

**MINUTES
UTAH DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST
BOARD MEETING**

December 5, 2025 9:00 A.M.

CONVENED: 9:06 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 3:24 PM

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Lisa Martin
Board Secretary: Allison Pulsipher
Assistant Director: Deborah Blackburn
Licensing Specialist: Colter Rosborough
Licensing Specialist: Maryann Penman
Program Specialist: Lindsay Aagaard
ITAC: Jesler Molina

ITAC: Shelmira Moret La Rosa
Legal Analyst: Kirsten Shumway
Legal Analyst: Lauren Harvey
UPHP: Kellie Jacobsen
UPHP: Dr. Robert Simpson, MD
UPHP Compliance Specialist:
Jennifer Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Wahlen, DMD
Gregory Gatrell, DDS
Sandra Miranda, DH
Kel Faddis, DDS

Joelle Carlile, DH
Lorna Koci, Public Member
Jeffrey Knight, DDS
Steve Arnold, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

GUESTS:

Adam Brandmeier
Advanced Dental Institute
Angel Harvey
Ashley Shemenski
Chloe Jarvis, DH
Dacri Bryan
Frederick Alfonzo
Jessica Schreifels, SL Tribune
Joffrey Bunleang
Jose Solis
Karissa Lewis, Department of Commerce

Kim Caldwell
Laura Green, UDHA
Lauren Neufield, DHHS
Melia Lewis
Michael Summers, DDS
Richard Fisher, UDA
Sarah Crum
Sarah Kolar
Stacey Swilling, DHHS
Val Radmall, 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 9:06 a.m.

Read and Approve September 5, 2025 Minutes. (Audio 1 - 0:03:25)

Ms. Koci motioned to approve the minutes.

Dr. Wahlen seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Read and Approve November 14, 2025 Minutes. (Audio 1 - 0:04:32)

Dr. Wahlen motioned to approve the minutes with the changes discussed.

Dr. Gatrell seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Investigations Update

An Investigations update was not provided.

APPOINTMENTS:

UPHP (Audio 1 - 0:07:55)

Ms. Jacobsen introduced UPHP to the Board.

Dr. Simpson provided the Board with the history of the UPHP program and how they help professionals in Utah.

Ms. Jacobsen started the presentation by explaining the recent changes the Division has made in UPHP and with licensee's currently on probation with the Division.

Dr. Simpson provided the Board with policies that are in place for returning to use behaviors and how they will be communicating with the Boards moving forward.

Ms. Jacobsen informed the Board of the timeline they have been utilizing transition providers on probation to UPHP.

Ms. Koci asked how many licensee's this change will affect.

Ms. Jacobsen informed the Board they will be converting 3 licensee's from Board oversight to UPHP oversight.

Dr. Knight asked who would oversee licensee's with poor patient care or professional skills.

Ms. Martin confirmed the Board would continue to oversee those licensee's.

Ms. Martin clarified the discrepancies the Division has been seeing between all Boards and what they are doing to create consistency.

Dr. Wahlen asked how many "Level 2 Incidents" UPHP will need to see before they bring it to the Board for notification or have the licensee cease practice.

Dr. Simson explained how UPHP will handle repeated issues.

ITAC (Audio 1 - 0:42:55)

Mr. Molina introduced himself to the Board.

Mr. Molina provided the Board with an update regarding the different pathways they are creating to assist internationally trained applicants get licensed in Utah.

Mr. Molina informed the Board the Division currently has six potential applicants that qualify for the "Advanced Training Pathway" and four potential applicants that qualify for the "Limited Supervised Training Permit (LSTP)" Pathway.

Mr. Val Radmall, UDA, stated the level of supervision is detailed in statute and asked why ITAC is looking at other levels.

Ms. Blackburn and Mr. Molina went over the different levels of supervision ITAC is addressing.

Ms. Miranda asked how the Division will handle applicants that do not meet the basic level of skills needed to practice.

Mr. Molina explained to the Board how they expect the reporting process to work.

Ms. Carlile asked how a LSTP finds a supervisor for their permit.

Mr. Molina informed the Board the employer would need to declare the supervisor for a LSTP.

Dr. Wahlen asked who determines the employer for the LSTP license.

Mr. Molina stated they have received interest from multiple employers in Utah and the Division is ensuring the employers meet outlined requirements.

Dr. Faddis suggested the Board do a 6-month or 1-year audit on the LSTP licensee to ensure standard of care is being met.

Dr. Wahlen suggested the Division reach out to public health centers to find employers rather than relying on employers reaching out to the Division.

Ms. Carlile asked if the LSTP and the employer would need to inform the patient they are being seen by a LSTP rather than a fully licensed dentist.

Mr. Molina stated the Division could add an informed consent requirement.

Ms. Stacey Swilling, DHHS, asked for clarification regarding the accepted advanced training for the two individuals who were licensed through the “Advanced Education” pathway.

Mr. Molina informed Ms. Swilling and the Board what requirements the two licensees had.

Ms. Swilling asked if the different assessment sections will be more detailed than the brief overview presented today.

Mr. Molina confirmed the assessment forms will be detailed to ensure the LSTP is meeting all different aspects of each assessment section.

Ms. Martin stated the Committee reviewing these applications do not need to immediately provide an answer; they may provide an applicant with steps they would need to complete before being licensed.

Ms. Koci stated she would like to start receiving a report of how many people are applying, getting licensed, or completing additional steps as this process moves forward.

Mr. Molina asked the Board to review the example of the different assessment sections and submit suggestions to the Division.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Open Meeting Act (Audio 1 - 1:55:20)

Ms. Martin went over the Open and Public Meeting Act Training.

Rule Revision (Audio 1 - 1:57:43, Audio 2 – 0:00:05)

Ms. Martin started the discussion about R156-69-808b.

Ms. Shumway went over the additions to R156-69-808b and asked for input.

Ms. Laura Green, UDHA, suggested removing multiple subtopics from “Restoration Placement and Finishing for Class I through VI”.

The Board agreed with the suggestions made.

Ms. Green asked if the instructor must be a Dentist or if it could be expanded to Dental Hygienists.

Ms. Shumway explained why the section is limited to a Dentist at this time and stated it can be readdressed at a later date.

Ms. Chloe Jarvis, DH, stated she has completed courses in restorative care outside of Utah and informed the Board the type of different instructors she had in those classes.

Dr. Wahlen discussed with the Board what kind of experience a dentist will need to be an instructor for restorations.

Ms. Shumway went over the new edits to the rule to clarify what will be allowed in a non-patient lab setting.

Dr. Arnold stated he has concerns regarding the requirement for dental auxiliaries to use magnification when completing restoration work when the same is not required of a dentist.

Dr. Wahlen stated she would want to see the rule written to match the current standard of care and reflect how people are taught.

Ms. Jarvis informed how she was taught in her external course and provided the Board with a recommendation.

Ms. Green stated if magnification is mandated for dental auxiliaries, it should also be mandated for dentists.

Dr. Wahlen motioned to keep the requirement for magnification with dental auxiliaries.

Dr. Faddis seconded the motion.

The Board voted 5 in favor and 3 opposed the motion.

The Board motion passed.

Ms. Shumway started discussions about R156-69-808c.

Ms. Shumway went over the changes made to R156-69-80c and asked for input.

Dr. Arnold informed the Board of the recommendation he provided to the Division to create the training topics and clock hours required for Removal of Coronal Dental Adhesive.

Dr. Michael Summer's, DDS, provided the Board with his perspective on the training chart.

Ms. Shumway informed the Board of the changes she made to the chart to better fit Division rule.

Ms. Miranda asked if there would be an examination to confirm skills.

Ms. Martin informed the Board a passing examination would be required to practice these expanded functions.

Dr. Gatrell stated he would be opposed to these courses being taught in the office.

Ms. Martin reviewed the curriculum chart with the Board.

Ms. Koci suggested replacing the slow-speed hand piece with high-speed hand piece.

Dr. Faddis stated his concerns over adding high-speed hand pieces.

Ms. Carlie expressed her concerns to the Board.

Ms. Miranda expressed her concerns to the Board.

Dr. Gatrell motioned to leave the slow-speed hand piece in the rule.

Dr. Wahlen seconded the motion.

The Board voted 6 in favor and 2 opposed the motion.

The Board motion passed.

Dr. Rich Fisher, UDA, stated if the high-speed hand piece is not included then the training hours may be excessive.

Dr. Knight suggested removing the minimum number of training hours in each selection and provide an overall minimum training hours.

Ms. Shumway gave the Board different suggestions to update the hours and training required.

Dr. Wahlen went over the proposed changes to the training and hours required.

Ms. Shumway started the discussion on all other rule changes by starting at the beginning of the rule.

Ms. Shumway explained how the Division will be addressing the regional examinations in the rule.

Ms. Green asked if the rule could be adjusted to include the Dental Hygienist diagnosis of periodontal disease.

Dr. Faddis stated dental hygienist can not diagnosis and it should not be included in the rule.

Ms. Carlie agreed with Ms. Green's request.

Ms. Martin reviewed the statute with the Board and asked for clarification regarding Ms. Green's request.

Ms. Green clarified she would like the rule to match the wording included in dental hygiene textbooks used in education.

Dr. Wahlen stated she would not be comfortable making the change to the rule.

Mr. Radmall asked if the instructor requirements in R156-69-301a should match the requirements listed in R156-69-808b and R156-69-808c.

The Board agreed with the request.

Ms. Shumway clarified the continuing education added to address dental assistants practicing with expanded functions.

Ms. Shumway went over the additions to R156-69-502 Unprofessional Conduct.

Md. Faddis motioned to accept the rules with the revisions discussed.

Dr. Gatrell seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

MARCH 6, 2026

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 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.

03/12/24

Date Approved

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Jennifer Wallew

Chairperson, Utah Dentistry Board

3-17-2026

Date Approved

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Lisa Martin

Bureau Manager, DOPL