

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

CODA STAFF

- Dr. Kathleen J. Hinshaw, Sr. Director, CODA & USDE Recognition Compliance
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- Katie Navickas, Manager, Allied Dental Education
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- Daniel Sloyan, Coordinator, Allied Program Reviews

- Marianne Flood, Coordinator, CODA Site Visits
- Bernadette, Molina, Coordinator, CODA Site Visits

AGENDA

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

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

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

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