



**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS  
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES  
AND CERTIFYING BOARDS  
March 28-29, 2022**

The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (National Commission) met on March 28-29, 2022 via video conference call and took the following actions:

1. Determined that the American Board of Orofacial Pain (ABOP) application for recognition as the national certifying board for Orofacial Pain meets each of the *Requirements for Recognition of a Dental Specialty National Certifying Board*. Orofacial Pain was recognized by the National Commission as a dental specialty in March 2020.
2. Adopted revisions to the National Commission *Rules* Article II: Board of Commissioners. Section 4. Powers. Item F, to remove references to external consultants/committee members, Article III: Appeal Board. Section 2. Composition, to remove a footnote related to the inaugural composition of the Appeal Board that expired at the adjournment of the 2021 House of Delegates, Article VI: Removal for Cause to remove references to external consultants/committee members and Article VII: Miscellaneous to add the word “meeting”.
3. Adopted the revisions to the following policies:
  - Policy on Removal of National Commission, Review Committee and Appeal Board Members
  - Confidentiality Policy
  - Conflict of Interest Policy
  - Policy on Simultaneous Service
  - Payment of Annual Fees by Recognized Specialty Sponsoring Organizations
  - Policy on Integrity
  - National Commission On Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Recognition Status Definitions
  - Policy on Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice
  - Policy on the Annual Report of the Recognized Certifying Boards
  - Policy on Failure to Comply with Request for Information and Missed Deadlines
  - Application Process for Recognition of a Dental Specialty
  - Application Process for Recognition of a Dental Specialty Certifying Board
  - Policy on Recognition of a Dental Specialty Sponsoring Organization and Dental Specialty Certifying Board
  - Policy on Third Party Comment
  - Policy and Procedure Related to a Recognized Specialty’s Request for Change in Name, Definition and/or Scope of Practice
  - Withdrawal of Specialty Recognition from a Recognized Sponsoring Organization or Certifying Board
4. Approved the preliminary 2023 National Commission budget for submission to the American Dental Association (ADA) Board of Trustees and ADA House of Delegates.
5. Approved the 2022 revised forecast National Commission budget based on the decrease in expenses by not conducting an in-person meeting of the National Commission in 2022.
6. Approved the 2022-2026 Shared Services Agreement with the American Dental Association (ADA).
7. Approved a staggered cycle for the Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice starting in 2029 with three (3) specialty sponsoring organizations completing the Periodic Review in 2029, three (3) in 2030, three (3) in 2031 and three (3) in 2032. The staggered cycle was determined by conducting a lottery to determine the year in which a recognized sponsoring organization would complete the Periodic Review.



8. Approved revisions to the Application for Recognition of a Dental Specialty Sponsoring Organization and the Application for Recognition of a Dental Specialty Certifying Board.
9. Approved the *2022 Annual Report of the Recognized Certifying Boards* and granted recognition statuses to the recognized dental specialty certifying boards.
10. Approved a revised timetable and format for completion of the Annual Surveys of the Recognized Certifying Boards with completion of the full Annual Survey every three (3) years and the completion of a modified survey in the intervening years.
11. Approved the National Commissions comment on the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* to be sent to CDEL.
12. Elected Dr. Gayle Glenn, vice-chair for the 2022-2023 term. Dr. Brian McAllister, current vice-chair of the National Commission, succeeds to the Chair of the National Commission for the 2022-2023 term following the conclusion of the ADA House of Delegates Annual Meeting in October 2022.
13. Confirmed the next meeting dates of the National Commission will be April 24-25, 2023.

NCRDSCB Members: Dr. Frank Tuminelli (chair); Dr. Leonard Aste, Dr. Michele Beeler, Dr. Renee Broughten, Dr. Anthony Carroccia, Dr. Mara Catey-Williams, Dr. Jeffrey Chaffin, Dr. Donald Clem, Dr. Ralph Cooley, Dr. Alan Felsenfeld, Dr. Alan Friedel, Dr. Steven Ganzberg, Dr. Gayle Glenn, Dr. David Halpern, Dr. Michael Huber, Dr. William Johnson, Dr. Jonathan Knapp, Dr. Maureen Lang, Dr. Brian McAllister (vice-chair), Dr. Edward Moody, Dr. Susan Muller, Dr. Ned Murphy, Dr. Prabu Raman, Dr. Aruna Ramesh, and Dr. Brenda Young

ADA Board of Trustees Liaison: Dr. Frank Graham, Fourth District