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AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO
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Minutes

Call to Order: Dr. Arif Salman, chair, called a regular meeting of the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) to order on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Dr. Anil P. Ardeshna; Ms. Reva Brennan; Dr. Joli Chou; Dr. Megan Cloidt; Dr. Colleen Greene; Dr. Steven Haas; Dr. John F. Harrington, Jr., Dr. Brian Huang; Dr. Zachary A. Kouri; Dr. Arthi Kumar; Dr. Erin Loggins; Dr. Drew McDonald; Dr. Anthony R. Mecham; Dr. Amey G. Patil; Dr. Cynthia S. Petrie; Dr. Julie Robinson-Smith; Dr. Victor Rodriguez.

Dr. Bruce Seidberg was unable to attend.

In addition, Dr. Fred H. Howard (6th District) Board of Trustees liaison, was in attendance.

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

ADA staff present for all or portions of the meeting: Dr. Nader Nadershahi, executive director; Ms. Paula Tironi, senior associate general counsel; Ms. Christy Picker Rothchild, senior associate general counsel.

Preliminary Business

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 CCEPR Conflict of Interest Policy and reminded commissioners of their obligation to make disclosures as appropriate. The following affiliations were disclosed during the meeting:

Name	Affiliation
Dr. Anil P. Ardeshna	University of Connecticut - School of Dental Medicine, alum
Ms. Reva Brennan	Florida Dental Association, ASCDE rep; Rhode Island Dental Association, ASCDE rep
Dr. Megan Cloidt	Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, alum; Jacobi Medical Center Department of Dentistry, employee
Dr. Arthi Kumar	American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, member; New York University College of Dentistry, employee; American Dental Education Association, member
Dr. Drew McDonald	American Equilibration Society - AES: Leaders in Occlusion & TMD, member
Dr. Julie Robinson-Smith	Seattle Study Club, Inc., member and speaker
Dr. Arif Salman	West Virginia University School of Dentistry, faculty; University of Connecticut - School of Dental Medicine, alum; Shoreline Periodontics, P.C., personal relationship with owner; American Dental Education Association, member

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

ADA Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition against Harassment: Ms. Rothchild gave a short presentation on the ADA Policy on Professional Conduct.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A consent calendar was prepared to expedite the business of the Commission. Dr. Salman reminded Commission members that any report, recommendation or resolution may be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. The following reports were accepted by the Commission on consent:

Approval of Minutes from CCEPR September 2025 Meeting, December 2025 Special Meeting, and recording of February 2026 eBallot Actions
Appointments to the Commission
Future CCEPR Meeting Dates
Extended Approval Process (EAP) 2026-2027
Results of Spring 2026 CERP Applicant Survey
Joint Accreditation Update
CERP Participation and Approval Data

Reports from Other Agencies

ADA Executive Director: In his new position as Executive Director, Dr. Nadershahi noted that he is excited to work with the Commission as well as the ADA Board and members to help move the ADA forward. He outlined the Oral Health 2050 initiative, which is a task force designed to anticipate how dentistry will evolve in the next 25 years, such as changes to payment models, delivery models, accessibility, wellness for providers and patients, and AI and emerging technologies in dental care. Dr. Nadershahi also provided an update on actions taken in response to House Resolution 521H-2025, which called for a comprehensive governance and organizational health evaluation. The ADA has engaged a consulting firm to evaluate the ADA's governance structure, management culture, and financial and leadership accountability, among other factors; a final report from the consulting form will be submitted in the second quarter of 2026. Lastly, he provided an update on behalf of the Division of Education and Professional Services related to the Joint Commission's work in finalizing an agreement with American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) to license the ADA's DLOSCE for inclusion in the ADEX exam.

ADA Board of Trustees Liaison: Dr. Howard thanked the Commission for the opportunity to observe the meeting and enable communication between the Commissioners and the Board. He noted that he appreciates the work the Commission does in maintaining ADA CERP's position as the gold standard in continuing dental education.

Commission Business, Administration and Governance

Planning and Assessment Committee Report: Dr. Rodriguez provided a status report on the Commission's 2023-2026 strategic plan and tactics slated for 2026, noting that significant progress had been made in the strategic plan, including: engaging Armature Solutions Corporation to develop an online portal for applications and reviews; adoption of the revised ADA CERP Recognition Standards in September 2024; and providing webinars and office hours to help educate CE providers on how to improve CE by utilizing ADA CERP. However, some items from the strategic plan are ongoing and likely to continue through 2027, including: data migration from the current CERP database into the Armature system, followed by testing and implementation of the online review and application processes by July 2026; implementation and training on the revised application form and reviewer evaluation rubric before the revised ADA CERP Recognition Standards go into effect in June 2026; the creation of educational presentations, tool kits and other resources to prepare providers for the transition to the revised ADA

CERP Standards and the online application form; and a return to working with the communications and public relations firm the Commission previously engaged to help promote the ADA CERP program. Dr. Rodriguez noted that the tasks identified in the current strategic plan remain priorities for the Commission and that the feedback gathered about the implementation of Standards 2026 and the new application form/process in Spring 2027 may help identify appropriate next steps. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the current strategic plan continue to serve as a road map for the Commission's activities for another year with the next strategic planning process to take place in 2027.

> **Action:** The Commission agrees to conduct its next strategic planning process in the second half of 2027.

Finance Committee Report: Dr. Ardeshna presented the Finance Committee's report, including a report of the Commission's revenues and expenses through December 2025 as well as budgeted amounts for 2026 and a CCEPR budget for 2027 proposed by the Committee (Appendix 1). The budget includes expenses for three full time employees (FTE) for three quarters of 2027 to support the Commission, and one in-person meeting of the Commission.

To help offset the impact of higher expenses due to inflation and additional program costs anticipated in 2027, the proposed 2027 budget assumes a 4% increase to CERP provider fees in 2027 over 2026 levels. The Committee also recommended to the Commission that funds for contracting with a consultant to facilitate the Commission's strategic planning be removed from the 2026 budget and added to the 2027 budget instead.

> **Action:** The Commission approves the 2027 CERP provider fees shown in Appendix 1, a confidential section of this report,
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> And further,
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> The Commission approves sending the proposed 2027 budget shown in Appendix 1 to the ADA's Budget and Finance Committee for incorporation into the ADA's 2027 budget, subject to any revisions the Chair of the Commission may make as requested by the ADA Budget & Finance Committee during the ADA budget process.

Dr. Ardeshna also noted that the current Intercompany Memorandum of Understanding and Services Agreement will expire on August 30, 2026. The Commission reviewed a draft of a new agreement (Appendix 2). The proposed agreement is for a 4-year term with indirect costs to be reviewed on an annual basis.

> **Action:** The Commission approves submitting the 2026 Intercompany Memorandum of Understanding and Services Agreement (Appendix 2) to the ADA executive director for signature.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report: Dr. Petrie presented the Committee's recommendations regarding revisions to ADA CERP Eligibility Criteria (Appendix 3) in order to bring them in compliance with the revised Standards 2026, which go into effect June 1, 2026.

> **Action.** The Commission adopts the revisions of the ADA CERP Eligibility Criteria and Additional Requirements for International Providers as noted in Appendix 3.

The Committee also recommended that the Commission revise select ADA CERP Recognition Policies and Procedures (Appendix 4) to bring them into alignment with the terms of recognition that will be conferred following adoption of Standards 2026.

> **Action.** The Commission adopts revision of the ADA CERP "Continued Recognition," "Recognition," and "Pre-Application Process for International Providers (PPIP)" policies and the "Regulations Governing the Recognition Process" as noted in Appendix 4.

Finally, the Committee reviewed proposed changes to the ADA CERP Glossary (Appendix 5).

> **Action.** The Commission updates the ADA CERP Glossary to ensure that outdated terms were removed or updated, and that new terms were added that are relevant to Standards 2026 (Appendix 5).

Eligibility Committee Report: Dr. Patil provided a report regarding recommended revisions to the Pre-Application processes. As providers will be asked to submit Pre-Application forms in the Fabric portal, CCEPR staff has developed a survey for potential pre-applicants to submit. This survey will screen for potential eligibility issues and gather the required provider information for staff to create a provider profile in Fabric and assign the appropriate Pre-Application form.

Dr. Patil also discussed recommended revisions to the Pre-Application forms for US/Canadian and International providers. The revisions were recommended in order to align with the proposed Eligibility Criteria changes that the Policies and Procedures Committee put forth in this meeting, and also to adapt the forms for easier use in the Fabric platform.

> **Action.** The Commission approves the revisions to the Pre-Application Form for US/Canadian Providers and Pre-Application Process for International Providers (PPIP) form for use beginning early July 2026.

Dr. Patil also provided information about a provider that submitted a Pre-Application for US and Canadian Providers. As a result of the Committee's recommendation and ensuing discussion, the Commission found the provider eligible to submit a new application for ADA CERP recognition. A summary of the Commission's discussion is included in a confidential section of these minutes.

Appointments to the Commission: The Commission was informed (on consent) of the appointment to the Commission of the following member to fill on an ad interim basis the position vacated by a member who resigned from the Commission in February: Dr. John F. Harrington has been appointed by the American Dental Association (ADA). Dr. Harrington will hold this vacated seat until the close of the 2026 House of Delegates, at which time the ADA will select a candidate to complete the remainder of the term, which runs through the close of the 2029 ADA House of Delegates.

Future CCEPR Meeting Dates: The Commission received an informational report (on consent) on the Commission's next meeting dates which are scheduled as follows: September 24-25, 2026, in Chicago; April 15, 2027, virtual meeting; and September 30-October 1, 2027, in Chicago.

ADA CERP Standards, Policies and Procedures

Committee on Revising the ADA CERP Application Process Report: Dr. Salman summarized the activity to date regarding the Commission's September 2024 adoption of the revised ADA CERP Recognition Standards that will go into effect June 1, 2026. At its September 2025 meeting, the Commission approved a revised application form corresponding to each criterion in the revised Standards 2026 with the understanding that the Committee on Revising the ADA CERP Application Process would next work to develop tools to review and approve providers based on their compliance with the ADA CERP Recognition Standards 2026 using the revised application form. The Committee recommended a draft of the proposed Reviewer Evaluation Worksheet (Appendix 6).

> **Action.** The Commission adopts the contents of the Reviewer Evaluation Worksheet (Appendix 6) for use in evaluating providers for compliance with the ADA CERP Recognition Standards

2026, beginning with the Spring 2027 application cycle and the revised application form, subject to any formatting changes needed for adapting to an online platform.

ADA CERP Provider Recognition Actions

ADA CERP Spring 2026 Recommended Recognition Actions: The Commission considered 13 new applications for ADA CERP recognition, four substantive change reports, 72 applications for continued recognition, 1 progress report, one EAP supplement, and two pre-applications from international providers.

> **Action:** The Commission grants initial recognition to eleven providers of continuing dental education, and continued recognition to 69 providers; postpones action on two new applications and one progress report; and withdraws recognition from one provider. The Commission discontinues recognition of nine providers at the request of those providers. Individual recognition actions are listed in Appendix 7, a confidential section of these minutes.

As a result of these actions, 495 CE providers will be ADA CERP recognized, May 1, 2026. This total includes 58 providers approved through Joint Accreditation.

Extended Approval Process (EAP) 2026-2027: The Commission received an update (on the consent calendar) regarding participation in the ADA CERP Extended Approval Process. For the May 2026–June 2027 approval period, 14 ADA CERP approved providers (including four specialty societies and ten ADA constituent societies) report that they will be extending approval to a total of 107 component societies. The list of EAP approved providers is published on the Commission's website.

Results of Spring 2026 CERP Applicant Survey: The Commission received an informational report prepared by staff summarizing survey results from providers submitting applications in Spring 2026, along with comparisons from previous application cycles (on the consent calendar).

Joint Accreditation Update: The Commission received an informational report from staff on ADA CERP participation in Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education. As of April 23, 2026, 58 of the 200 providers accredited by Joint Accreditation have elected CERP recognition through this process. The number of jointly accredited providers requesting ADA CERP recognition has increased year over year since 2020 when ADA CERP joined the program as an Associate Member. Jointly accredited providers now represent 11.9% of the total number of ADA CERP nationally recognized providers.

CERP Participation and Approval Data: The Commission received an informational report prepared by staff (on consent) tracking annual data on program participation, submission types and acceptance rates.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADA Resolution 410H-2024 Update: The Commission received a report on Res. 410H-2024, particularly the second resolving clause which states that "the Commission on Continuing Education Provider Recognition is urged to review the Extended Approval Process (EAP) and consider options to enable the ADA to extend recognition to the state dental associations or local component societies, in the same way state dental associations currently extend their recognition to the component dental associations."

As a result of this resolution, in July 2025 CCEPR staff developed a survey to send to state dental association Executive Directors to assess, among other things, state dental associations' interest in seeking ADA CERP recognition through an amended EAP. Responses to the survey revealed limited interest from state dental associations, but some state representatives provided their names and contact information in order to further discuss the resolution.

In March 2026, CCEPR staff, Commission representatives, and ADA representatives met with ten representatives of state dental associations to share the survey results, and explain that, should the Commission revise the EAP as denoted in the second resolving clause, the ADA divisions that would potentially be charged with implementing an approval process for the state societies currently do not have the capacity or the funding to manage these operations. Commission representatives then discussed the revised Standards 2026, which go into effect June 2026, and the application and submission processes accompanying the revised Standards rollout, which are designed to streamline requirements and facilitate the application and renewal processes. It was also noted that some changes will be made to the EAP requirements to conform with the revised ADA CERP Standards.

The state dental association representatives provided feedback about their frustrations with the difficulty and cost of receiving and maintaining ADA CERP recognition. Some state representatives voiced displeasure with Res.410H-2024 as adopted, noting that it included changes proposed by the Reference Committee and did not reflect the intent of the original resolution.

> **Action:** The Commission has completed its review and consideration of options to enable the ADA to extend recognition to the state dental associations or local component societies through an amended Extended Approval Process (EAP) as noted in the second resolving clause in Resolution 410H-2024: Improving Continuing Education Recognition.

The Commission noted that changes to the EAP Guidelines and processes must be completed in order to align with the revised CERP Recognition Standards 2026 requirements.

> **Action:** The Commission requests that the chair appoint an ad hoc committee to review the CERP EAP Guidelines and processes and recommend changes to conform with the revised CERP Recognition Standards 2026 and to consider other changes to facilitate the process.

Update on Fabric Online Application: Ms. Cousins provided an informational report on the history and status of the Fabric online application platform. She noted that in late 2025, CCEPR staff identified a major issue with data migration from the Commission's existing database into the Fabric system, which required that the Fabric and ADA IT teams develop workarounds to ensure that essential data could be transferred. Fabric also ran a platform update that would allow for the creation of progress report template application forms, which should reduce the burden on both CCEPR staff and providers.

Ms. Cousins provided a brief demonstration of the online application form and review process, which will go into effect with the Spring 2027 cohort. Lastly, Ms. Cousins noted the need for CCEPR staff to test the system and develop training tools that would help providers and reviewers navigate the system when it launches.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026