

**COMMISSION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER RECOGNITION  
AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
Special Meeting, Virtual  
December 10, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Dr. Arif Salman, chair, called a special meeting of the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) to order on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

**Roll Call**

**Commissioners present:** Dr. Anil P. Ardeshtna; Ms. Reva Brennan; Dr. Joli Chou; Dr. Megan Clويدt; Dr. Colleen Greene; Dr. Steven Haas; Dr. Brian Huang; Dr. Zachary Kouri; Dr. Erin Loggins; Dr. Andrew McDonald; Dr. Anthony R. Mecham; Dr. Cynthia S. Petrie; Dr. Victor Rodriguez; Dr. Douglas Schildhaus; Dr. Bruce Seidberg.

**Unable to attend:** Dr. Arthi Kumar, Dr. Amey G. Patil, and Dr. Julie Robinson-Smith were unable to attend.

**ADA Trustee Liaison present:** Dr. Fred Howard, 6<sup>th</sup> District.

**ADA staff present:** Dr. Nader Nadershahi, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs; Ms. Paula Tironi, senior associate general counsel.

**Commission staff present:** Ms. Kelli Cousins, interim director; Mr. Christopher Smith, coordinator.

**Adoption of Agenda and Disclosure of Relationships:** The Commission approved the agenda and authorized the chair to alter the order of agenda items as necessary to expedite business.

Dr. Salman directed the Commission's attention to the ADA Conflict of Interest Policy and reminded commissioners of their obligation to make disclosures of affiliations as appropriate. No disclosures were made during the meeting.

**Fiduciary Duty and Other Legal Topics:** Ms. Tironi gave a short presentation regarding topics such as volunteers' fiduciary duty and conflicts of interest.

**Meeting of U.S. Health Professions CE Accreditors Group (USHPCEAG):** Ms. Cousins gave a short informational presentation on the most recent virtual meeting of accrediting agencies for continuing education in various health professions held on October 30, 2025. Items discussed in the USHPCEAG meeting included: Executive Order 14151 (titled "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing"); how some accreditors are leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to assist providers and reviewers of continuing education and some best practices for protecting private information; examples of methods for improving the quality and completeness of submitted applications; and the value of maintaining a 'crosswalk' document which compares standards/accreditation processes across accrediting bodies.

**Consultant and Committee Appointments:** The Commission received the list of Committee appointments for 2025-2026. The Commission was also asked to appoint consultants to participate in the CERP application review process in 2025-2026. Appointments are for a one-year term beginning with the close of the 2025 ADA House of Delegates.

**Action.** The Commission appoints the following consultants to participate in the CERP application review process, for a one-year term beginning October 2025 through October 2026: Dr. Brian Bietel, Dr. Elizabeth Bilodeau, Dr. Hardeep Chehal, Dr. Maria Cuevas-Nunez, Dr. Debra Dixon, Dr. David Kim, Dr. Kecia Leary, Dr. Daniel Meara, Dr. Marc Nuger, Dr. Kumar Patel, Dr. Roberta Pileggi, Dr. Raquel Rozdolski, Ms. Carol Trecek, Dr. Jasbir Upadhyaya, and Dr. Susan Zelazo-Smith.

**Joint Accreditation Update:** The Commission received an informational update regarding upcoming changes to Joint Accreditation fees. In 2025, the Commission received 80% of the annual fee paid by each jointly accredited provider requesting ADA CERP recognition; effective January 2026, the Commission will receive 70% of the annual fees. Effective 2027, individual provider fees will increase from \$1,500 to \$1,600 for ADA CERP membership. Additionally, in 2027 CCEPR's administrative fee for participating in Joint Accreditation will increase from \$4,500 to \$6,000.

**CERP Complaints Committee Report:** The Commission considered a report and recommendation from the Complaints Committee regarding a response submitted by a provider previously notified that a complaint had been received against them. A summary of the Commission's discussion is included in a confidential section of these minutes.

**CERP Recognition Actions:** The Commission considered a request to reinstate a provider that has now fulfilled ADA CERP program requirements. Additionally, the Commission considered withdrawing recognition from a provider for its inability to fulfil the ADA CERP program requirements. The Commission's discussion and findings are detailed in a confidential section of these minutes.

**Attorney-Client Session:** The Commission went into a brief attorney-client session between 5:59 pm and 6:01pm to discuss an issue related to CERP recognition actions.

**Adjournment:** 6:03 pm, Wednesday, December 10, 2025