

SD State Board of Dentistry
Board Meeting
Drifters Event Center- Ft. Pierre, SD
Friday February 6, 2026

President Van Dam called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Central.

Board Members Present: Dr. Scott Van Dam, Dr. Brian Prouty, Dr. Donald Massa, Dr. Jon Schaack, and Amy Perry.

Board Members Present via Video/ Audio Conferencing: Dr. Harold Doerr and Ashley Flynn.

Board Staff Present: Brittany Novotny, Elizabeth Cave (General Counsel), Beverly Katz (General Counsel), Shelly Munson (Prosecutor), Dr. Dennis Mills (Investigator), Dr. Randy Sachau (Investigator), Dr. Orin Ellwein (Investigator), Lisa Harsma, and Dusti Palecek.

Others Present: Catherine Williamson, Carla Bachand, Dr. Lee Cordell, Dr. Jeffrey Loftus, Verne Goodsell, Dr. Patrick Tibbles, Dr. Patrick Anderson, and Amy Loftus.

Van Dam welcomed new Board member Dr. Donald Massa and interim general counsel Elizabeth Cave and Beverly Katz and asked them to introduce themselves.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2025 and December 15, 2025 board meetings by Schaack. Second by Perry. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the agenda by Perry. Second by Schaack. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the financial report by Perry. Second by Schaack. Motion carried.

Novotny provided an office update.

Motion to appoint Amy Perry to participate in the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visit of the Lake Area Technical College Dental Hygiene program by Schaack. Second by Massa. Motion carried.

Kaitlin Sherer with the South Dakota Department of Health provided the Board with an update on the Request For Proposals (RFP) process and Board operations transition that will occur June 1, 2026.

The South Dakota Dental Association and the South Dakota Dental Hygienists' Association provided written updates to the Board.

The Board recessed the Board meeting and convened the Formal Hearing of Dr. Jeffrey Loftus, M866, before Administrative Law Judge Catherine Williamson, at 10:30 a.m.

The Board recessed the Formal Hearing at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the Board meeting.

Motion to approve the South Dakota Dental Association and South Dakota Dental Hygienists' Association joint 2026 speaker honorarium application for \$9,100 for Dr. Lane Ochi to present "Application of Color Therapy & Shade Selection in Restorative Dentistry" by Massa. Second by Schaack. Motion carried.

Novotny provided the Board with an update on the teledentistry regulations project.

The Board announced the following meeting dates: March 25, 2026, May 29, 2026, October 23, 2026, and February 5, 2027.

The Board recessed the Board meeting and reconvened the Formal Hearing of Dr. Jeffrey Loftus before Administrative Law Judge Catherine Williamson at 12:40 p.m.

Motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) consulting with legal counsel by Schaack. Second by Massa. Motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Motion to require Dr. Jeffrey Loftus and his staff to complete recordkeeping training and DEA compliance training within 90 days; to issue a letter of reprimand to be placed on his license; to suspend his moderate sedation permit for 30 days; to require a future inspection at approximately 90 days by both the Department of Pharmacy and a member of the Dental Board Anesthesia Committee; and to require Dr. Loftus to bear all costs associated with the investigation and hearing by Doerr. Second by Perry. Motion carried.

The Board concluded the Formal Hearing of Dr. Jeffrey Loftus before Administrative Law Judge Catherine Williamson at 6:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Motion to approve the dentist credential verification applications of Abtin Etezadi-Tabrizi, Vincent James Perciaccante, Bradley Jonathan Smith and Andrew Quint Whitefield by Schaack. Second by Massa. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the dental hygienist credential verification application of Erik Jon Mutterer, Mary Berniece Peterson, Kristina Valeryevna Spangberg and Courtney Ann Kennedy by Perry. Second by Schaack. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the dentist regular applications of Edward Tucker Rudisill, Taurean Travas Smith, Lauren Renee Witte, and Dominique Starr Yellowhair by Schaack. Second by Massa. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the dental hygienist regular applications of Sumner Elizabeth Grubbs, Rebecca Carroll Smithmier and Nora Ann Sudbeck by Perry. Second by Prouty. Motion carried.

The Board recessed the Board meeting and convened the Formal Hearing of Robinson Larraga, DH1851, before Administrative Law Judge Catherine Williamson, at 6:55 p.m.

Formal Hearing of Robinson Larraga, DH1851, with ALJ Williamson presiding. Licensee served with notice. Licensee did not appear. Motion to suspend the License of Robinson Larraga by Perry. Second by Schaack. Motion carried.

The Board concluded the Formal Hearing of Robinson Larraga before Administrative Law Judge Catherine Williamson at 7:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened the Board meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the Board meeting by Perry. Second by Prouty. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Dr. Scott Van Dam, President