and American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session, with review of comments received by the Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2026.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education

(ORTHO RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Glenn Sameshima. Committee Members: Dr. Lynda Box, Dr. Parvati Iyer (attended a portion of the meeting on January 10, 2025), Dr. Chung How Kau, Dr. Juan Palomo, and Dr. Emile Rossouw. Dr. Sameshima did not attend the January 22, 2025 meeting, and Dr. Rossouw served as interim committee chair. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Ms. Michelle Ritterskamp, continuing education senior specialist, American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees, Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, (attended a portion of the meeting on January 21, 2025), Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education, (did not attend meeting on January 21, 2025) and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) was held on January 10, 2025, and January 21, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The ORTHO RC report is found in **Appendix 17**.



Informational Report on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Related to Faculty Ratios: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the ORTHO RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics **Appendix 17** related to faculty ratios with an immediate implementation.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the ORTHO RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Jessica Lee. Committee Members: Dr. Clarice Law Eyre, Dr. Ana Keohane, Dr. Tad Mabry, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. J.C. Shirley. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA); Dr. Leila C. Younger, executive director, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD); and Dr. Leola Royston, manager, Education Development and Academic Support, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Taylor Weast and Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, managers, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).



The meeting of the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC) was held on January 7, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The PED RC report is found in **Appendix 18**.

Informational Report on Pediatric Dentistry Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Anesthesia Standards of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PED RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to Standard 4-7b of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PED RC, as noted below.

Proposed Revision to the intent statement of Standard 2-2

Additions are Underlined.

STANDARD 2 - PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TEACHING STAFF

- 2-2 Administrative Responsibilities: The program director must have sufficient authority and time to fulfill administrative program assessment and teaching responsibilities in order to achieve the educational goals of the program including:

Intent: Program directors with remote programs have resources to visit these programs. The program director ensures administrative oversight at all major sites where educational activity occurs.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision to the intent statement of Standard 2-2 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry related administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs, with immediate implementation.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc



Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Periodontics Education (PERIO RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Paul Luepke. Committee Members: Dr. Dolphus Dawson, Dr. Wayne Kye, Dr. A.C. Liles, III, Dr. Vishal Shah, and Dr. Dimitris Tatakis. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Jennifer Bain, education consultant, American Academy of Periodontology (AAP). Commission Staff: Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Periodontics Education (PERIO RC) was held on January 9, 2025, via a virtual meeting. The PERIO RC report is found in **Appendix 19**.

Informational Report on Periodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PERIO RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics **Appendix 19** related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for one (1) year, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting and American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session, with review of comments received by the Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2026.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education (PROS RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti. Committee Members: Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Dean Morton, Dr. Philip Rinaudo, Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh, and Dr. Frank Tuminelli. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Took, senior director; Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager,



Administration and Committees; CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education (PROS RC) was held on January 8, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The PROS RC report is found in **Appendix 20**.

Informational Report on Prosthodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PROS RC, as noted below.

Proposed Revision to the intent statement of Standard 1-2

Additions are Underlined.

USE OF SITES WHERE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY OCCURS

- 1-2 For each site, including those at major and minor educational activity sites, there **must** be an on-site clinical supervisor who is an educationally qualified specialist in the curriculum areas for which he/she is responsible.

Intent: *Students/Residents engaging in prosthodontic related experiences should be supervised by an educationally qualified prosthodontist. The on-site clinical supervisor provides administrative oversight and is responsible to the program director.*

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics related to an intent statement in Standard 1-2 and directs revision of all related documents, with immediate implementation.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Joseph Giovannitti. **Committee Members:** Ms. LaShun James, Dr. Gerard Kugel, Dr. Mana Saraghi, and Dr. Philip Yen. Ms. LaShun James was not in attendance. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, and Dr. Ken Reed, president, American Dental Board of Anesthesiology, attended the policy portion of the



meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) was held on January 8, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The DENTANES RC report is found in **Appendix 21**.

Informational Report on Dental Anesthesiology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Anesthesiology Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DENTANES RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs there be no revision at this time to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Dental Anesthesiology Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC): Committee Interim Chair: Committee Chair: Dr. Scott De Rossi. Committee Members: Dr. Jennifer Barber, Dr. Michael DeBellis, Dr. Lina Mejia, and Dr. Thomas Sollecito. Guest (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees; Dr. Yesenia Ruiz and Ms. Taylor Weast, managers, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) was held on January 7, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The OM RC report is found in **Appendix 22**.

Informational Report on Oral Medicine Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.



Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Oral Medicine Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OM RC.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revision to the intent statement of Standard 3-2 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine **Appendix 22** related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs with immediate implementation.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Oral Medicine Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Report of the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Reny de Leeuw (interim chair, substituting for Dr. Joseph Cohen). Committee Members: Dr. Steven Bender and Dr. Robert Windsor. Dr. Bessie Katsilometes attended a portion of the meeting. Dr. Joseph Cohen, Review Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. Guest (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees; Dr. Yesenia Ruiz and Ms. Taylor Weast, managers, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC) was held on January 6, 2025 via a virtual meeting. The OFP RC report is found in **Appendix 23**.

Report on Orofacial Pain Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Orofacial Pain Programs Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OFP RC. The Commission discussed the need to have the intent statement circulated for comment and voted to amend the recommendation for immediate implementation.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the proposed revision to the intent statement of Standard 3-2 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain **Appendix 23** related to administrative oversight at major sites where educational activity occurs with immediate implementation.



Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Orofacial Pain Programs Related to Diversity and Humanistic Culture and Learning Environment:

Commission Action: In accordance with actions taken above, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that all proposed new Standards and/or revisions to existing Standards to be considered in Winter 2025 related to diversity and a safe learning environment, which are submitted by the Commission's Review Committees, be tabled until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Accreditation Standards Related to Diversity in Dental, Advanced Dental and Allied Dental Education Programs has concluded.

Miscellaneous Affairs-Consideration of Matters Relating to More than One Review Committee

Informational Report of Review Committee and Commission Meeting Dates: The Commission reviewed meeting dates through Summer 2027.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the staff to review summer 2027 meeting dates and alter dates as needed due to the July 4, 2027 federal holiday.

Reminder of Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment: The Commission was reminded of the Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition Against Harassment.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Resolutions Adopted by the ADA House of Delegates Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and Dental Education: The Commission considered the resolutions adopted by the 2024 American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates and 2024 ADA Board of Trustees.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Miscellaneous Affairs-Matters for the Commission as a Whole

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance: The report of the Standing Committee on Finance can be found in **Appendix 24**. Below are actions taken by the Commission related to the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Review of CODA Administrative Fund (Administrative Fund): The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs information be gathered on additional costs the Commission will incur in the coming and future years related to the ADA's move, ADA study of CODA, and any other factors that may affect the Commission's budget, with a report to the Finance Committee and Commission in Summer 2025.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs, through the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup and/or ADA Board of Trustees, the Commission request establishment of a mechanism by which the Commission's Administrative Fund is replenished annually based upon the Commission's revenue surplus after total expenses are paid.



The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs, through the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup and/or ADA Board of Trustees, that the Commission request that the cap on the Commission's Administrative Fund be raised from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Review of ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Finance Committee to propose revisions to the Shared Services Agreement, which will be presented to the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup and/or ADA Board of Trustees, in negotiation to finalize the next ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs that the Commission request CODA's 2024 Shared Services cost allocation from the ADA to provide sufficient time for review and negotiation prior to finalization of 2024 ADA bookkeeping.

Consideration of CODA Proposed 2026 Operating Budget and Fees:

Annual Fees and Application Fees: The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee. The Commission noted the potential negative impact that substantial increases in annual fees and other accreditation fees could have on accredited programs. The Commission also noted that annual fees were significantly increased in 2014 and 2015; further, in 2014 the Commission directed that program annual fees be doubled in the year of a regular site visit. The Commission also discussed concerns related to the 2025 and 2026 budget, noting the unplanned stipend increase, increased staff costs with the addition of a Vice President for CODA, increased travel costs, and inflation. Additionally, the number of applications that the Commission may receive each year is variable, and CODA's privacy and data security process has changed, all of which may have an impact on CODA's budget.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation:

- Adopts a 20% increase in annual fees for all disciplines in 2026; \$10,260 for predoctoral dental education programs, \$2,580 for dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental therapy, and advanced dental education programs, and \$1,830 for dental laboratory technology programs.
- Affirms that during the year a program is due for a regular accreditation site visit, the annual fee will be doubled.
- Adopts a 10% increase in application fees of \$74,140 for predoctoral dental education programs and \$18,540 for allied and advanced education programs.

International Fees (For CODA Accreditation Process): The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation:

- Adopts a 20% increase in the international predoctoral dental education annual accreditation fee to \$24,090 in 2026.
- Adopts a 10% increase in the international predoctoral dental education application fee of \$84,260 in 2026.



- Affirms that international predoctoral dental education programs pay all site visit expenses (actual expenses) for all site visits during the application and regular site visit schedule.
- Affirms that international predoctoral dental education programs pay an administrative fee of 25% of the total site visit cost for coordination of each site visit.
- Maintains the International Consulting Fee (outside of PACV process) of \$5,000.
- Affirms that all international fees must be paid in U.S. Dollars.

Other Accreditation Fees: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred. The Commission noted the Administrative Fund fee could be revisited and waived at a future meeting of the Finance Committee and Commission, if it is not needed.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation:

- Increases the Special Focused Site Visit Administrative Fee to \$6,000.
- Maintains the CODA Fee for Non-Compliance with CODA Policy on Privacy and Data Security (HIPAA) of \$4,000 per program per submission.
- Increases the Email/Contact Distribution List Fee to a \$500 minimum.
- Increases the CODA Administrative Fund fee to \$50 per program in 2026.

International Fees (For International Consultation and Accreditation PACV Process): The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation maintains the current Preliminary Accreditation and Consultation Visit (PACV) International Consultation and Accreditation Fees (**Appendix 24**).

Commission Policies Related to Fees: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts, with immediate implementation, the proposed revisions to the Commission's Program Fee Policy, and policy on Invoicing Process for Special Focused Site Visits (**Appendix 24**).

Report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning (QASP): The report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning can be found in **Appendix 25**. The Commission noted there were several new programs accredited in 2024, and multiple ad hoc and standing committee meetings to facilitate the Commission's work.

Consideration of 2022-2026 CODA Strategic Plan Tracking Sheet and Operational Effectiveness Tracking Sheet: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Ongoing Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Activities

Review of Shared Services Agreement Between the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and the American Dental Association (ADA): There was no discussion on this report.



Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Additional Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Items for Discussion

Activities Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC): There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Trends in Dental Education, Practice, Research, and Higher Education, and Update on United States Department of Education and General Accreditation Matters: The Commission considered the report of the Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Committee (QASP) and discussed several trends in higher education and accreditation.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review: The report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review can be found in **Appendix 26**. Below are actions taken by the Commission related to the Report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review.

Regular Review of Commission Policies: The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee and concurred with its recommendations.

The Commission reviewed the following policies:

- *Review Committees and Review Committee Meetings, specifically related to review committee structure*
- *Commission and Commission Meetings, sections related to Notice of Accreditation Actions to Programs/Institutions and Notice of Accreditation Actions to Communities of Interest*
- *Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition Against Harassment*
- *Site Visitors, sections on Appointments and Criteria for Nomination of Site Visitors, specifically related to Dental Therapy site visitors*
- *Policy Statement on Reporting and Approval of Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs.*

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts and implements immediately the proposed revisions to policies found in **Appendix 26**, including the revision of policy in the Commission's Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures manual and in all appropriate Commission documents.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further approves the revised review committee member appointment terms for the Review Committees on Dental Public Health, Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain Education found in **Appendix 26**, including the revision of the information in all appropriate Commission documents, with immediate implementation.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs Commission staff to inform the Review Committees on Dental Public Health, Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain,



and applicable nominating dental associations and boards, of the modified Review Committee terms found in **Appendix 26**.

Report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology: The report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology can be found in **Appendix 27**.

CODA Website Analytics: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

CODA Communication Plan: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Electronic Accreditation Platform: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training: The Commission considered the report of the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training found in **Appendix 28**.

Training and Enhancements (2024): There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Electronic Accreditation System and Learning Management System: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Site Visit Feedback: The Commission noted one enhancement that could be made to the site visit process was the expansion and distribution to all site visitors on a routine basis of the CODA Site Visit Question List by Interview Type.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and Mega Issues: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and Mega Issues found in **Appendix 29**. The Commission discussed whether to host both topical discussions (i.e., the current topic of Diversity and future topic of Trends in Distance Education and Practice Models) in Summer 2025 and voted to direct CODA staff to research both discussions with flexibility to conduct both in Summer 2025 or reserve one for Winter 2026.

Commission Actions: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development to coordinate a Summer 2025 or Winter 2026 Mega Issue discussion on *Trends in Distance Education and Practice Models, and the Impact on Dental Education*, and invite two (2) to three (3) speakers to provide information on the potential current



and future impact of distance learning and distributed learning (e.g., remote learning sites) on dental education, across predoctoral dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the American Dental Association's Dental Deans' Stakeholder Engagement Process Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation: The Commission considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the American Dental Association's Dental Deans' Stakeholder Engagement Process Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (**Appendix 30**), noting that the Ad Hoc Committee planned to obtain clarification from the ADA's consultant as it continued to review the report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Assisting Program Closures and Discontinuance of Accreditation: The Commission considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Assisting Program Closures and Discontinuance of Accreditation (**Appendix 31**), with discussion regarding the key factors of closure from data in the study.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs a communication to the American Dental Assistants Association, American Dental Association, and ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure, urging their support of CODA-accredited dental assisting education programs as entry into the profession, and providing the survey results collected from dental assisting programs, and state dental associations and dental boards on dental assisting program closures.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs a communication to dental and dental assisting education programs, dental associations, and dental boards, providing the survey results collected from dental assisting programs, and state dental associations and dental boards on dental assisting program closures, for informational purposes.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs a pamphlet be developed and distributed to the public and academic programs to emphasize the value of CODA-accredited dental assisting education programs.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Request to Establish an Accreditation Process for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Operative Dentistry, Cariology and Biomaterials: The Commission considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Request to Establish an Accreditation Process for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Operative Dentistry, Cariology and Biomaterials (**Appendix 32**).

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs an establishment of a process of accreditation for advanced dental education programs in operative dentistry, cariology and biomaterials.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Commission members and educators and practitioners with expertise in the area of operative dentistry, cariology and biomaterials be appointed to draft Accreditation Standards for advanced dental education programs in operative dentistry, cariology, and biomaterials, with a future report to the Commission on Dental Accreditation.



Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Request to Establish an Accreditation Process for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Trigeminal Nerve

Surgery and Disorders: The Commission considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Request to Establish an Accreditation Process for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Trigeminal Nerve Surgery and Disorders (**Appendix 33**). The Commission engaged in extensive discussion regarding the establishment of an accreditation process for new discipline areas, particularly in a subspecialty already accredited by CODA. The Commission noted that in cases where a subspecialty of dentistry falls within a discipline that is already accredited by the Commission, it may be appropriate for the Commission to review on a case-by-case basis whether to initiate an accreditation process for the subspecialty even when some criteria of the establishment policy are not fully addressed. It was noted that in the case of some subspecialties, particularly those that are hospital based, it may be difficult for programs to initiate operations without accreditation. Therefore, the CODA criteria that requests information on the number of operating programs would be difficult to satisfy. Following discussion, the Commission believed that clinical fellowships in trigeminal nerve surgery and disorders should be accredited by the Commission. The Commission also discussed the development of Accreditation Standards, noting that the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Review Committee should be directed to draft proposed standards, since this subspecialty falls within the scope of this Committee, with a future report to CODA. Finally, the Commission concurred with the Ad Hoc Committee to direct the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review to consider the current policy and determine whether revisions are warranted.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of a process of accreditation for clinical fellowship training programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery-trigeminal nerve surgery and disorders at this time.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education to draft Accreditation Standards for clinical fellowship training programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery trigeminal nerve surgery and disorders, with a future report to the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The Commission further directs the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy to consider the current policy and determine whether revisions are warranted related to development of accreditation processes for subspecialties (i.e., fellowships) of dentistry already under the Commission's purview, with a future report to the Commission.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence: The Commission considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (**Appendix 34**). The Commission discussed the need for the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence in the future, noting that the work of this committee could continue through the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology. As such, the Commission sunset the Ad Hoc Committee and directed further work through the Standing Committee.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology to conduct a survey of all Commission-accredited dental, advanced dental, and allied dental education programs to learn how programs use artificial intelligence in the academic environment and accreditation, and potential future uses, with a future report to the Commission.



Update on United States Department of Education (USDE) and Higher Education Accreditation

Issues: The Commission's Senior Director provided a brief update on the United States Department of Education, noting the Commission's petition for re-recognition is due July 2025.

Survey of Meeting: Commissioners were reminded to complete the electronic post-meeting survey. The survey is important for determining whether the Commission is achieving its goals for the year and how the virtual meeting technology performed for the meeting.

New Business: *Dental Hygiene Review Committee Meeting:* A request was made by the Dental Hygiene Commissioner to transition the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education meeting from a 2.5-day meeting to a 3-day meeting due to an increase in workload. The Commission directed staff to plan for the expanded meeting of the Dental Hygiene Review Committee.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs staff to coordinate a 3-day meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education.

New Business: *Discussion on Dental Laboratory Technology Program Closures:* The Dental Laboratory Technology Commissioner noted the decline in dental laboratory technology programs, and the lack of licensure or certification requirements for dental laboratory technicians. The Commissioner also noted the increased cost of equipment, and reminded the Commission that the DLT RC is currently reviewing and revising the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs.

Commission Action: No action was taken on the new business item.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned the open session at 2:05 P.M.
