

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Background: An ongoing responsibility of the Standing Committee on Nominations (Nominations Committee) includes recommendations to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of qualified nominations to vacant positions on Review Committees and, in the case of public members, to vacant positions on Review Committees, the Commission, and the Appeal Board. Based upon review of position qualifications and submitted nominations, the Committee submits recommendations to the Commission for appointment of individuals.

August 4, 2025 Meeting: The Standing Committee on Nominations met on August 4, 2025 via a virtual meeting. **Committee Members:** Dr. George Kushner (chair), Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, and Ms. Lonni Thompson were in attendance. Dr. Evanthia Anadioti was unable to attend. **Commissioners:** Dr. Frank Licari, chair, *ex officio*, and Dr. Cataldo Leone, vice-chair and committee member, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), also attended. **Commission Staff:** Dr. Sherin Took, senior director, Dr. Kathleen Hinshaw, interim senior director, Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, Ms. Jessica Lynk, Mr. Shawn Morrison, Ms. Katie Navickas, Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Kelly Stapleton, and Ms. Taylor Weast, managers, and Ms. Marjorie Hooper, operations coordinator, CODA were in attendance.

The Standing Committee considered the Criteria for Commission and Review Committee Members and the Policy on Simultaneous Service (**Appendix 1**), nominee qualifications, and upcoming vacancies on Review Committees and the Commission (**Appendix 2**). Additionally, nominating organization rankings were considered, as applicable.

Following consideration and discussion, the Committee recommends the Commission appoint the following individuals:

Nomination Committee Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation appoint the following nominees to open positions on the Commission's Review Committees.

Predoctoral Dental Educator General Dentists (two (2) vacancies) for the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC).

- Dr. Scott Phillips
 - Dr. Brahmleen Kaur
- Alternate: Dr. Luis Yepes

AEGD/GPR Graduate General Dentist (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry (PGD RC).

- Dr. Mark Livingston
- Alternate: Dr. Jacqueline Sobota

General Dentists (three (3) vacancies) for the Review Committees on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC), Oral Medicine Education (OM RC), and Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC).

- Dr. Ana Paula Dias Ribeiro
- Dr. Hung Le

- Dr. Nathalie Scarpa-Lota
Alternate: Dr. Marcia Campos
Alternate: Dr. Shana Warren-Byers

Dental Assisting Educator (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC)

- Ms. Kristina Deela
Alternate: Dr. Hema Udupa

Dental Laboratory Technology Educator (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Education (DLT RC)

- Ms. Laura Andreescu
Alternate: Ms. Arax Cohen

Public Members (four (4) vacancies) for the Review Committees on Periodontics Education, Dental Anesthesiology Education, Oral Medicine Education, and Orofacial Pain Education; Public Members (two (2) vacancies) for the Board of Commissioners.

- Ms. Anna Helm
 - Dr. Jennifer Barber
 - Dr. Marcia Ditmyer
 - Dr. Richard Strax
- Alternate: none

Nomination Committee Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation appoint the following individuals, nominated by sponsoring organizations and/or boards, to the relevant review committees to fill discipline-specific vacancies:

Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Educator (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC), nominated by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA)

- Dr. Alan Friedel
Alternate: Dr. Konstantina Tzouma

American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Nominee (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC), nominated by the American Association of Endodontists (AAE)

- Dr. Sara Fowler
Alternate: Dr. Susan Paurazas

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) Nominee (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC), nominated by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP)

- Dr. Leticia Ferreira Cabido
Alternate: Dr. Anu Grandhi

American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR) Nominee (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC), nominated by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR) on behalf of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR)

- Dr. Saulo Sousa Melo

Alternate: Dr. Taraneh Maghsoodi

American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Nominee (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC), nominated by American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)

- Dr. Kelly Kennedy

Alternate: Dr. Donita Dyalram

American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) Nominee (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC), nominated by American Board of Orthodontics (ABO)

- Dr. Onur Kadioglu

Alternate: Dr. Meenakshi Vishwanath

American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) Nominee (one (1) vacancy) for the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC), nominated by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD)

- Dr. Homa Amini

Alternate: Dr. Marcio Guelmann

Commission Action:

MISSION

The Commission on Dental Accreditation serves the public and dental professions by developing and implementing accreditation standards that promote and monitor the continuous quality and improvement of dental education programs.

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REVIEW COMMITTEES AND REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. **Structure:** The chair of each Review Committee will be the appointed Commissioner from the relevant discipline.
 - i. The Commission will appoint all Review Committee members.
 - a. Review Committee positions not designated as discipline-specific will be appointed from the Commission where feasible, e.g. a public representative on the Commission could be appointed to serve as the public member on the Dental Laboratory Technology Review Committee; an ADA appointee to the Commission could be appointed to the Dental Assisting Review Committee as the general dentist practitioner.
 - b. Discipline-specific positions on Review Committees will be filled by appointment by the Commission of an individual from a small group of qualified nominees (at least two) submitted by the relevant national organization, discipline-specific sponsoring organization or certifying board. Nominating organizations may elect to rank their nominees, if they so choose. If fewer than two (2) qualified nominees are submitted, the appointment process will be delayed until such time as the minimum number of required qualified nominations is received.
 - ii. Consensus is the method used for decision making; however if consensus cannot be reached and a vote is required, then the Chair may only vote in the case of a tie (American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures).
 - iii. Member terms will be staggered, four year appointments; multiple terms may be served on the same or a different committee, with a one-year waiting period between terms. A maximum of two (2) terms may be served in total. The one-year waiting period between terms does not apply to public members.
 - iv. One public member will be appointed to each committee. Following consideration of workload, public members may concurrently serve on more than one (1) review committee.
 - v. The size of each Review Committee will be determined by the committee's workload.
 - vi. As a committee's workload increases, additional members will be appointed while maintaining the balance between the number of content experts and non-content experts. Committees may formally request an additional member through New Business at Review Committee/Commission meetings. If an additional member is approved, this member must be a joint nomination from the professional organization and certifying board, as applicable.
 - vii. Conflict of interest policies and procedures are applicable to all Review Committee members.
 - viii. Review Committee members who have not been on a site visit within the last two (2) years prior to their appointment on a Review Committee should attend the Commission's site visitor training workshop within their first year of service on the Review Committee.
 - ix. In the case of less than 50% of discipline-specific experts, including the Chair, available for a review committee meeting, for specified agenda items or for the entire meeting, the Review Committee Chair may temporarily appoint an additional discipline-specific expert(s) with the approval of the CODA Director. The substitute should be a previous Review Committee member or an individual approved by both the Review Committee Chair and the CODA Director. The

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- substitute would have the privileges of speaking, making motions, and voting.
- x. Recommendations to the Commission from the Review Committee must be taken at meetings in which there is both a quorum and at least one (1) discipline-specific expert, other than the Chair, present.
 - xi. Consent agendas may be used by Review Committees, when appropriate, and may be approved by a quorum of the Review Committee present at the meeting.

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1. Composition

Predoctoral Education Review Committee (9 members)

1 discipline-specific Commissioner appointed by American Dental Education

Association 1 public member

3 dental educators who are involved with a predoctoral dental education program (two must be general dentists)

1 general dentist } (One of whom is a practitioner

1 non-general* dentist } dentist and the other an educator)

1 dental assistant, dental hygienist, dental therapist or dental laboratory technology professional educator

1 dental therapist educator

*a dentist who has completed an advanced dental education program in dental anesthesiology, dental public health, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral medicine, orofacial pain, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, or prosthodontics.

Six (6) Advanced Dental Education Review Committees (DENTANES, DPH, OFP, OMP, OMR, OM - 5 members each. At least one member must be a dental educator.)

1 discipline-specific Commissioner appointed by the discipline-specific sponsoring organization

1 public member

1 dentist nominated by the discipline-specific sponsoring organization 1 dentist nominated by the discipline-specific certifying board

1 general dentist

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Six (6) Advanced Dental Education Review Committees (ENDO, OMS, ORTHO, PERIO, PED, PROS - 6 members each. At least one member must be a dental educator.)

- 1 discipline-specific Commissioner appointed by the discipline-specific sponsoring organization
- 1 public member
- 1 dentist nominated by the discipline-specific sponsoring organization
- 1 dentist nominated by the discipline-specific certifying board
- 1 dentist nominated by the discipline-specific certifying board and discipline-specific sponsoring organization
- 1 general dentist

Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee (9 members)

- 1 discipline-specific Commissioner, jointly appointed by American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA)
 - 1 public member
 - 2 current General Practice Residency (GPR) educators nominated by the SCDA
 - 2 current Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) educators nominated by ADEA
 - 1 general dentist graduate of a GPR or AEGD
 - 1 non-general* dentist
 - 1 higher education or hospital administrator with past or present experience in administration in a teaching institution
- *a dentist who has completed an advanced dental education program in dental anesthesiology, dental public health, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral medicine, orofacial pain, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, or prosthodontics.

Dental Assisting Education Review Committee (10 members)

- 1 discipline-specific Commissioner appointed by American Dental Assistants Association
- 1 public member
- 2 general dentists (practitioner or educator)
- 5 dental assisting educators
- 1 dental assisting practitioner who is a graduate of a Commission accredited program

Dental Hygiene Education Review Committee (13 members)

- 1 discipline-specific Commissioner appointed by American Dental Hygienists' Association
- 1 public member
- 5 dental hygienist educators
- 2 dental hygienist practitioners
- 2 dentist practitioners
- 1 dentist educator
- 1 higher education administrator

Dental Laboratory Technology Education Review Committee (5 members)

1 discipline-specific Commissioner appointed by National Association of Dental

Laboratories

1 public member

1 general dentist

1 dental laboratory technology educator

1 Certified Dental Technician who manages and/or supervises dental laboratory technicians nominated by National Association of Dental Laboratories

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Adopted: 1/06

2. Nomination Criteria: The following criteria are requirements for nominating members to serve on the Review Committees. Rules related to the appointment term on Review Committees apply.

All Nominees:

- Ability to commit to one (1) four (4) year term;
- Willingness to commit ten (10) to twenty (20) days per year to Review Committee activities, including training, comprehensive review of print and electronically delivered materials and travel to Commission headquarters;
- Ability to evaluate an educational program objectively in terms of such broad areas as curriculum, faculty, facilities, student evaluation and outcomes assessment;
- Stated willingness to comply with all Commission policies and procedures (e.g. Agreement of Confidentiality; Conflict of Interest Policy; Operational Guidelines; Simultaneous Service; HIPAA Training, Licensure Attestation, and Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment); and
- Ability to conduct business through electronic means (email, Commission Web Sites)

Educator Nominees:

- Commitment to predoctoral, advanced, and/or allied dental education;
- Active involvement in an accredited predoctoral, advanced, or allied dental education program as a full- or part-time faculty member;
- Subject matter experts with formal education and credentialed in the applicable discipline; and
- Prior or current experience as a Commission site visitor is preferred.

Practitioner Nominees:

- Commitment to predoctoral, advanced, and/or allied dental education;
- Majority of current work effort as a practitioner; and
- Formal education and credential in the applicable discipline.

Public/Consumer Nominees:

- A commitment to bring the public/consumer perspective to Review Committee deliberations. The nominee should not have any current or past (within the past three years) formal or informal connection to the profession of dentistry; also, the nominee should have an interest in, or knowledge of, health-related and accreditation issues. In order to serve, the nominee

must not be a:

- a. Dentist or member of an allied dental discipline;
- b. Member of a predoctoral, advanced, or allied dental education program faculty;
- c. Employee, member of the governing board, owner, or shareholder of, or independent consultant to, a predoctoral, advanced, or allied dental education program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, has applied for initial accreditation or is not-accredited;
- d. Member or employee of any professional/trade association, licensing/regulatory agency or membership organization related to, affiliated with or associated with the Commission, dental education or dentistry; and
- e. Spouse/Partner, parent, child or sibling of an individual identified above (a through d).

Higher Education Administrator:

- A commitment to bring the higher education administrator perspective to the Review Committee deliberations. In order to serve, the nominee must not be a:
 - a. Member of any trade association, licensing/regulatory agency or membership organization related to, affiliated with or associated with the Commission; and
 - b. Spouse, parent, child or sibling of an individual identified above.

Hospital Administrator:

- A commitment to bring the hospital administrator perspective to Review Committee deliberations. In order to serve, the nominee must not be a:
 - a. Member of any trade association, licensing/regulatory agency or membership organization related to, affiliated with or associated with the Commission; and
 - b. Spouse, parent, child or sibling of an individual identified above.

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POLICY ON SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE

A member of the Commission on Dental Accreditation, including its Standing and Review Committees, and Appeal Board, may not simultaneously serve as a principal officer of another organization within any of the Commission's primary communities of interest if that organization has a role in appointing or co- appointing a member of the Commission. The Commission interprets principal officer to mean those in the position of being final decision-makers which usually includes positions such as the president, president- elect, immediate past president, secretary or treasurer of an organization, as well as members of any executive committee that has decision-making authority which does not require confirmation by a board or house. The Commission has defined primary community of interest in this context as any organizations who have a role in appointing Commissioners, and the Regional Clinical Testing Agencies. Additional criteria found in CODA's Rules for nominations apply during an individual's entire term on CODA.

When such a conflict is revealed at the time of appointment, the appointing organization will be informed that the conflict exists and requested to take steps to identify a replacement on the specific committee, Appeal Board, or Commission.

When such a conflict arises during the term of a current Commissioner, Review Committee, or Appeal Board member, the Commissioner, or Review Committee, or Appeal Board member will be asked to resolve the conflict by resigning from one of the conflicting appointments. In the event that the member resigns from the Commission or Appeal Board, the appointing organization will appoint another individual to complete the unfinished term, as specified by the *Rules* of the Commission on Dental Accreditation. In the event that the member resigns from the Review Committee, the Commission will contact the representative organization for nominations to fulfill the unfinished term.

If the term of the vacated Commission, Appeal Board, or Review Committee position has fifty percent (50%) or less of a full four-year term remaining at the time the successor member is appointed, the successor member shall be eligible for appointment to a new, consecutive four-year term. If more than fifty percent (50%) of the vacated term remains to be served at the time of the appointment, the successor member shall not be eligible for another term.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Evaluation policies and procedures used in the accreditation process provide a system of checks and balances regarding the fairness and impartiality in all aspects of the accreditation process. Central to the fairness of the procedural aspects of the Commission's operations and the impartiality of its decision making process is an organizational and personal duty to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest. The potential for a conflict of interest arises when one's duty to make decisions in the public's interest is compromised by competing interests of a personal or private nature, including but not limited to pecuniary interests.

Conflict of interest is considered to be: 1) any relationship with an institution or program, or 2) a partiality or bias, either of which might interfere with objectivity in the accreditation review process. Procedures for selection of representatives of the Commission who participate in the evaluation process reinforce impartiality. These representatives include: Commissioners, Review Committee members, site visitors, and Commission staff.

In addition, procedures for institutional due process, as well as strict guidelines for all written documents and accreditation decisions, further reinforce adherence to fair accreditation practices. Every effort is made to avoid conflict of interest, either from the point of view of an institution/program being reviewed or from the point of view of any person representing the Commission.

On occasion, current and former volunteers involved in the Commission's accreditation process (site visitors, review committee members, commissioners) are requested to make presentations related to the Commission and its accreditation process at various meetings. In these cases, the volunteer must make it clear that the services are neither supported nor endorsed by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Further, it must be made clear that the information provided is based only on experiences of the individual and not being provided on behalf of the Commission.

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1. Visiting Committee Members: Conflicts of interest may be identified by either an institution/program, Commissioner, site visitor or Commission staff. An institution/program has the right to reject the assignment of any Commissioner, site visitor or Commission staff because of a possible or perceived conflict of interest. The Commission expects all programs, Commissioners and/or site visitors to notify the Commission office immediately if, for any reason, there may be a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict.

All active site visitors who independently consult with educational programs accredited by CODA or applying for accreditation must identify all consulting roles to the Commission and must file with the Commission a letter of conflict acknowledgement signed by themselves and the institution/program with whom they consulted. All conflict of interest policies as noted elsewhere in this document apply. Contact the CODA office for the appropriate conflict of interest declaration form. Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, a site visitor who:

- is a graduate of the institution;
- has served on the program's visiting committee within the last seven (7) years;
- has served as an independent consultant, employee or appointee of the institution;
- has a family member who is employed or affiliated with the institution;
- has a close professional or personal relationship with the institution/program or key personnel in the institution/program which would, from the standpoint of a reasonable person, create the appearance of a conflict;
- manifests a partiality that prevents objective consideration of a program for accreditation;

- is a former employee of the institution or program;
- previously applied for a position at the institution within the last five (5) years;
- is affiliated with an institution/program in the same state as the program's primary location;
- is a resident of the state; and/or
- is in the process of considering, interviewing and/or hiring key personnel at the institution.

Note: Because of the nature of their positions, a state board representative will be a resident of the state in which a program is located and may be a graduate of the institution/program being visited. These components of the policy do not apply for state board representatives, although the program retains the right to reject an individual's assignment for other reasons.

If an institutional administrator, faculty member or site visitor has doubt as to whether or not a conflict of interest could exist, Commission staff should be consulted prior to the site visit. The Chair, Vice- Chair and a public member of the Commission, in consultation with Commission staff and legal counsel, may make a final determination about such conflicts.

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All active site visitors who independently consult with educational programs accredited by CODA or applying for accreditation must identify all consulting roles to the Commission and must file with the Commission a letter of conflict acknowledgement signed by themselves and the institution/program with whom they consulted. Following service on the site visit team, an active site visitor is prohibited from independently consulting with the program that they evaluated within the past ten (10) years. All conflict of interest policies as noted elsewhere in this document apply. Contact the CODA office for the appropriate conflict of interest declaration form.

Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, a site visitor who:

- is a graduate of the institution;
- has served on the program's visiting committee within the last seven (7) years;
- has served as an independent consultant, employee or appointee of the institution;
- has a family member who is employed or affiliated with the institution;
- has a close professional or personal relationship with the institution/program or key personnel in the institution/program which would, from the standpoint of a reasonable person, create the appearance of a conflict;
- manifests a partiality that prevents objective consideration of a program for accreditation;
- is a former employee of the institution or program;
- previously applied for a position at the institution within the last five (5) years;
- is affiliated with an institution/program in the same state as the program's primary location;
- is a resident of the state; and/or
- is in the process of considering, interviewing and/or hiring key personnel at the institution.

Note: Because of the nature of their positions, a state board representative will be a resident of the state in which a program is located and may be a graduate of the institution/program being visited. These components of the policy do not apply for state board representatives, although the program retains the right to reject an individual's assignment for other reasons.

If an institutional administrator, faculty member or site visitor has doubt as to whether or not a conflict of interest could exist, Commission staff should be consulted prior to the site visit. The Chair, Vice-Chair and a public member of the Commission, in consultation with Commission staff and legal counsel, may make a final determination about such conflicts.

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2. Commissioners, Review Committee Members And Members Of The Appeal Board: The Commission firmly believes that conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest must be avoided in all situations in which accreditation recommendations or decisions are being made by Commissioners, Review Committee members, or members of the Appeal Board. No Commissioner, Review Committee member, or member of the Appeal Board should participate in any way in accrediting decisions in which he or she has a financial or personal interest or, because of an institutional or program association, has divided loyalties and/or has a conflict of interest on the outcome of the decision.

During the term of service as a Review Committee member, these individuals should not serve as site visitors for an actual accreditation site visit to an accredited or developing program, unless deemed necessary. Two instances when a review committee member could serve on a site visit include: 1) an inability to find a site visitor from the comprehensive site visitor list, or 2) when the review committee believes a member should attend a visit for consistency in the review process. This applies only to site visits that would be considered by the same review committee on which the site visitor is serving. Review committee members may not independently consult with a CODA-accredited program or a program applying for CODA accreditation. In addition, review committee members may not serve as a site visitor for mock accreditation purposes. These policies help avoid conflict of interest in the decision making process and minimize the need for recusals.

During the term of service as a commissioner or appeal board member, these individuals may not independently consult with a CODA-accredited program or a program applying for CODA accreditation. In addition, Commissioners or appeal board may not serve on a site visit team during their terms.

Areas of conflict of interest for Commissioners, Review Committee members and/or members of the Appeal Board include, but are not limited to:

- close professional or personal relationships or affiliation with the institution/program or key personnel in the institution/program which may create the appearance of a conflict;
- serving as an independent consultant or mock site visitor to the institution/program;
- being a graduate of the institution/program;
- being a current employee or appointee of the institution/program;
- previously applied for a position at the institution within the last five (5) years;
- being a current student at the institution/program;
- having a family member who is employed by or affiliated with the institution;
- manifesting a professional or personal interest at odds with the institution or program;
- key personnel of the institution/program having graduated from the program of the Commissioner, Review Committee member, or member of the Appeal Board;
- having served on the program's visiting committee within the last seven (7) years; and/or
- no longer a current employee of the institution or program but having been employed there within the past

ten (10) years.

To safeguard the objectivity of the Review Committees, conflict of interest determinations shall be made by the Chair of the Review Committee. If the Chair, in consultation with a public member, staff and legal counsel, determines that a Review Committee member has a conflict of interest in connection with a particular program, the Review Committee member will be instructed to not access the report either in advance of or at the time of the meeting. Further, the individual must leave the room when they have any of the above conflicts. In cases in which the existence of a conflict of interest is less obvious, it is the responsibility of any committee member who feels that a potential conflict of interest exists to absent himself/herself from the room during the discussion of the particular accreditation report.

To safeguard the objectivity of the Commission, conflict of interest determinations shall be made by the Chair of the Commission. If the Chair, in consultation with a public member, staff and legal counsel, determines that a Commissioner has a conflict of interest in connection with a particular program, the Commissioner will be instructed to not access the report either in advance of or at the time of the meeting. Further, the individual must leave the room when they have any of the above conflicts. In cases in which the existence of a conflict of interest is less obvious, it is the responsibility of any Commissioner who feels that a potential conflict of interest exists to absent himself/herself from the room during the discussion of the particular accreditation report.

To safeguard the objectivity of the Appeal Board, any member who has a conflict of interest in connection with a program filing an appeal must inform the Director of the Commission. The Appeal Board member will be instructed to not access the report for that program either in advance of or at the time of the meeting, and the individual must leave the room when the program is being discussed. If necessary, the respective representative organization will be contacted to identify a temporary replacement Appeal Board member.

Conflicts of interest for Commissioners, Review Committee members and members of the Appeal Board may also include being from the same state, but not the same program. The Commission is aware that being from the same state may not itself be a conflict; however, when residence within the same state is in addition to any of the items listed above, a conflict would exist.

This provision refers to the concept of conflict of interest in the context of accreditation decisions. The prohibitions and limitations are not intended to exclude participation and decision-making in other areas, such as policy development and standard setting.

Commissioners are expected to evaluate each accreditation action, policy decision or standard adoption for the overall good of the public. The American Dental Association (ADA) Constitution and Bylaws limits the involvement of the members of the ADA, the American Dental Education Association and the American Association of Dental Boards in areas beyond the organization that appointed them. Although Commissioners are appointed by designated communities of interest, their duty of loyalty is first and foremost to the Commission. A conflict of interest exists when a Commissioner holds appointment as an officer in another organization within the Commission's communities of interest. Therefore, a conflict of interest exists when a Commissioner or a Commissioner-designee provides simultaneous service to the Commission and an organization within the communities of interest. (Refer to Policy on Simultaneous Service)

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MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
*Leone, Cataldo	(Commissioner ADEA)	2026
McConnell, Thomas	Predoc educator (gen dentist)	2025
Phillips, Scott	Predoc educator (gen dentist)	2025++
Duarte, Sillas	Predoc educator (gen dentist or PhD)	2027
Shin, Daniel	Non-General Dentist (educator)	2028
Weisfuse, Deborah	General dentist (practitioner)	2026
Haubrick, Kevin	Public	2027
Leeuw, Wilhemina	Allied educator	2026
Kotula, Danae	Dental Therapy Educator	2028

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MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
*Robbins, Miriam	(Commissioner ADEA/SCDA)	2025
Hollowell, Robert	GPR educator (SCDA)	2027
VACANT – resigned 6/2025	Gen. dentist (AEGD/GPR grad)	2025
Rhodes, Steven	Non-general dentist	2026
Venkatesh, Anchita	GPR educator (SCDA)	2028
Ziegler, Michelle	AEGD educator (ADEA)	2025
Henschel, Marc	AEGD educator (ADEA)	2028
O'Connor, Edward	Higher Ed/Hosp administrator	2026
Pitts, Cornelius	Public	2027

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Day, Jill	(Commissioner ADAA)	2028
Ferris, Heather	DA educator	2026
Ross, Christy	DA educator	2028
Abshier, Wil	General dentist (Practitioner or Educator)	2028
Schory, Staci	DA educator	2027
Williams, Diana	DA practitioner	2026
Boyce, Jennifer	General dentist (Practitioner or Educator)	2027
Seghi, Heather	DA educator	2027
Bloom, Martin	Public	2026+
Bera, Julie	DA educator	2025

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REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
*Thompson, Lonni	(Commissioner NADL)	2025
Andreescu, Laura*	DLT educator	2025++
Pigliacelli, Steven**	DLT owner (NADL)	2026+
James, LaShun	Public	2025
Pinto-Sinai, Gitanjali	General dentist	2028

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ENDODONTICS EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Teixeira, Fabricio	(Commissioner AAE)	2028
O'Dell, Josanne	AAE nominee	2025
Drum, Melissa	ABE nominee	2028
Casser, Linda	Public	2027
Brown, Carolyn	General dentist	2026+ (2025)
Kirkpatrick, Timothy	AAE/ABE nominee	2027

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Bhattacharyya, Indraneel	(Commissioner AAOMP)	2026
Rogers, Dara	General dentist	2027
Ferreira Cabido, Leticia	AAOMP nominee	2025++
Mayer, Lisa	Public	2026
Kelsch, Robert	ABOMP nominee	2028

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Price, Jeffery	(Commissioner AAOMR)	2027
Chaudhry, Jahanzeb	AAOMR nominee	2028
Phillips, Tena	General dentist	2027
Davidson, Karen Parker	Public	2026
Chan, KC	ABOMR nominee	2025

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Kushner, George	(Commissioner AAOMS)	2025
Manahan, John	Public	2026
Mitchell, Jan	General dentist	2026
Karlis, Vasiliki	AAOMS nominee	2025
Krishnan, Deepak	ABOMS nominee	2028
Perciaccante, Vincent	AAOMS/ABOMS nominee	2027

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REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Sameshima, Glenn	(Commissioner AAO)	2027
Iyer, Parvati	General dentist	2028
Palomo, Juan	AAO nominee	2027
Rossouw, Emile	ABO nominee	2025
Box, Lynda	Public	2027+
Kau, Chung How	AAO/ABO nominee	2028

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Lee, Jessica	(Commissioner AAPD)	2027
Eyre, Clarice Law	AAPD nominee	2028
Keohane, Ana	General dentist	2026
Mabry, Tad	ABPD nominee	2025
Mayer, Lisa	Public	2027
Shirley, JC	AAPD/ABPD nominee	2028

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON PERIODONTICS EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Luepke, Paul	(Commissioner AAP)	2026
Shah, Vishal	Public	2025
Kye, Wayne	ABP nominee	2027
Dawson, Dolphus	AAP nominee	2028
Liles III, A.C.	General dentist	2026
Tatakis, Dimitris	AAP/ABP nominee	2026

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Giovannitti, Joseph	(Commissioner ASDA)	2025
James, LaShun	Public	2025+
Saraghi, Mana	ASDA nominee	2026
Yen, Philip	ADBA nominee	2027
Kugel, Gerard	General dentist	2025

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REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL MEDICINE EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* DeRossi, Scott	(Commissioner AAOM)	2025
Barber, Jennifer	Public	2025
Mejia, Lina Maria	AAOM nominee	2027+
Sollecito, Thomas	ABOM nominee	2026
DeBellis, Michael	General dentist	2025

REVIEW COMMITTEE ON OROFACIAL PAIN EDUCATION		
MEMBER	STRUCTURE CATEGORY	TERM EXPIRES
* Cohen, Joseph	(Commissioner AAOP)	2025
Katsilometes, Bessie	Public	2025
Bender, Steven	AAOP nominee	2026
de Leeuw, Reny	ABOP nominee	2027
Windsor, Robert	General dentist	2025

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2025 Commission on Dental Accreditation Board of Commissioners Membership Roster		
MEMBER	APPOINTED BY	TERM EXPIRES
* Licari, Frank (Chair)	ADEA	2025
Anadioti, Evanthia	ACP	2025
Hayes, Catherine	AAPHD	2028
Ragunathan, Kanthasamy	ADA	2028
Bhattacharyya, Indraneel	AAOMP	2026
Bowman-Pensel, Margaret	Public	2026
Brown, Carolyn	AADB	2025
Chu, Ngoc	AADB	2026+
Cohen, Joseph	AAOP	2025
De Rossi, Scott	AAOM	2025
Gonzales, Theresa	ADEA	2027+
Giovannitti, Joseph	ASDA	2025
James, LaShun	Public	2027
Kushner, George	AAOMS	2025
Lee, Jessica	AAPD	2027
Leone, Cataldo	ADEA	2026
McCoy-Collins, Renee	AADB	2028
Luepke, Paul	AAP	2026
Mayer, Lisa	Public	2026
Mays, Keith	ADEA	2028
Day, Jill	ADAA	2028
Teixeira, Fabricio	AAE	2028
Nenad, Monica	ADHA	2027
Pitts, Cornelius	Public	2027
Price, Jeffery	AAOMR	2027
Robbins, Miriam	ADEA/SCDA	2025
Rosenthal, Nancy	ADA	2025
Sadler, Kenneth	ADA	2027
Sameshima, Glenn	AAO	2027
Nowlin, Lisa	AADB	2027
Thompson, Lonni	NADL	2025
Weisfuse, Deborah	ADA	2026
Williams, Noah	ASDA/ADEA	2025

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