

MINUTES
UTAH DENTISTRY BOARD MEETING
June 06, 2025 9:00 A.M.

CONVENED: 9:07 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 5:04 P.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Division Director: Mark Steinagel
Assistant Director: Deborah Blackburn
Bureau Manager: Lisa Martin
Board Secretary: Brylee Vanderwarf
Legal Analyst: Kirsten Shumway
DOPL: Maryann Penman
DOPL: Lindsay Aagaard
Investigations: Jack Guenon

Compliance Specialist: Bernice Palama
ITAC: Alexander Bybee
ITAC: Jessler Molina
ITAC: Shelmira Moret
UPHP: Robert Simpson
UPHP: Jessie Wilden
UPHP: Candace Gonzalez
UPHP: Ammon Sorenson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Wahlen, DMD
Sandra Miranda, DDS
Gregory Gatrell, DDS
Gloria Miley, PM

Kathleen Harris, RDH
Steve Arnold, DDS
Kel Faddis, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Marilyn Sadler RDH/DDS

GUESTS:

Trena Luke
Amber Allred
Kasie Richie
Amanda Musselman
Hanna Wilson
Jen Daniels
Jessica Horrocks
Nancy Richards

Nichole Eagar
Riley Rich
Sarah Kolar
Mandy Gibbs
Brenda Armstrong (Utah
Tech)
Scott Theurer
Kristen Hall

Melissa Dudleston
Jenny Jones
Richard Fisher
Stacey Swilling (DHHS)
Lauren Nesfeld
Val Radmall (UDA)
Andrew Welling (UAO)
Jeff Doker (UDA)

Note: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Call Meeting to Order

Dr. Wahlen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Read and Approve March 07, 2025 Minutes Audio 1 (00:03:11)

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the March 07, 2025 minutes with the revisions as discussed.

Dr. Arnold seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Read and Approve May 02, 2025 Minutes Audio 1 (00:04:54)

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to approve the May 02, 2025 minutes as written.

Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Investigations Update Audio 1 (00:05:40)

Mr. Guenon gave an investigations update. Mr. Guenon gave a presentation guide to the Board explaining when and how to report an incident including code of ethics of the profession to do so.

APPOINTMENTS:

UPHP Update Audio 1 (00:18:12)

Dr. Simpson stated UPHP is an alternative discipline program within DOPL that provides support and advocacy to those who have substance use disorders.

Compliance Update Audio 1 (00:29:42)

Ms. Palama stated Dr. Heiner has no missed check ins, negative UA's, negative PEth test, all supervisor reports were received, and 568 patient charts, 114 of them were audited, no errors noted. Ms. Palama stated Dr. Heiner's next Board meeting is September 2025, the Board needs to motion on compliance.

Ms. Palama stated Dr. Smith has no missed check ins, negative UA's, received his April self-assessment report and had no concerns, he is regularly attending support group meetings, attended ACUMEN institute, received his practice plan, his thinking errors course is due January 24, 2025 along with his 500-word essay. Ms. Palama stated Dr. Smith's next Board meeting is September 2025, the Board needs to make a motion on Dr. Smith's practice plan, supervisors, and on compliance.

Ms. Palama stated Dr. Bankhead has no missed check ins, UA and PEth tests were negative, received Dr. Bankhead's revised practice plan, EBAS results, 500-word essay, and his mental health evaluation. Ms. Palama stated Dr. Bankhead's next Board meeting is September 2025; the Board needs to make a motion on Dr. Bankhead's practice plan, supervisors, and on compliance.

Ms. Palama stated Dr. Cloward has no missed check ins, UAs were negative, completed 24 additional hours of continuing education, EBAS results in ethics and boundaries in substance abuse with a passing score of 12, monthly supervisor reports upon employment, quarterly audit, 20% prescriptions dispensed. Ms. Palama stated the next Board meeting is September 2025, the Board needs to make a motion on Dr. Cloward's supervisor and on compliance.

Nicholas Heiner, Probationary Review Audio 1 (00:30:42)

Dr. Wahlen stated Dr. Heiner's reports are all positive. Dr. Wahlen asked Dr. Heiner how many hours he is working a week.

Dr. Heiner stated he is working 30 hours a week.

Dr. Walen made a motion that Mr. Heiner is in compliance with his probation.

Dr. Faddis seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

John Smith, Probationary Review Audio 1 (00:50:00)

Dr. Gatrell asked Dr. Smith for an update on where he is at, what he is looking for, and how he got here.

Dr. Smith stated he has been sober for 4 ½ years, he got patient treatment in Florida for 5 months, came back to Utah and lived in a sober living house for 3 months. Dr. Smith stated he is focusing on building a relationship with his family and wife. Dr. Smith stated he was asked to have an evaluation done by UPHP last fall, UPHP recommended he did a year long treatment which concludes in November. Dr. Smith stated last July he had used anabolic steroids which led to UPHP referring him to the Board.

Dr. Gatrell asked Dr. Smith how many days a week he works.

Dr. Smith stated between 32 to 36 hours a week.

Dr. Gatrell asked Dr. Smith if he has any triggers.

Dr. Smith stated he has no triggers; he has been working a lot with a therapist.

Ms. Palama asked Dr. Smith to provide a schedule on who will be supervising Dr. Smith on which dates.

Dr. Faddis made a motion to approve Dr. Andrew Dahlin as Dr. Smith's supervisor.

Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Faddis made a motion to approve Dr. Joshua Arteta as Dr. Smith's supervisor.

Dr. Walhen seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Faddis made a motion to approve Dr. Chandler Townsend as the main report writer for the Board

Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Faddis made a motion Dr. Chris Neibauer as Dr. Smith's supervisor.

Dr. Wahlen seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Harris stated Dr. Smith needs to include Dr. Chandler Townsend and Dr. Neibauer needs to be included in the practice plan.

Ms. Palama stated Dr. Smith needs to include which supervisor he will be working with during each schedule.

Ms. Harris asked Dr. Smith if he has a consistent work schedule or if it changes.
Mr. Smith stated it is consistent.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to approve Dr. Smiths practice plan with added revision that Dr. Neibauer is added as a supervisor and his role.
Ms. Harris seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion that Dr. Smith is in compliance with his probation.
Dr. Arnold seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Alex Bankhead, Probationary Review Audio 1 (01:30:21) Audio 2 (00:02:12)
Dr. Arnold asked Dr. Bankhead if he had any challenges with his stipulation.

Dr. Bankhead stated no challenges other than waiting to get his license.

Dr. Arnold asked Dr. Bankhead why a 5-month suspension is more valuable than a 5-week suspension.

Dr. Bankhead stated it is a matter of proving oneself. Dr. Bankhead stated he is at a very good place in his life; he is the happiest he has ever been and is free. Mr. Bankhead stated everyone has a timeline that is unique to them.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to close the meeting.
Ms. Miley seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wahlen closed the meeting at 10:50 am.

Dr. Wahlen opened the meeting at 11:15 am.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to approve Dr. Morgan as Dr. Bankhead's general supervisor, pending Dr. Morgan attend the next Board meeting on September 05, 2025.
Ms. Harris seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to tentatively approve Dr. Bankhead's practice plan, pending Dr. Bankhead provide Ms. Palama and the Board with his office schedule, pending an interview with Dr. Morgan by the Board, the contact between Dr. Bankhead and Dr. Morgan and attend regular meetings with a support group.

Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

The board motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bernice stated Dr. Bankhead needs to submit his revised practice plan by June 20, 2025.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion that Dr. Bankhead is in compliance with his suspension.

Dr. Arnold seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Cloward, Initial Probationary Review Audio 2 (00:21:19)

Dr. Faddis asked Dr. Cloward to give an explanation on why he is meeting with the Board.

Dr. Cloward stated he was addicted to opioids; he checked himself to an inpatient treatment center which includes a week of detox and then a week of lockdown. Dr. Cloward stated he self-reported himself to UPHP and worked with them for 2-3 months. Dr. Cloward stated UPHP determined he needed to report himself to the Board. Dr. Cloward stated he is 9 months sober.

Dr. Faddis asked Dr. Cloward if he is attending a professional support group.

Dr. Cloward stated he was attending AA for 3-4 weeks; he now meets with a group in Utah Valley that his therapist and UPHP recommended.

Dr. Faddis asked Dr. Cloward if he learned enough from his mistakes.

Dr. Cloward stated he is devastated from what he has done, he is currently making amends with patients.

Dr. Faddis asked Dr. Cloward what his next steps are and what his plan is.

Dr. Cloward stated his plan is to get back to work and decide how much he will be involved then.

Dr. Wahlen asked if his supervisor would be prescribing to his patients.

Dr. Cloward stated his supervisor will be prescribing for his patients.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to approve the continuing education Dr. Cloward has completed prior to his stipulation.

Dr. Faddis seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to accept Dr. Jacob Haslem as Dr. Clowards general supervisor pending Dr. Jacob Haslem attending the September 05, 2025 Board meeting.
Ms. Harris seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion that Dr. Cloward is in compliance with his stipulation.
Dr. Faddis seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Robert Janisse, Renewal Application Review Audio 2 (00:49:22)

Ms. Harris asked Dr. Janisse to give an explanation on why he is meeting with the Board.

Dr. Janisse stated his Arizona license is on suspension and missed his Arizona stipulation. Dr. Janisse stated he missed his Arizona hearing due to a family emergency, so he was unable to share his side of his story. Dr. Janisse stated his license is being taken away in Arizona.

Ms. Harris asked Dr. Janisse what the complaint was about.

Dr. Janisse stated he used a non-sterile tool on a patient. Dr. Janisse stated while he was working on a patient, he slipped and cut himself. Dr. Janisse stated he got up and washed his hands, grabbed channel locks that were near the sink and started using them on the patient. Dr. Janisse stated he quickly self-corrected and realized the channel locks were not sterilized. Dr. Janisse stated his Hygienist turned him into the Board.

Mr. Faddis asked Dr. Janisse why he did not provide his CPR/ALS training certificate when the Arizona licensing Board asked for it.

Dr. Janisse stated he had no excuse and did not follow up to make sure it was done.

Dr. Arnold asked Dr. Janisse about vital signs.

Dr. Janisse stated he did not document everything or keep records, so the Arizona Board stated he was not monitoring his patient's vital signs.

Dr. Arnold stated he would like more information about giving Dr. Janisse a Utah license.

The Board agreed with Dr. Arnold.

Dr. Wahlen made a motion to deny Dr. Janisse licensure in the State of Utah at this moment.
Dr. Gatrell seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ITAC – Audio 3 (00:00:20) Audio 3 (:1:30:17)

Mr. Bybee provided an overview presentation to the Dental Board explaining what the International Trained Applicant team does and their process to reviewing international applicants

as provided on the public notice website. Mr. Bybee showed the Board the different pathways an international applicant can take to receive a Utah Dental License.

Office of AI Policy Audio 3 (01:12:19)

Mr. Boyd stated the legislator passed a law over a year ago to create an office that is proactive in thinking through what AI will mean on a policy level for the state. Mr. Boyd stated he is running a regulatory relief program to legally authorize pilots for businesses in the state. Mr. Boyd stated AI may inform regulatory decisions. Mr. Boyd stated AI would diagnose the patient, the Dentist would then confirm the diagnosis.

Rule Revision Audio 3 (01:50:27)

Ms. Martin provided a rule draft to the Board as provided on the Public Notice Website. The Board discussed changes and recommendations to the draft.

Ms. Martin stated the Division would include the discussed updates and present and updated draft at the next Board meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 05, 2025 DECEMBER 05, 2025

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

09/06/25 (ss) Jennifer Wadsworth
Date Approved Chairperson, Utah Dentistry Board

9-9-2025 (ss) Lisa Martin
Date Approved Bureau Manager, DOPL