

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs Dr. Stanley Waddell, Chair

Members: Dr. Stanley Waddell, Chair, Dr. Jon Mather, Dr. Benjamin Scott, Dr. Matt Brock, Dr. Tracy Pack, Dr. Terry Propper, Dr. Steve Nowlin, Dr. Jimmy Hawkins, Dr. Jennifer Cornell
Also present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, Ms. Amy Williams, Staff, Ms. Lisa Johnson, Staff Liaison

Zoom Video Conference: January 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Topics Discussed:

- Board of Dentistry Member positions for the term beginning April 1, 2026
- Fellowship Awards Approved for 2026
- Dr. Jack E. Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award: Narrowed nominees to three for board selection.
- New Dentist Impact Award: Will forward nominees for board selection.

Committee on Membership, Communications and Relief Dr. Christina Honey, Chair

Members: Dr. Christina Honey, Chair, Dr. Jason Cunningham, Dr. Songkhla Venza, Dr. Brett Germain, Dr. Lydia Lancaster, Dr. Jackie McClain, Dr. Emily Boyd, Dr. Nishel Patel, Dr. Kevin Bryant, Dr. Jay Davis, Dr. Hope Watson, Dr. Richard Robinette, Dr. Brenton Glassell, Dr. Iysha Cawthon

Also Present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director; Ms. Grace Czosek, Membership Manager

Zoom Video Conference: October 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed the membership report from June 30, 2025 and July 30, 2025
- 2026 Membership Renewals
- TDA Board Decision to leave the ADA Association Management System (AMS) to a separate AMS.

New Dentist Committee Dr. Iysha Cawthon, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: October 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Members: Dr. Iysha Cawthon, Chair, Dr. Chris Lee, Dr. Shelby Nelson, Dr. Jessica Wang, Dr. Katie Fullen, Dr. Kindal Tatum, Dr. Trey Mauney

Also Present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, TDA Executive Director; Ms. Grace Czosek, TDA Membership Manager

Topics Discussed:

- Student Engagement
- 2026 Music City Dental Conference Mentor Program
- Local level new dentist programs and events

Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION
Dr. David Meister, Chair

Members: Dr. David Meister, Chair, Dr. Todd Smith, Dr. John Coulter, Dr. Taylor Enochs-Engler, Ms. Savannah Bolick/RDA, Ms. Andrea Maguire/RDH

The Task Force met via Zoom as follows:

June 30, 2025
October 8, 2025
October 20, 2025

Topics Discussed:

- Review of Survey Results from 2025 Music City Dental Conference
- Speaker Recommendations
- Topic Recommendations
- Poster Session by Fort Campbell Residents on Friday afternoon of MCDC

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORSHIP
Dr. Andrew Conkin, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: November 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Andrew Conkin, Chair, Dr. John Petty

Also Present: Dr. Allen Burleson, President; Dr. Kevin Bryant, President-elect; Ms Andrea Hayes, Executive Director; Ms. Sara Hotchkiss, Director of Meetings

Members Absent: Dr. Irvin Rainey, Jr.

Topics Discussed:

- Exhibitor/Sponsorship Prospectus and Website Launch November 5, 2025
- Exhibitor Hospitality

Task Force on Strategic Plan 2.1

Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Chair

Purpose of the Task Force: Formed by the Board of Trustees to examine Objective 2.1 of the TDA Strategic Plan: *Streamline and simplify governance to ensure a more effective business model*

- Evaluate current overall structure to identify gaps and opportunities for efficiencies
- Evaluate and determine the need for redistricting and makeup of the board

Timeline of Work: The Task Force meetings began meeting in December 2024.

Members of the Task Force: Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Chair, Allen Burleson, Iysha Cawthon, Chip Clayton, Keith Gilmore, Ken Randall, Andrea Hayes

The Task Force met via Zoom as follows:

May 19, 2025
June 2, 2025
June 16, 2025
August 22, 2025
September 22, 2025
October 6, 2025
October 20, 2025
November 3, 2025
January 5, 2026

Building on the previous six months of work, the Task Force reviewed survey results from the 2025 House of Delegates, examined governance models from successful associations, and developed recommendations across five key areas: components, Board of Trustees, committees, leadership development, and the House of Delegates. The Task Force presented its initial recommendations to the Board in August, refined them based on feedback, and delivered a final proposed governance framework for TDA in November. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the framework, which will be presented to the 2026 House of Delegates.

Leadership Development Task Force

Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Chair

Purpose of the Task Force: Formed by the Board of Trustees to develop parameters for a future leadership development committee.

Members of the Task Force: Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Chair, Brooklin Byrd, Chip Clayton, Iysha Cawthon, Hope Watson, Andrea Hayes. Ms. Sara Hotchkiss, staff liaison.

The Task Force met via Zoom as follows:

January 6, 2026
February 3, 2026

The Leadership Development Task Force reviewed the concepts of a Leadership Development Committee which were presented to the board from the Strategic Plan 2.1 Task Force, discussed a

leadership conference, activities for engagement, and how to keep members in the leadership pipeline.

Governmental Affairs Committee Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair

Members: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Hope Watson, Dr. Tena Phillips, Dr. Rick Kinard, Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Dr. Leon Stanislav, Dr. Brooklin Byrd, Dr. Robert Caldwell
Also Present: Dr. Allen Burleson, Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Sara Borden, Mr. Nick Crawford

The Governmental Affairs Committee met via Zoom as follows:

- August 13, 2025
- January 7, 2026

Topics Discussed:

- Fluoride Update and Discussion
- Focus Groups for Workforce Development, Fluoride and Dental Insurance Reform
- 2026 Tennessee Dentists' Day on the Hill – February 10, 2026
- 2026 Legislative Strategy
- Rural Health Transformation Funding
- Dental Hygienist's Association Legislation

Tennessee Dental PAC Board Dr. Rhett Raum, Chair

Members: Dr. Rhett Raum, President, Dr. Jon Mather, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Chad Eslinger, Dr. Roy Thompson, Dr. Dennis Sigman, Dr. Michael King, Dr. Leon Stanislav, Dr. Chuck Keltner, Dr. J. Allen Burleson, Dr. Robert Carney III, Dr. Kevin Bryant, Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Dr. Jay Davis, Dr. Ken Randall, Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Mrs. Linda Powell, Ms. Andrea Hayes
Also Present: Ms. Courtney Atnip, Ms. Sara Borden

TN Dental PAC Board met via Zoom as follows:

- July 28, 2025
- December 15, 2025

Topics Discussed:

- Contributions to Legislators & Legislative Goals
- Treasurer's Report
- Fund Drive 2025
- Anti-fluoridation fight expected to continue

Tennessee Dental Association Foundation Board
Dr. G. Robert Hopper, President

Members: Dr. Robert Hopper, President, Dr. Mike Lamb, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Mitch Baldree, Dr. John Petty, Dr. Brian West, Dr. Alex Goodman, Dr. Ernest DeWald, Dr. David Kizer, Dr. David Mather, Dr. Maggie Pitts, Dr. Ryan Dagen, Mr. Jeff Smith, Mr. Blakeley Matthews, Dr. Frank McMeen, Dr. Kevin Bryant, Dr. Allen Burleson, Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Ms. Andrea Hayes
Also Present: Ms. Grace Czosek, TDA Staff Liaison

Zoom Video Conference: October 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Treasurer's Report

- Financial statement as of June 30, 2025
- Endowment report

Foundation Programs

- 2025 Fund Drive
- 2025 Grant Application Updates
- 2026 Summit Award
 - Nominee options

Upcoming Expiration of Terms

- Discussion regarding term limits for officer positions
- Nominations needed in May for officer positions

2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION COUNSEL,
BLAKELEY D. MATTHEWS

Blakeley D. Matthews, of the law firm of Cornelius & Collins, LLP, General Counsel for the Tennessee Dental Association, submits the following summary of services performed by the firm on behalf of the TDA during 2025:

- Assist with revision and finalization of proposed brokerage arrangement – sale of primary asset (improved real estate).
- Significant input and participation in negotiation and sale of TDA real estate asset (office building) and follow-up developing/implementing leasehold arrangement with new purchaser.
- Assisted TDA Executive Director in interpretation and negotiation of questions/legal issues presented by affiliate societies.
- Confer with TDA Executive Director relative to participation in TDA Board of Trustees activities.
- Attend multiple TDA Foundation Board meetings (expanded role – non-dentist director)
- Work on Bylaw revision project (final product) for TDA Foundation .
- Assist TDA staff with interpretation and negotiation on vendor and preferred sponsor contracts.
- Provide support for House of Delegates and attend annual meeting – May, 2025.
- Assist Executive Director with development of comprehensive privacy policy for Association matters.
- Involved the firm’s specialized employment counsel on select labor relations issues.
- Provide oversight and direction with respect to multi-member ethics inquiry.
- Provide guidance and legal analysis on periodical submissions.
- Provide legal analysis and instruction with respect to termination of vendor relationships (multiple).
- Prepare for and attend Board Member orientation with overview discussion of fiduciary responsibilities for new Board Members.