

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, JANUARY 10, 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 minutes *[action item]*
 - a. October 26, 2025 post-House BOD meeting
 - b. October 24, 2025 first House meeting
 - c. October 26, 2025 second House meeting
5. Board orientation: Board members' roles – Belangie Perez Torres and Beth Krueger
 - a. NYDHA mission, vision, strategic goals
 - b. Organizational structure
 - c. Annual conflict of interest disclosure and governing documents
 - d. Election of representative from Board to Executive Committee *[action item]* – see description provided in materials – Board
 - e. Updating Procedural Manual
 - f. Strategies: How can Board members make a difference—together and individually?
6. Financial reports –Jeffrey McMinn and Beth Krueger
 - a. 2025 financial report *[action item]*
 - b. Strategies: 2026 financial procedures and outlook
7. Annual Session/Empire Conference
 - a. Post-2025 conference review – Marlyce James and Beth Krueger
 - b. 2026 conference –Belangie Perez Torres, Robin Grasso, Beth Krueger
 - i. Planning updates
 - ii. Strategies: Building participation and engagement
8. Committee appointments – Belangie Perez Torres
9. Component structure and organization update

- a. Governance and operation survey
 - b. Strategies: Increasing engagement
10. 2026 initiatives and committee engagement
- Strategies: How can we build engagement and activity?
- a. Membership engagement and development – Shaquantia Wyche *[action item]*
 - i. New member outreach
 - ii. Renewal campaign
 - b. Professional development – Janine Love *[action item]*
 - c. Governmental affairs and public policy – Donna Hickey *[action item]*
 - i. State legislation and regulations
 - ii. ADHA advocacy actions
 - d. Social media – Harold Jennings, Belangie Perez Torres, Belangie Perez Torres *[action item]*
 - e. Leadership development – Belangie Perez Torres *[action item]*
 - f. Workforce Issues
 - i. Task force report– Jennifer Baker and Shaquantia Wyche *[action item]*
 - ii. Proposed resource: “Suggestions for Hiring and Retaining a Dental Hygienist”
11. Identification of Association priorities and projects for 2026 – Board *[action item]*
12. ADHA matters - update
13. President’s report – Belangie Perez Torres
14. Submission of component reports - Component Directors - *[key items – reports to be circulated]*
15. Unfinished and new business
16. Adjournment