

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE  
JOINT COMMISSION ON NATIONAL DENTAL EXAMINATIONS (JCNDE)**

**CALL TO SERVE AS A PUBLIC MEMBER**

**The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) seeks a member of the public to serve as a Commissioner**, with a four-year term beginning October 2026 and concluding in fall of 2030. Nominations are currently sought, with self-nominations also welcome. **The deadline for submission is April 30, 2026.** The JCNDE will review candidates in June of 2026, with a decision announced in July of 2026.

**About the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE)**

The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) is responsible for the development and administration of the National Board Examinations (NBEs)—including the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE), the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE), and the Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DHLOSCE)—which are used by dental and dental hygiene boards across the United States to understand the qualifications of candidates seeking licensure to practice dentistry and dental hygiene. The sixteen Commissioners of the JCNDE oversee the policies and procedures of the NBE programs, which have important implications for public health. The individuals who serve on the JCNDE hold a variety of perspectives, having been appointed by associations composed of dental and/or dental hygiene board members, dental and dental hygiene educators, dental practitioners, dental hygiene practitioners, and dental students. The JCNDE’s mission is as follows:

*Protecting 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.*

Additional information about the JCNDE and its examination programs appears on the JCNDE website ([jcnde.ada.org](http://jcnde.ada.org)).

**About the JCNDE’s Public Member Commissioner**

The JCNDE’s Public Member provides the perspective of the public to further inform the decisions of the JCNDE, thereby playing a critical role in helping the JCNDE fulfill its mission. Given the importance of this role, the Public Member must be free from conflicts of interest and must agree to abide by certain terms if selected by the JCNDE to serve. Well-qualified candidates will be experienced in health issues, testing, credentialing, and/or advocating for the interests of the public. Individuals wishing to serve as the Public Member must disclose in their application materials any financial benefits they may be receiving from the examination programs of the JCNDE. The JCNDE’s public member is appointed directly by the JCNDE, which carefully scrutinizes submitted applications.

Questions and/or completed applications should be directed to the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations via email to Sara Green, Manager, Volunteers and Meetings at [greens@ada.org](mailto:greens@ada.org).

## **JCNDE Public Member Summary and Qualifications**

The JCNDE is charged with electing a public member to serve as a Commissioner. The JCNDE public member provides the public perspective in Joint Commission decision-making and must also be free from conflicts of interest.

The public member shall not be a(n):

- a. Dentist
- b. Dental hygienist
- c. Dental student
- d. Dental hygiene student
- e. Faculty member of a dental school or dental hygiene program
- f. Employee of the Joint Commission
- g. Member of another health profession
- h. Professional who has represented the Joint Commission, dental profession, or dental hygiene profession for a fee in the last five years
- i. Employee of a firm with a substantial interest in dentistry or dental hygiene
- j. Current public member of a state dental board, or a public member of a state dental board within the past five years
- k. Spouse, parent or child of any of the above

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Per the JCNDE Rules, all new members of the JCNDE must adhere to the Joint Commission's simultaneous service clause, which states that Commissioner's cannot simultaneously serve as a principal officer of the American Dental Education Association, American Association of Dental Boards, American Dental Association, and/or the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

### **Term**

The public member will serve a single four-year term.

### **Identification of Nominees**

When a new public member is needed, nominations will be requested from appropriate agencies, such as state boards of dentistry and public service organizations. Each nominee will be requested to submit a summary of their qualifications.

### **[Application to serve as JCNDE member](#)**