

Unofficial Report of Major Actions

Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations Governance, Policies, & Administration (GPA) Meeting June 26, 2024

The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) met on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 for its annual Governance, Policies, & Administration (GPA) Meeting and took the following actions:

1. Announced the acceptance of the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) and Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DHLOSCE) as board-approved options in fulfillment of clinical dental and dental hygiene licensure requirements (respectively) in the following additional states:
 - Arizona
 - Kentucky

The JCNDE appreciates the opportunity to serve boards in service to the public health.

2. Adopted examination program policies for the DHLOSCE, which will be launched in March of 2025 in time for the 2025 dental hygiene licensure cycle. The DHLOSCE Candidate Guide will be published online during the third quarter of 2024.
3. Reaffirmed the JCNDE's long-term commitment to the DLOSCE and DHLOSCE through adoption of resolutions to help the JCNDE better promote these examinations and support advocacy efforts. The JCNDE's OSCEs are cutting edge examinations that are consistent with the JCNDE's *Mission* to help protect the public health through valid, reliable and fair assessments of knowledge, skills, and abilities to inform decisions that help ensure safe and effective patient care by qualified oral healthcare team members. Additionally, the OSCEs are consistent with the JCNDE's *Vision* as the leading resource for the valid, reliable, and fair assessment of oral health professionals.
4. Appointed new JCNDE Test Constructors and reappointed currently serving Test Constructors in support of the examination programs of the JCNDE. The JCNDE expressed its heartfelt thanks to Test Constructors for their exceptional work. The Joint Commission's examinations would not be possible without these exceptional individuals who work incredibly hard in service to their profession and the public.
5. Approved budgetary expenditures associated with 2024 and 2025 Research and Development activities, consistent with the JCNDE's dental and dental hygiene examination strategic roadmaps that were approved in the JCNDE's Psychometric Research & Examination Content Development Meeting that took place on May 17, 2024.
6. Reviewed and accepted the following candidate guides, which incorporate and operationalize the JCNDE's policies:
 - Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE)
 - Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DHLOSCE)
 - Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE)
 - National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE)

7. Approved changes to the JCNDE's policies and procedures, as codified in the *Rules of the JCNDE* ("Rules") and the *Operational and Policy Manual of the JCNDE* ("Policies"), effective immediately. This included:
 - Changes throughout the *Policies* to incorporate the DHLOSCE.
 - Removal of dated language from the five years/five attempts retesting policy.
 - Incorporation of a *Policies* provision enabling the JCNDE to publicly report on empirical relationships between National Board Examination results and outcomes of interest, in accordance with the needs of the JCNDE and in alignment with its mission and vision.
 - Changes to *Rules* in compliance with the *Governance and Organizational Manual of the ADA*.
 - Clarification concerning the handling of non-appealable policies and decisions, and clarification that appeals cannot be appealed (i.e., the decision of the JCNDE on an appeal is final).
 - Clarification on what should occur in situations of *Rules* non-conformity, as well as situations where the JCNDE desires a change to the *ADA Constitution and Bylaws*.
 - Clarifications concerning reasonable accommodations requests, and the qualifications of experts providing relevant diagnoses and accommodation recommendations.
 - Clarification that results recipients selected by a candidate will receive results for all administrations occurring within a given examination program.
8. Approved a resolution to continue to monitor administrations of examinations to candidates educated by non-accredited programs.
9. Reviewed and approved activities to assist in the orientation of new Commissioners to the JCNDE.
10. Approved the JCNDE's 2024 and 2025 budget proposal, including proposed 2025 candidate fees as follows:
 - National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE): \$600
 - Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE): \$880
 - Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE): \$975
 - Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DHLOSCE): \$750
 - Processing fee for candidates educated by non-accredited institutions: \$435
 - Score report request fee (additional reports): \$50Final fees for 2025 will be communicated in the JCNDE's 2025 Candidate Guides, which will be published online in December 2024.
11. Reviewed and approved JCNDE communication activities, which are vital in keeping communities of interest informed concerning the examinations of the JCNDE and work currently underway. The JCNDE strives for transparency in its operations where possible, providing free online access to examination technical reports. The JCNDE also

identified the need for communication concerning how the examinations of the JCNDE contribute to access to care.

12. Addressed administrative matters, approving prior meeting minutes and future meeting dates, and recording candidate appeal ballots in the permanent record of the JCNDE.
13. Dr. Peter Loomer will serve as JCNDE Chair for the 2024-2025 term. The JCNDE also elected Dr. M. Reza Iranmanesh to serve as Vice-chair during the 2024-2025 term. Their service in these roles will begin on October 22, 2024.
14. The annual JCNDE State Dental Board Forum will take place on Monday, August 19, 2024. The next public policy-making meeting of the JCNDE will be the Psychometric Research & Examination Content Development Meeting on April 25, 2025.

Dr. Anthony E. Herro (AADB), Chair
Dr. Peter Loomer (ADEA), Vice-chair
Dr. M. Reza Iranmanesh (ADA)
Ms. Han-Na Jang (ADHA)
Dr. Chris Elkhil (ASDA)
Dr. James R. Sherrard (Public Member)
Dr. Julie W. McKee (AADB)
Dr. Sara Gordon (ADEA)
Dr. Frank E. Schiano (ADA)
Ms. Tami Grzesikowski (ADHA)
Dr. Jeetendra Patel (AADB)
Dr. Rachel E. Hogan (ADEA)
Dr. Ronald Waryjas (ADA)

Dr. Allen Reavis, ADA Board Liaison
Ms. Tareina Rogers, ASDA Student
Observer