

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Dentistry**  
**Board Meeting**  
9:00 a.m., January 30, 2026

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Dentistry office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, and on the board website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

K, Britt Reagin, DMD, President  
Sherie W. Barbare, RDH, Vice-President  
Amy E. Natoli, RDH, BSDH, Secretary  
Christopher L. Andrews, DMD  
J. Brent Copeland, DMD  
Kip S. Covington, DMD  
Hugh B. Dickey, III, DDS  
Thomas A. McDonald, DMD, MD,  
Julia K. Mikell, DDS  
Robert, P. Rodelsperger, DMD

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Prentiss Shealy, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Casey Smith, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Bianca Smith, Program Director, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Amy Holleman, Board Executive  
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator  
Shelley Nevins, Administrative Assistant  
Lolei Bristow, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Jennifer A. Hollis, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Pete Siepert, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Valerie Eady, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Ryan Belton, IT Services Specialist

**PRESENT:**

Dr. Joseph Gambacorta, Interim Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry, James B. Edwards  
College of Dental Medicine, MUSC  
Vivian Fairbairn, JD, Assistant General Counsel, MUSC  
Laura Poole Teague  
Melanie Kraemer  
Amanda Ducncan-Ferraru  
Julie Ann Lardo  
Paul Coombs, DMD  
Chis Adams, DMD  
Lindsey Jackson, President, South Carolina Dental Hygienists' Association (SCDHA)  
Phil Latham, Executive Director, South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA)  
Mark Brown, CAE, Associate Executive Director, South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA)  
Geng Tiam, South Carolina Academy of General Dentistry (SCAGD)  
Robin K. Reibold, Court Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Reagin, President called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Reagin called for a motion to approve amending the agenda, moving item # 9 after item #6.

**Motion:** To amended agenda  
Barbare/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Motion:** To approve amended agenda  
McDonald/Rodelsperger/Approved

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Dr. Reagin welcomed everyone to the Board meeting, thanking board members and staff for their service.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Members of the Board introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

All Board members were present.

**Motion:** To excuse Dr. Dickey, if he does not arrive for the meeting.  
Covington/Copeland/Approved

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for October 31, 2025 with the correction to the spelling of Ms. Barbare’s name.  
Rodelsperger/Natoli/Approved

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPLICATION HEARINGS**

These proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

**Dentist**

Dr. Luiz Andre Friere Pimenta – Dental Instructor

Ms. Vivian Fairbairn, Esq. and Dr. Joseph Gambacorta appeared before the Board on behalf of Dr. Pimenta. Both, Ms. Fairbairn and Dr. Gambacorta addressed the Board and responded to questions regarding the instructor’s application.

Dr. Reagin called for a disposition in this matter.

**Motion:** To grant Dr. Luiz Andre Friere Pimenta a South Carolina Restricted Dental Instructor’s license  
McDonald/Rodelsperger/Approved

Dr. Hugh B. Dickey, III, joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

**Dr. Reagin called for a motion to move into a closed session**

**Motion:** To move into closed session  
Covington/Natoli/Approved

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report - Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator**

Ms. Bailey reported that between January 1, 2026 and January 7, 2026 the agency received six (6) complaints and closed one (1). There are currently sixty-one (61) active investigations.

**Investigative Review Committee Report – Ashley Bailey, Lead Investigator**

Ms. Bailey reported that the IRC Committee recommended twenty-three (23) cases for dismissal and two (2) formal complaints.

**Motion:** To move Key #2 from a Dismissal to a Letter of Caution  
McDonald/Mikell/Approved

**Motion:** To move Key #3 from a Dismissal to a Letter of Caution  
Rodelsperger/McDonald/Approved

**Motion:** To return Key #12 for further investigation  
McDonald/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Motion:** To move Key #17 from a Dismissal to a Letter of Caution  
Rodelsperger/McDonald/Approved

**Motion:** To move Key #25 to an Administrative Hold  
Mikell/McDonald/Approved

**Motion:** To accept one case for a Formal Complaint  
Rodelsperger/Covington/Approved

**Motion:** To accept the IRC report as amended  
Rodelsperger/Copeland/Approved

**Dr. Reagin called for a motion to return to open session.**

**Motion:** To return to open session  
Rodelsperger/McDonald/Approved

The Board recessed for ten (10) minutes.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Prentiss Shealey, Esq.**

The Board reviewed the ODC report, which state that there are currently fifty-one (51) open cases. Of the open cases, eighteen (18) are pending hearings and agreements. There were zero (0) cases closed since January 1, 2026 and five (5) since October 15, 2025.

**Board Executive Report – Amy Holleman**

Ms. Holleman reminded the Board to file their Statement of Economic Interest by 12:00 p.m. on March 30, 2026.

Ms. Holleman provided the current active licenses update:

General Dentist	3902	Dental Hygienist	4491
Dental Specialty	848	DH with Infiltration Anesthesia	2428
Dental Technicians	122		
Orthodontic Technicians	2		

ADEX Council on Examination Appointment

The Board discussed the appointment of an examiner to the ADEX Council on Examination.

**Motion:** To approve Dr. Carolyn Brown as the Board representative for the ADEX Council on Examination.  
Rodelsperger/McDonald/Approved

Board Members as Examiners - Discussion

Dr. Coombs presented before the Board, explaining the need for representation from the SC State Board of Dentistry as ADEX exam proctors, graders, etc. Dr. Coombs explained the process as well as reimbursement for time and travel. Dr. Coombs responded to questions from the Board.

Drs. Copeland and Andrews volunteered to be submitted their names/application for consideration as ADEX examiners.

ADA Billing Codes and Sedation

Dr. McDonald explained that the American Dental Association (ADA) implemented new sedation billing codes, which resulted in a change to the process of billing sedation. This could result in a situation, like in a pediatric office, that the practitioner will bill under a moderate sedation code, although the office is administering minimal sedation with two drugs and nitrous oxide. ADA eliminated the non-intravenous administration of minimal sedation. The Board discussed the matter.

The Board recognized the concerns and processes required at this time. The Board determined that that the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation’s Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) should be made aware of the new ADA billing codes for sedation which is billing cymatics.

Approval of Proposed CE Regulation

Mr. Horner presented the proposed regulation, adding practice management as an acceptable continuing education course and asked the Board to grant permission to submit proposed regulations for publication. Mr. Horner will redraft the proposed regulations and will circulate the language to the Board members for approval.

**Motion:** To accept the proposed change to Regulation 39.5(F)(2) to include practice management as a n acceptable continuing education category with maximum allowed hours in practice management to be four (4) for dentist and one (1) for dental hygienist per renewal cycle.  
McDonald/Natoli/Approved

**Motion:** To revise 39.5 (F)(2)(e) and 39.5(F)(3) by removing CPR as an acceptable continuing education subject and revising the language in (F)(3) to read: All dentists and dental hygienists must have completed an approved CPR course within two (2) years of licensure or renewal. Thereafter, all dentists and dental hygienists must be recertified in CPR once every two (2) years. CPR recertification is a requirement and is not eligible for continuing education credits.  
McDonald/Mikell/Approved

Restricted Volunteer License – S.C. Code Section 40-15-177

The Board discussed the language in the statute 40-15-177 for “Restricted Volunteer License, specifically, “has held the corresponding license in another state as a licensee in good standing”.

**Motion:** The Board has interpreted, as for all future initial Restricted Volunteer Licensee applicants, that S.C. Code Section 4015-177 (A)(1) stating, “has held the corresponding license in another state as a licensee in good standing,” as a past perfect tense. The Board has determined that the applicant should have held a corresponding license in another state as a licensee in good standings within the five years preceding the application, if such a license for the applicant has been inactive/lapsed for more than five years, the licensure application for Restricted Volunteer Dentist will require Board President review and approval.

This interpretation of the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry’s Restricted Volunteer Dentist license requirements/re-licensure will now allow the expiration of the other state license(s), if desired, for those currently holding a SC Restricted Volunteer license.  
Rodelsperger/Covington/Approved

Travel Request – American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) 2026 Mid-Year Meeting, Rosemont, Illinois – April 24-25, 2026

**Motion:** Approve travel for all Board members, Norma McAllister, Board’s Program Coordinator and legal counsel  
Reagin/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Other Discussion:**

To add on the next agenda, “Instructor’s License”

**Point of New Business: Accepting other States examines for Licensing by Credentials**

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board, in the past approved licensure by credentials applicants that met all of the licensing criteria, only requiring Board approval for licensing because the applicant took and passed another state’s clinical examination. He asked that the Board consider granting staff the authority to approve applicants with a clear record, meaning no disciplinary action, that meets all of the other requirements, and passed state clinical exams that the Board previously approved, be granted a license without a Board review.

**Motion:** To grant Board staff the authority to approve applicants for licensure by credentials that meet all of the requirements for licensure, with the exception that the licensee passed a state clinical exam previously approved by the Board.  
McDonald/Copeland/Approved

**Dr. Reagin called for a motion to move into a closed session**

**Motion:** To move into closed session  
Covington/Rodelsperger/Approved

**DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

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**Memorandum of Agreement**

**Case No.: 2025-150**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on her own behalf without legal counsel representation. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the board. The Respondent addressed, and responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Reagin stated that the Board will take this up in executive session, which the Board will go into at the end of the meeting. The respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice for these matters.  
McDonald/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Stipulation of Facts (SOF)**

**Case No.: 2025-146**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on her own behalf without legal counsel representation. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Stipulation of Facts. The Respondent addressed, and responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Reagin stated that the Board will take this up in executive session, which the Board will go into at the end of the meeting. The respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice for these matters.  
Rodelsperger/Natoli/Approved

**Case No.: 2025-181 – Move to next meeting**

**Case No.: 2025-187**

The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board on her own behalf without legal counsel representation. Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Stipulation of Facts. The Respondent addressed, and responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Reagin stated that the Board will take this up in executive session, which the Board will go into at the end of the meeting. The respondent may wait until such time as the decision is announced or Board staff will contact the respondent with the Board's decision. A formal order will state our decision in this matter

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice for these matters.  
Rodelsperger/Natoli/Approved

**Executive Session for Legal Advice, if needed**

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice for CE compliance issues for the current audit cycle.  
Reagin/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice for these matters.  
Covington/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Return to Open Session**

**Motion:** To come out of Executive Session  
Reagin/Rodelsperger/Approved

Dr. Reagin, President, noted for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a disposition in this matter.

**Case No.: 2025-150**

**Motion:** To accept the Memorandum of Agreement, issue a private reprimand, and a five-hundred dollars (\$500) fine, private reprimand, to be paid within thirty (30) days of the signed Final Order.  
Covington/Reagin/Approved

**Case No.: 2025-146**

**Motion:** To accept the Stipulations of Facts, the admission to violation of South Carolina Regulation 39-(11)(2)(a), issue a private reprimand, and five-hundred dollars (\$500) fine to be paid within thirty (30) days of the signed Final Order.  
Natoli/Rodelsperger/Approved

**Case No.: 2025-187**

**Motion:** To accept the Stipulations of Facts, the admission to the violation of Regulations 39-11(2)(a), issue a private reprimand, and five-hundred dollars (\$500) fine to be paid within thirty (30) days of the signed Final Order.  
Covington/Rodelsperger/Approved

**2025 CE Audit Compliance**

**Motion:** To suspend licensees that have not completed and reported required continuing education course for the 2023-2025 licensure period.  
Rodelsperger/McDonald/Approved

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** **To adjourn**  
Rodelsperger/Reagin/Approved

Dr. Reagin, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the January 30, 2026 meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry at 1:03 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting for the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry is **April 17, 2026**.