



Dental Hygiene Educators of Texas
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: by Chelsi Graham
6:32 pm
2. ROLL CALL/CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM/AGENDA APPROVAL
 - a. Attendance- Chelsi, Amy T, Caroline B, Emily H, Corine C, Laurie B, Michelle L, Haley E, Rebecca Y, Sima S., Harold H, Yancey U., Jasmine B., Melissa C. Malissa T., Jennifer S., Juanita C., Charlene M., Lynette H. Khairunisa H., Jillian R, Melissa V., Phi N.. Charlene M., Misty B., Carlie O., Ashlie L., Lynne C., Veronica L., Ashlie L., Rebecca L., Maureen B., Lacey B., Rebekah S., Deborah T., Megan D., Leanna R., Rebel C. Rachel G, Magda D T. (36 present)
 - b. Approval of Minutes from Annual Session meeting 2/2026 (Secretary Yancey)
 - These did not get sent out ahead of time, so they cannot be approved tonight
3. MEMBERSHIP – Committee Chair Emily Henderson
 - a. Current membership totals
220 members
Emily, next meeting will talk more about membership renewal
Using QuickBooks now
There are now some membership committee members to help Emily
4. TREASURER – Famida Khalfan- not on the call today
 - There is a QR code for the treasury report
 - Maureen B now has access to the treasury report, so there is now a board member with access along with the treasurer
 - a. Wells Fargo Balance
 - b. PayPal Balance
 - c. Recent Expenses

5. POSTER PRESENTATIONS – Committee Chair Debra Testerman & Laurie Bricker

a. Updates/Any changes for the upcoming year?

Penalty on the timeline at TDHA- there is only a penalty for going over, not for going under

Recommend only educators who judge, since they are used to using a rubric to grade

The rubric needs to be cleaned up or made a little bit clearer

Real research is allowed, as well as lit reviews

There is a request to send out the parameters to everyone beforehand
TDHA sends out the questionnaire about their interest in judging, so then it gets divided evenly among the volunteers

Jillian states it can be easily changed on the TDHA website if only educators are allowed to be judges

If there are judges who are non-educators, then they need to be paired with educators if we allow everyone to volunteer

The poster committee needs to decide on the changes, then submit them

to the board and other members of DHET for approval

Chelsi to look back at the previous people who volunteered to see how many educators and how many were just RDH. Several educators stated they would like to judge, but were not sure if they could judge if their students were presenting

6. SCHOLARSHIP REPORT – Committee Chair Mary Guerra- not on the call today

a. Updates? None today

7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Committee Chair Rebel Chapa (not on until 7 pm)

a. When is the next Educational Methodology course? No date yet.

b. One speaker for AI on how to set up a lab or schedule

c. Feb session- there was a survey for interests for other topics

d. Professional development need- 10-12 responses only on the survey

e. The ones who did respond would like clinical calibration

f. Rebel will resend the survey link for topics and speaker interest (sent it on the Zoom chat and Melissa V asked if this needs to be put on the website, and Rebel said yes, please put the survey link on the website)

g. Professional development does not currently provide CE; it is only an educational methodology

h. Chelsi to get clarity on whether DHET can offer CE credit

i. Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, the potential days at 6:30 pm (seems like this still works for everyone)

- j. Rebel sent out the certificates with everyone's name; it took a long time, so is there a better way to do this or can someone help with it?
- k. Jot form is a great way to get the certificates out really quick – there is a fee for this (Melissa C thinks it is pretty reasonable)
- l. Budget items need to be voted on the board, first decided in the committee then brought to the board for approval
- m. Melissa C will help with the prof dev, also Melissa V helps

8. TDHA Updates – Jillian Roos

- a. Recent updates
- b. Last board May of last year (2025)
- c. Next meeting July 11-12 -everyone is welcome
- d. Annual conference is already being planned, it will be in San Marcos again- there is a contract with them, and it is more cost-effective
- e. Meeting in March with the new TDHA president, Jodi H., to make sure that TDHA and DHET have the same goals and focus
- f. DHET would like more of a social media presence
- g. Maybe doing an educator spotlight on the socials
- h. Still need a speaker for TDHA- would like to do an express CE again
- i. Not a legislative year, so TDHA is working on relationships; there is no specific agenda
- j. No changes to the OPA agenda as of now
- k. Board meetings are every month
- l. Monday June 29th in Austin -licensing expo TDHA will be there handing out goodies and welcoming new RDH
- m. Local anesthesia courses are available on TDHA's website. If there are any other schools now offering it, email Jillian so she can add it to the website. There is a lot of traffic on the website for the local courses
- n. Jillian can find out if there is a list of legislators that we can contact to start building relationships
- o. Per Melissa T, it is still election season, so the legislators are not all elected yet
- p. Some questions on how to start the LA courses- Eventbrite is an option, Canvas has a way to add outsiders as well, TWU uses Google Classroom, and the bursar's office set up the payment with the students

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update on Webmaster/Website (Melissa Vetter)
 - i. Updates- Any new updates?
 - ii. Is DHET the only membership for hygiene educators in Texas? No one knows of any others. Chelsi has emailed a potential sponsor for the poster presentations
 - iii. Update on wording on the CE
 - iv. No other updates have been made on the website

- v. There is a new Facebook page, made with Breezy, but neither Melissa or Breezy uses FB – the plan is to have educator highlights (Maureen is now and an ADHA board member, so they want to feature her first- MB agreed to do this), they want to promote new educators, promote faculty job postings, and any other happenings going on in DHET

b. Member Question:

Jill Young: My university is pushing me to grow our program; however, with the CODA Standard 4-1 b) stating, “a number of clinical stations based on the number of students admitted to a class,” my hands are a bit tied. They are proposing a degree completion program that would allow those with an associate's degree to complete a bachelor's degree. I would like to know the following:

1. Is there a need for this type of program?
2. Who already has one in place?
3. What courses do they use to fulfill the hours?
4. Also, for programs that teach local as a continuing education class for non-enrolled students, how do they do it?

Maureen brown to email Jill some contacts for this

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Melissa C. to email Chelsi about the educators' platform
- b. Chelsi- TDHA meeting to grow the relationship between TDHA and DHET – can DHET promote an association? Chelsi would like more information on this

11. ADJOURNMENT: by Chelsi Graham 7:36 pm

Board meeting:

- Board members and officers meeting after the Zoom call ended:
- Emily: Should the previous minutes be approved via email? Approval will need to be tracked, then motioned, but this may be hard to do.
- The minutes from the last and this meeting will need to be approved at the next meeting.
- Maureen B: DHET meetings should be open to all, not only the officers and board. So all members should be able to approve the meeting minutes.
- The meeting minutes need to be approved at the next meeting- everyone agreed this is the best option.
- C. Bunce- Can they be posted on the website? They can, but they still have to be approved. This can be posted, but there should also be an email sent that the minutes are on the website, so all members have a chance to review them.
- EH: Only 36 are present tonight, so there is no quorum (2/3). MB: But the meeting minutes do not need to be approved by a quorum; only the changes to

the by-laws do. There were enough people on the call to approve the last meeting minutes.

- People have asked if the meeting is recorded. This meeting is not recorded; it can be, but storage is the issue. Melissa V can be contacted to see whether storing the meetings on the website is an option.
- MB: All the by-law changes are on the website. So, no other changes need to be discussed tonight.
- MB: Maintain the Dropbox as is for now. Only current people should be in the Dropbox. Previous board members need to be removed.
- It should be an officer's job to maintain the Dropbox. Chelsi said she will try to clean it out.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm