

January 26, 2024

Legislative Report – Iowa Dental Board Meeting Report

I attended the Iowa Dental Board meeting on January 25, 2024. Here is a summary of the discussion.

Lindsey Browning presented on the topic “Board Member Ethics”. She reminded board members that they are representing the citizens of Iowa, and to “always make decisions before the public and with the public in mind”. She also reminded board members about best practices for record keeping and directed them where to go if they have questions or concerns.

Committees reviewed their recent activity. All continuing education courses submitted were approved. The anesthesia committee submitted their approval of permits. The hygiene committee is working on reviewing drafts of their by-laws.

The board is hard at work executing executive order 10. They are to review administrative rules and assess all codes for being necessary, burdensome, restrictive, or redundant. This includes a review of CE requirements and fees in comparison to other states nationwide. This is due by September 1st. It has been a huge undertaking and will continue to be so until completed. All other board actions have been suspended except in case of emergency.

To wrap up the meeting, the board approved the 2026 schedule and reviewed a demonstration of the new website. Website design will be consistent with standards across all state agencies.

Dr. Lindsey Meyer

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