

MEETING MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE

Date: September 3, 2025

Location: Iris Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: John Werther, DMD MD
Richard Gaw, DDS
Brian West, DMD
Katie Bradford, DDS
Steve Maroda, DDS
Tabor, Jayson, DDS

Staff Present: Stephanie Glasgow, Board Manager
Ashley Fine, Senior Associate General Counsel

It was confirmed there were 6 committee members present in the board room, which established a quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Werther at 3:30 p.m.

The first agenda item was IV Sedation For Dentists. The committee considered additional documents submitted by the course provider. No representative from the course provider was present.

Dr. Werther noted Dr. Greewell's NPDB report (dated March 2025) prior to the April anesthesia committee meeting. Dr. West had no comments. Dr. Maroda observed there was a claim on Dr. Greewell's NPDB but showed no claims related to anesthesia. Dr. Bradford said several things were requested, a few were provided, but the course itself had not changed. Dr. Gaw had nothing new to add. Dr. Tabor questioned the training for those teaching the course.

Dr. Werther observed that half of the data provided is 2 years old, such as Dr. Ford's NPDB dated 2023. He expressed concerns about using supplemental oxygen to maintain O2 sats of 88-92% and benzodiazepines in the first trimester of pregnancy. Dr. Werther noted the course is grossly unsatisfactory as currently presented. He suggested they revamp the course and present it when complete. Dr. Werther recommended denial to the Board and require a brand-new complete application. Dr. Bradford agreed the committee has been going back and forth with the course provider for 2 years. There was a unanimous vote to deny the application.

The second agenda item was a discussion of proposed standards for traveling/itinerant/locum tenens surgery and anesthesia. Dr. Maroda noted that AAOMS membership does not have any statutory rules.

His concern is follow-up care. There was discussion on whether a facility permit is needed for mobile anesthesia. Dr. Bradford, a mobile sedation dentist, spoke up noting her facility permit goes with her as her drugs and equipment. She provides post-surgical care. Dr. Tabor made the distinction between mobile oral surgery versus mobile anesthesia and post-surgery care. Dr. Werther said he would look at other states to see how they handle itinerant oral surgeons.

The third agenda item was Public Comment. Dr. John Yezerski, a Dental Anesthesiologist, was present and wished to address the committee. He was concerned that a dental facility permit would be needed for all (nearly 100) locations he travels to. He provided meeting minutes from an anesthesia task force meeting from years ago to emphasize the intention of the dental facility permit covering the dentist with a sedation permit along with their drugs and equipment that they travel with.

Ms. Fine offered to redline the facility permit application and rules to simplify and clarify as well as look into how other states handle this. Dr. Werther recollected that it was never intended that a mobile anesthesia provider would be inspected at every facility they provide services at.

Ms. Fine provided the redline of Definition of administration for informational purposes following the Board's review. Direct visual supervision was defined.

To review the discussions, motions, and voting on these topics, please review the meeting recording: <https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Channel/98fe21d561e9489487745f0c7da678b25f/watch/5ccc370f3fdb4cfc9cf8e17a9bc48d811d>

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.