

SD State Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
Teleconference
Monday December 15, 2025

President Van Dam called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm Central.

Board Members Present: Dr. Scott Van Dam, Dr. Brian Prouty, Dr. Jon Schaack, Dr. Harold Doerr, Dr. Donald Massa and Ashley Flynn.

Board Staff Present: Brittany Novotny, Lisa Harsma, and Megan Borchert.

Others Present: Dr. Joshua Nehring and Jim Bowen.

Van Dam called for public testimony during the open forum. There was no public testimony.

Motion to approve the agenda by Doerr. Second by Schaack. Motion carried.

Motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) and (4) by Doerr. Second by Schaack. Motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:35pm.

Motion to move out of Executive Session by Schaack. Second by Flynn. Motion carried. The board moved out of Executive Session at 7:19 pm.

Motion to approve the Application to Reinstate the Moderate Sedation Permit of Dr. Joshua Nehring by Doerr. Second by Prouty. Motion carried.

Van Dam announced that after seventeen years of service, the Executive Secretary, Brittany Novotny, has elected to step down from that role, and her firm will conclude its day-to-day management of Board operations effective May 31, 2026. The Board formally recognized and expressed its sincere gratitude to Brittany Novotny and the team at Midwest Solutions, Inc., notably Lisa Harsma and Dusti Palecek, for the many years of exemplary service. Van Dam remarked that Brittany's dedication, expertise, professionalism, and collaborative leadership have been integral to the Board's success. On behalf of the Board, he expressed sincere appreciation for her service and partnership and extended best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, emphasizing the significant contributions she and her team have made to the profession.

Motion to move forward with the Request For Proposals (RFP) process and to appoint Dr. Scott Van Dam, Dr. Harold Doerr and Dr. Brian Prouty to an advisory committee to assist with the RFP process, by Schaack. Second by Massa. Motion carried.

Van Dam noted the next board meeting will be held February 6, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Doerr. Second by Massa. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Amy Perry, Secretary