

# DDH Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

## DDH Compact Executive Committee Minutes

September 10th, 2026, 2:30 p.m. ET

| State     | Name               | Attendance |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| Wisconsin | Dr. Matthew Bistan | Absent     |
| Nebraska  | Vonda Apking       | x          |
| Virginia  | Jamie Sacksteder   | x          |
| Ohio      | Corey Schaal       | x          |

2:30 p.m. ET

### Welcome and Call to Order

- Jaime Sacksetder (VA) standing in as Chair. Chair calls the meeting to order and asks Kaitlyn Bison (CSG) to take roll.

### Roll Call

- See above.

### Adopt Agenda\*

- Chair asks for motion to adopt the agenda. Corey Schaal (OH) makes a motion to adopt the agenda; Vonda Apking (NE) seconds. Motion passes.

### Approve Meeting Minutes\* (from previous meeting)

- Chair asks for motion to approve the draft minutes. Corey Schaal (OH) makes a motion to adopt the draft minutes; Vonda Apking (NE) seconds. Motion passes.

### Update on Suggested Language Changes

- Corey Schaal (OH) reported on a follow-up meeting regarding suggested changes to the compact, noting a collaborative and positive discussion among organizations aimed at moving the compact forward.
- Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) reviewed the implications of the discussed changes, noting that instead of requiring a criminal background check in every state, the compact could follow the model of others by implementing a ban on licensees with felony records.
  - Discussion addressed how the changes would require practitioners to take an exam acceptable in the remote state where they are applying for a privilege.
  - Vonda Apking (NE) asked about the differences between this compact and the IMLC regarding background checks, and Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) explained that the IMLC model of expedited licensure would delay the privilege process, leading to the alternative discussion of a felony record ban to maintain the utility of the privilege model.
- Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) noted that the discussions provided helpful clarity on the intent behind the changes, allowing her to formulate better recommendations to achieve the same substantive policy goals.

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- Corey Schaal (OH) raised future questions regarding the prescribing of controlled substances, and Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) noted that current compact language does not explicitly clarify that a privilege is equivalent to a license, subject to Executive Committee clearance to pursue clarifying language additions to the model language.
  - Committee members discussed that reaching consensus on these changes could unify support behind a single compact, potentially driving greater state participation.
- Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) noted that while formally changing the compact language would require state legislatures to re-enact the updates (done previously by the Nurse Licensure Compact), the commission's scope includes voting on consensus to publish and stand by the new model legislation and bringing states into compliance. She explains that would require eventual approval by the Executive Committee to push the suggested language changes for approval to the full commission, which they could review further at the next meeting.
- Corey Schaal (OH) made a motion to authorize commission legal counsel to collaborate on addressing concerns with the suggested language changes to achieve the agreed goals, coordinate with the external groups, and report back to the committee and Executive Committee; Vonda Apking (NE) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Delegate Comment and Questions**

- None received.

## **Public Comment and Questions**

- Amy Adair provides comment that one flag in language had to do with CODA dental school accreditation and wondering if that was a part of any discussion.
- Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) adds that it has not yet come up but will make a note if it comes up in future discussion.

3:30 p.m.

## **Adjourn**

- Chair asks for motion to adjourn. Vonda Apking (NE) motions to adjourn. Corey Schaal (OH) seconds. Motion passes.

\* Indicates agenda item requires Commission vote