

**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**

**Background:** At its Summer 2024 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) directed appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee of current and former Commission members to review the American Dental Association (ADA)/American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Stakeholder Report on the Commission, at such time that the Commission receives the report, with a future report to the Commission.

On November 9, 2024, the Commission on Dental Accreditation received a communication from the American Dental Association, which included the *“Report and Recommendations from the American Dental Association’s Dental Deans’ Stakeholder Engagement Process; Opportunities to Strengthen the Structure, Functionality, Policies, and Operating Procedures of the Commission on Dental Accreditation” (Commission Only, Appendix 1).*

**Meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee:** The Ad Hoc Committee met on January 2, 2025, and January 13, 2025. **Members of the Ad Hoc Committee:** Dr. Frank Licari (chair, CODA), Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Scott De Rossi, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone (vice chair, CODA), Dr. Monica Nenad, and Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, current Commissioners; and Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, and Dr. Bruce Rotter, former Commissioners. All members attended both meetings. Dr. Feinberg attending all meetings, including a portion of the January 2, 2025 meeting. Dr. Rotter attending all meetings, including a portion of the January 13, 2025 meeting. **Commissioners:** Dr. Frank Licari, chair, and member of the Committee, and Dr. Cataldo Leone, vice chair, and member of the Committee, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) were in attendance. **Commission Staff:** Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, and Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, Ms. Jessica Lynk, Mr. Shawn Morrison, Ms. Kathleen Navickas, Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Kelly Stapleton, and Ms. Taylor Weast, managers, CODA attended the meeting, as did Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, ADA/CODA.

The Ad Hoc Committee considered its charge and has begun a comprehensive review of the *Report and Recommendations from the American Dental Association’s Dental Deans’ Stakeholder Engagement Process*, noting that the report included 11 recommendations for consideration by the Commission. Each recommendation was discussed at both meetings, and the Ad Hoc Committee plans to continue its review and discussion, as well as to obtain additional information related to the topics and recommendations of the *Report*, for further consideration, with a future report to the Commission.

**Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation:** This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

**Commission Action:**

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