

NEW YORK DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

Mission

- Supports the advancement of the art and science of dental hygiene in order to ensure access to and delivery of quality preventive and therapeutic oral health care services to all New Yorkers in a cost-effective manner.
- Through education and outreach to the public, strives to increase awareness of the benefits of preventive dental hygiene services.
- Promotes the highest standards of dental hygiene education, licensure, practice and research
- Seeks to integrate dental hygiene as a component of interdisciplinary health care to improve the public's total health.

Board of Directors Meeting SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 – 9 a.m. Virtual Meeting

1. Welcome, introductions and board procedures – Belangie Perez Torres
2. Roll call – Jennifer Baker
3. Review of and action on agenda *[action item]*
4. Review of and action on January 10, 2026 board minutes *[action item]*
5. Financial reports –Jeffrey McMinn
 - a. 2026 financial report *[action item]*
6. President's report – Belangie Perez Torres
7. Annual Session/Empire Conference
 - a. Planning –Belangie Perez Torres, Robin Grasso, Jean Hall, Beth Krueger
 - i. Courses
 - ii. Engagement and social events
 - iii. Exhibits and sponsorships
 - iv. Strategies for promotion and attracting attendance
8. Component structure and organization update
 - a. Governance and operation survey
 - b. Strategies: Increasing engagement
9. 2026 initiatives and committee engagement
Strategies: How can we build engagement and activity?
 - a. Membership engagement and development – Shaquantia Wyche *[action item]*
 - i. Current statistics and renewal report
 - ii. New member outreach
 - b. Professional development – Janine Love *[action item]*
 - i. Town Hall
 - ii. Committee meetings and other plan
 - iii. Leadership development

- c. Governmental affairs and public policy – Donna Hickey *[action item]*
 - i. NYDHA advocacy
 - ii. Advocacy educational programs
 - ci. Social media/technology – Tiffany Kerns *[action item]*
 - cii. Workforce Issues - Shaquantia Wyche *[action item]*
 - ciii. Student services and president's awards – Jean Hall
- 10. ADHA matters – Belangie Perez Torres
 - a. Governance – annual member meeting, governance structure, policies
 - b. ADHA conference
- 11. Submission of component reports - Component Directors - *[key items – reports to be circulated]*
- 12. Unfinished and new business
- 13. Adjournment