

# Winter 2026 Open Session Agenda

## Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

Friday, February 6, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Central Time  
Location: Zoom Web Conferencing

REMOTE PARTICIPATION LINK	
<p align="center"><b>CODA Open Session Webinar</b> Join with a personal webinar link provided in your registration confirmation</p>	
CALL TO ORDER	
<b>Call to Order:</b> Dr. Cataldo Leone (Chair)	
COMMISSION MEMBERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Cataldo Leone (Chair)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Keith Mays (Vice-Chair)</b></li> <li>▪ Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya</li> <li>▪ Margaret Bowman-Pensel</li> <li>▪ Dr. Richard Callan</li> <li>▪ Dr. Niki Carter</li> <li>▪ Dr. Russell Chin</li> <li>▪ Dr. Ngoc Chu</li> <li>▪ Jill Day</li> <li>▪ Dr. Theresa Gonzales</li> <li>▪ Dr. Catherine Hayes</li> <li>▪ Dr. Shiraz Ibrahim</li> <li>▪ LaShun James</li> <li>▪ Dr. Jessica Lee</li> <li>▪ Dr. Patrick Lloyd</li> <li>▪ Dr. Paul Luepke</li> <li>▪ Lisa Mayer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins</li> <li>▪ Dr. Monica Nenad</li> <li>▪ Dr. Lisa Nowlin</li> <li>▪ Dr. Andres Pinto</li> <li>▪ Dr. Cornelius Pitts</li> <li>▪ Dr. Jeffery Price</li> <li>▪ Dr. Kanthasamy Ragunathan</li> <li>▪ Dr. Kenneth Sadler</li> <li>▪ Dr. Glenn Sameshima</li> <li>▪ Dr. Jeffry Shaefer</li> <li>▪ Dr. Fabricio Teixeira</li> <li>▪ Dr. James Tom</li> <li>▪ Dr. Loana Tovar Suinaga</li> <li>▪ Dr. Brent Ward</li> <li>▪ Tramain Watkins</li> <li>▪ Dr. Allen Wong</li> </ul>
GUEST(S)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Robert J. Wilson, Jr., Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA)</li> </ul>	
AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION STAFF	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Nader Nadershahi, Senior Vice-President, Education and Professional Affairs</li> <li>▪ Samara Schwartz, Senior Associate General Counsel</li> </ul>	

## CODA STAFF

- Dr. Kathleen J. Hinshaw, Sr. Director, CODA & USDE Recognition Compliance
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- Marianne Flood, Coordinator, CODA Site Visits
- Bernadette, Molina, Coordinator, CODA Site Visits

## AGENDA

0010 <b>Dr. Leone</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Roll Call</li> <li>• Adoption of Agenda</li> </ul>
0020 <b>Ms. Schwartz</b>	<b>Reminder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict of Interest</li> <li>• Fiduciary Responsibility</li> <li>• Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment</li> </ul>
0030 <b>Dr. Leone</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer 2025 Meeting</li> </ul>
0040 <b>Dr. Leone</b>	<b>Mail Ballot(s) Approved Since last CODA meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
0050 <b>Dr. Leone</b>	<b>Consent Agenda</b>
0100 <b>Dr. Leone</b>	<b>Predoctoral Dental Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>100</b> Informational Report on Predoctoral Dental Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data</li> <li>• <b>101</b> Informational Report on Dental Therapy Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>102</b> Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs Related to Replacement of Missing Teeth</li> <li>• <b>New Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs</li> <li>○ Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs</li> <li>○ Consideration of the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Policy on Complaints</li> <li>○ Discussion on the Review of Site Visitor Appointments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
0200 <b>Dr. Wong</b>	<b>Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>200</b> Report on Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>201</b> Informational Report on the Validity and Reliability Study of the Accreditation Standards for AEGD and GPR programs</li> </ul>
0300 <b>Jill Day</b>	<b>Dental Assisting Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>300</b> Informational Report on Dental Assisting Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data</li> </ul>
0400 <b>Dr. Nenad</b>	<b>Dental Hygiene Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>400</b> Informational Report on Dental Hygiene Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data</li> <li>• <b>New Business:</b> Consideration of Ad Hoc Committee related to Accreditation Standard for Dental Hygiene Education Programs 3-2 (Program Administrator)</li> </ul>
0500 <b>Tramain Watkins</b>	<b>Dental Laboratory Technology Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>500</b> Informational Report on Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data</li> <li>• <b>New Business:</b> Consideration of the Review of the Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs</li> </ul>
0600 <b>Dr. Hayes</b>	<b>Dental Public Health Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>600</b> Report on Dental Public Health Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> </ul>
0700 <b>Dr. Teixeira</b>	<b>Endodontics Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>700</b> Report on Endodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>701</b> Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics</li> </ul>
0800 <b>Dr. Bhattacharyya</b>	<b>Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>800</b> Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>801</b> Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology</li> </ul>

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0900 <b>Dr. Price</b>	<b>Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>900</b> Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> </ul>
1000 <b>Dr. Ward</b>	<b>Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1000</b> Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>1001</b> Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data</li> <li>• <b>1002</b> Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Education Activity Occurs</li> <li>• <b>1003</b> Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – Trigeminal Nerve Surgery</li> </ul>
1100 <b>Dr. Sameshima</b>	<b>Orthodontics &amp; Dentofacial Orthopedics Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1100</b> Report on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> </ul>
1200 <b>Dr. Lee</b>	<b>Pediatric Dentistry Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1200</b> Report on Pediatric Dentistry Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>1201</b> Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry Related to Patient Safety</li> <li>• <b>1202</b> Informational Report on Validity and Reliability Study for Pediatric Dentistry Programs</li> </ul>
1300 <b>Dr. Luepke</b>	<b>Periodontics Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1300</b> Report on Periodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>1301</b> Consideration of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics Related to Administrative Oversight at Major Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs</li> </ul>
1400 <b>Dr. Tovar Suinaga</b>	<b>Prosthodontics Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1400</b> Report on Prosthodontics Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> </ul>
1500 <b>Dr. Tom</b>	<b>Dental Anesthesiology Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1500</b> Report on Dental Anesthesiology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>1501</b> Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology Related to Program Director Board Certification</li> </ul>
1600 <b>Dr. Pinto</b>	<b>Oral Medicine Education Review Committee Report</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1601</b> Report on Oral Medicine Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> </ul>
1700 <b>Dr. Shaefer</b>	<b>Orofacial Pain Education Review Committee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1700</b> Report on Orofacial Pain Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section</li> <li>• <b>1701</b> Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain</li> </ul>
1800 <b>Dr. Hinshaw</b>	<b>Update of CODA Meeting Dates and Meeting Format</b>
1900 <b>Dr. Mays</b>	<b>Standing Committee on Finance Report</b>
1901 <b>Dr. Hinshaw</b>	<b>Resolutions Adopted by the ADA House of Delegates Related to CODA and Dental Education</b>
2000 <b>Dr. Hinshaw &amp; Samara Schwartz, Esq.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on USDE and Higher Education Accreditation Issues (Oral)</li> <li>• Update of CODA Policy &amp; Procedure Manual (Oral)</li> <li>• Survey of Meeting (Oral)</li> </ul>
3000 <b>Dr. Leone &amp; Samara Schwartz, Esq.</b>	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3000 AGD request for CODA Board representation</li> <li>• 3001 Request to consider US dental school international sites</li> <li>• 3002 Request to consider standardized leave policy</li> </ul>
4000 <b>Dr. Leone</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>