

Calendar of Referrals

May 17, 2024

- 1-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board approved the remainder of the consent calendar which included:
- Approval of the revised 2024 House of Delegates Agenda
 - Approval of a three-year engagement agreement with AAFCPAs that encompasses conducting the annual audit and preparing the annual tax returns for the Society for the fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.
 - Approval of the engagement of Element One Consulting to assist with the CEO & Executive Director's performance evaluation.
 - Approval of the funding of Dr. Janis Moriarty's attendance at the 2024 ADA Membership as the First District representative on the ADA Council on Membership.
 - Approval of the Yankee Oversight Committee's recommendation to present the Speaker of the Year Award to Richard Harold, DMD, JD.
 - Approval of the Non-resident Member Applications for:
 - Dr. Mili Koirala
 - Dr. Erik Sayles
- 2-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board approved the May 17, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting agenda as modified.
- 3-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board approved the minutes from the following Board of Trustees meetings:
- March 8, 2024, regular meeting
 - March 20, 2024, special meeting
 - April 15, 2024, special meeting
 - May 2 – 6, 2024, electronic vote
- 4-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board approved charges for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.
- 5-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board agreed to remove the restricted list of recipients of the letter to the American Dental Association that was sent in March 2024, regarding its agreement with NCOIL about the proposed Dental Loss Ratio (DLR) Framework.
- 6-5/17-24 Board Action: The Board voted to charge the Government Affairs Committee and the Dental Practice and Benefits Committee with pursuing the potential repeal of the dental assistant licensure requirement and to provide a report to the Board of Trustees at a future meeting.
- 7-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to move action items up on the May 17, 2024, Board agenda after the remaining guest presenters.
- 8-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:21 am to review and appeal from the MDS Committees. All Board and Guest Board members, legal counsel, and guests per permitted to stay. Staff were asked to leave, except for the CEO & Executive Director.
- 9-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:36 am.
- 10-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to postpone definitely this request to the July 26, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting.
- 11-5/17/24 Boad Action: The Board voted create a Task Force on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relation, which will sunset at the end of the 2024-2025 governance year. Dr. John Fisher will chair and Drs. Colleen Chambers, Maritza Morell, Karen Arsenault, and Kady Rawal will serve.

- 12-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to research the potential costs of creating and maintaining a Wellness Ambassador Program. A report will be presented at the July 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.
- 13-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to send “Resolution 7-24 Amendment to the *Constitution and Bylaws* giving Past Presidents three votes at the MDS House of Delegates” as presented to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.
- 14-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board did not approve the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee which was to send “Resolution 8-24 Amendment to the *Constitution and Bylaws* Regarding the Appointment of MDS Committees” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote no.
- 15-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to send “Resolution 8-24 Amendment to the *Constitution and Bylaws* Regarding the Appointment of MDS Committees” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.
- 16-5/17-24 Board Action: The Board did not approve the request from the MDS Ethics Committee which asked that the committee be allowed to obtain legal counsel independent of MDS legal counsel.
- 17-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to request that the MDS Ethics Committee share copies of all complaints that the Ethics Committee has received within this governance year by May 28, 2024.
- 18-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 1:39 pm. All Board and Guest Board Members, legal counsel, and staff were permitted to stay. All guests were asked to leave.
- 19-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 3:53 pm.
- 20-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report the following items out of Executive Session.
- The Board voted to form a work group to review the Trustee Selection and Nominations Committee’s process and guidelines. Drs. Jeff Karen, David Samuels, Steven Spitz, Mary DeMello and Geraldine Garcia-Rogers will serve on this work group.
 - The Board voted to engage Cennaire Coaching with Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin for assistance with organizational risk management.
 - The Board appointed Board Liaisons to the MDS Committees.
 - The Board voted to empower the MDS CEO & Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Eastern Dentists Insurance Company (EDIC) regarding a pilot program that EDIC is implementing for large group practices.
 - The Board voted to send a communication to an MDS member regarding the extension of an existing agreement.
- 21-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board appointed the following individuals to the MDS Foundation Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 governance year.

Full Name	Position
Dr. Janis B. Moriarty	Current Member
Dr. Edward Swiderski	Current Member
Dr. Katie-Rose R. Wagner	Current Member
Dr. Martin A. Wohl	Current Member
Dr. David Lustbader	New Member
Mr. Kevin Monteiro	Clerk - per MDSF Bylaws
Dr. Richard LoGuercio	Chair Emeritus
Dr. Robert Lewando	Honorary Member

- 22-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to contribute enough funds in addition to the \$36,000 it had donated earlier in the year to raise the total donation to \$75,000.
- 23-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board approved the revised MDS Foundation Bylaws as presented.
- 24-5/17/24 Board Action: The Board approved the budget and voted to send it to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes

June 10, 2024 Special Meeting

- 1-6/10/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 pm to hear the report of the Executive Session Violation Disciplinary Task Force. All Board and Guest Board members, legal counsel, staff, and guests were allowed to stay.
- 2-6/10/24 Boad Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:31 pm.
- 3-6/10/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report of Executive Session that this meeting was a dialog and no action was taken.

June 17, 2024 Special Meeting

- 1-6/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit “Resolution 10-24 – Conflict of Interest” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to refer this back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further study.
- 2-6/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to amend “Resolution 11-24 Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Changing the Number of Delegates Allocated to Each District Dental Society and Changing the date by which the District active member numbers are calculated to determine the District’s number of delegates” to indicate the financial implication should state “To be Determined” and that the date to determine the calculation of active members should state “December 31 (pending the passage of Resolution 7-24).”
- 3-6/17/24 Board Action: The Board voted to send “Resolution 11-24B Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Changing the Number of Delegates Allocated to Each District Dental Society and Changing the date by which the District active member numbers are calculated to determine the District’s number of delegates” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

July 26, 2024

- 1-7/26/24 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda as presented, which included:
- Approval of the minutes from the following Board of Trustees meetings:
 - May 17, 2024, Meeting
 - June 10, 2024, Special Meeting
 - June 17, 2024, Special Meeting
 - Confirmation of Dr. Carl McManama to receive the Dental Influencer Award and of Dr. Ana Keohane as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award. These awards will be presented at Yankee 2025.
 - Approval of the updated goals for 2024 as presented in MDS Vision Organizer.
 - Approval of the committee charges developed based on the goals for 2024.
- 2-7/26/24 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the July 26, 2024, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.

- 3-7/26/24 Board Action: The Board voted to have the MDS staff research organizations that could potentially be partnered with to offer wellness support services.
- 4-7/26/24 Board Action: The Board voted to have the Speaker of the House, in consultation with Legal Counsel, review the current conflict of interest policy as well as the revised policy presented in Resolution 10-24 and report to the Board at its next meeting.
- 5-7/2/24 Board Action: The Board voted to form a task force to develop a framework to write a code of conduct that should include and represent the Board culture and train the Chairs of the Committees. Dr. Colleen Chambers will chair the Task Force and Drs. DeMello, Karen, Morell, and Spitz will serve as members. Also, the President, Vice President, and Executive Director will provide the Board with a recommendation based on the brainstorming sessions at retreat.
- 6-7/26/24 Board Action: The Board voted to have members serve on no more than two committees in any one governance year, unless otherwise specified Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual.
- 7-7/26/24 Board Action: The Board of Trustees amended the number of Board members to serve on the Guest Board Member Task Force to five from three.
- 8-7/26/27 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the appointments to the following groups as amended.
- Executive Director Performance Review and Compensation Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Business Development Committee
 - Guest Board Member Task Force
 - ADA Delegation Work Group
 - MDS Board of Trustees members serving on the MDS Foundation Board of Directors.

September 20, 2024

- 1-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda as presented, which included:
- Approval of the minutes from the July 26, 2024, Board of Trustees meetings:
 - Approval of non-resident membership for Dr. Marijana Braga and Dr. Alina Robbiano.
- 2-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the September 20, 2024, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 3-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to accept the audit and audited financial statements as presented.
- 4-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board approved the revised MDS Conflict of Interest Policy with gender-neutral language amendments. The policy will be sent to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review in relation to necessary modifications to the *Constitution and Bylaws*.
- 5-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:19 am to hear a report relating to a district matter. All Board, Guest Board, guests, and staff were allowed to stay.
- 6-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:36 am.
- 7-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to make a \$5,500 donation from the MDS, with the possibility of additional support from the MDS Foundation.
- 8-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board appointed Dr. Dylan Weber as the Massachusetts representative on the First District New Dentist Committee.

- 9-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:47 am to review a proposed resolution to the First District from the Connecticut State Dental Society. All Board, Guest Board, guests, and staff were allowed to stay.
- 10-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:03 am.
- 11-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to recommend not to move forward with the CSDA motion to move to an electronic format.
- 12-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to state that it prefers to keep the live meetings versus virtual meetings and further encourage all states to participate as much as possible to give the first district the strongest possible voice to the ADA.
- 13-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit a proposal to the First District Caucus that will shift the time of year the MDS asks for payment from the other states in the district. The proposal recommends that the MDS collect a First District State Dues from the other states in the district at the beginning of the fiscal year. Each state's first year's payment will be split into quarterly installments and thereafter will be paid in full each subsequent year.
- 14-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to empower the Executive Director to selected the best date, time, and location for the 2025 Annual Session of the MDS House of Delegates.
- 15-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to charge the Government Affairs Committee and the Dental Practice and Benefits Committee to explore the dental assistant licensure requirement and other avenues that potentially cause the dental assistant shortage, which impacts access to dental care in Massachusetts.
- 16-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to empower the Dental Practice and Benefits Committee to determine if there is a dental hygiene shortage, what that shortage is, and determine factors that may be causing the shortage.
- 17-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board approved Guest Board Member Dr. Arnold Weiss to be the BORID Liaison.
- 16-9/20/24 Board Action: To encourage the health and wellness of the members, the Board voted to reestablish the Molar Rollers cycling team. This effort will be led by Dr. Mary DeMello.
- 18-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to have the MDS contribute \$5,000 to the Valley District's Legislator's Night.
- 19-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board entered into Executive Session at 1:12 pm to consider the two candidates put forth to be the Massachusetts nominee for the 2025 James W. Etherington Award. All Board, Guest Board, guests, and staff were allowed to stay; one Trustee chose to recuse themselves because of a relationship with one of the candidates.
- 20-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 1:16 pm.
- 21-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it selected Dr. Howard Zolot to put forth as the Massachusetts nominee for the 2025 James W. Etherington Award.
- 22-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to charge the Government Affairs Committee to explore legislation that would mandate that insurance companies cover dental treatment in hospitals for those patients that need it.
- 23-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to have the MDS conduct a survey of its members to ascertain the level of special needs patients that currently receive treatment.

- 24-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to charge the Trustee Selection and Nominations Committee (TSNC) Work Group to explore changing the responsibility of the TSNC from nominating a slate of MDS officer candidates to simply vetting each candidate and to study the criteria for each officer position.
- 25-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to move the deadline by which districts need to have submitted the TSNC representatives from July 15 to six months prior to the House of Delegates. The resolution will be presented to the 2025 House of Delegates to make this change in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 26-9/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to schedule a parliamentary training conducted by Dr. Robert Peskin, president of the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

November 22, 2024

- 1-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda as presented, which included:
- Approval of the minutes from the September 20, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting:
 - Approval of a non-resident membership for Dr. Frederick Hartman.
 - A written report from the Region 5 Trustee
- 2-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the November 22, 2024, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 3-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted that representatives from Yankee will appear on the Dental Trade Alliance podcast to talk about the things that are being done to get people on the show floor during the conference.
- 4-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to accept the language from the National Coalition of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) in the proposed Non-Covered Services legislation and to submit that bill as part of the MDS legislative agenda for the legislative session beginning January 1, 2025.
- 5-11/22/24 Board Action: In addition to legislation regarding Non-Covered Services, the Board voted to send legislation regarding the topics below as part of its agenda for the coming legislative session.
- Patients First
 - Virtual Credit Cards
 - Dental Hygienist Reciprocal Licensure
 - Dentist Diversion Program
- 6-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to empower CEO & Executive Director Kevin Monteiro to conduct a space study to ascertain if the MDS Headquarters building at Two Willow Street in Southborough continues to meet the Society's needs and report the results of the study back to the Board.
- 7-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 12:40 pm to discuss attendance at the ADA House of Delegates and a request to endorse a candidate for ADA 2nd Vice President. All Board, Guest Board, and staff members were permitted to remain.
- 8-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 12:53 pm.
- 9-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it endorsed Dr. Meredith Bailey's candidacy for 2nd Vice President of the ADA.
- 10-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to contribute \$5,000 to Dr. Meredith Bailey's campaign for 2nd Vice President of the ADA.

- 11-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to accept the proposed revisions to the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Board Members.
- 12-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to accept the proposed general MDS Member Code of Conduct.
- 13-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the composition and end date of the Mission of Mercy Task Force as presented and the charges as modified with the addition of encouraging the task force to accept an invitation to attend the Connecticut Mission of Mercy event in June 2025.
- 14-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board approved the composition, charges, and end date of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force.
- 15-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to allocate \$10,000 for the Special Needs Task Force to acquire information to help in reducing barriers to access to care for special needs patients.
- 16-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board approved a statement the MDS's commitment to helping patients with disabilities.
- 17-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 3:26 to discuss the Guest Board Member Program. All Board and staff members were allowed to stay; the Guest Board Members were asked to leave the room for the discussion.
- 18-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 3:45 pm.
- 19-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it believes that the Guest Board Members should be the future leadership from diverse backgrounds. This language will be included in the Board's manual.
- 20-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board approved the revised MDS Board of Trustees Organizational and Operations Manual.
- 21-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to amend the Committee Manual of Operations to state that the Dental Education Committee cannot have more than two full-time faculty members. This change will be effective after the close of the 2025 House of Delegates.
- 22-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to strike the third paragraph regarding the eligibility of members who serve on the Dental Education Committee, from the current version of the Committee Manual of Operations. This change is effective immediately through the rest of the 2024-25 Governance Year.
- 23-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to table a discussion regarding the organization of committee leadership positions to a later date.
- 24-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to donate \$500 to the Frosty 5K road race in Natick, MA.
- 25-11/22/24 Board Action: The Board voted to empower Dr. Weber to inform the Dental Practice and Benefits Committee that the Board does not authorize it to pursue an additional charge regarding malpractice insurance.

January 29, 2025

- 1-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda as presented, which included:
- Approval of the minutes from the following meetings.
 - November 22, 2024, Board of Trustees
 - November 22, MDS Insurance Services Board of Directors
 - Approval of a non-resident membership for the following dentists.
 - Dr. Nicole Balthazar

- Dr. Denise Tong
- Written reports from the following committees.
 - Dental Education
 - Dentist Health and Wellness
 - Government Affairs

- 2-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the January 29, 2025, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 3-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 4:18 pm to hear the report of the Executive Director Performance Review and Compensation Committee. All Board and Guest Board members were permitted to stay; the executive director and all staff were asked to leave the meeting.
- 4-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 4:23 pm
- 5-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board voted to report out that the Board approved the review and recommendations of the Executive Director Performance Review and Compensation Committee.
- 5-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board approved the Mission of Mercy Task Force's request to allow the task force to proceed with the next steps in planning a Mission of Mercy event. The Board asked that the Task Force present the secured venue and budget at the next Board of Trustees meeting.
- 6-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board voted to approve a request for travel reimbursement and lodging up to \$1,000 for Tareina Rogers, an ASDA member from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.
- 7-1/29/25 Board Action: The Board voted to approve Dr. Cherie Bishop's appointment as General Chair of Yankee 2027, suspending the two-year limit for that position.

February 10-12, 2025 Electronic Vote

- 1-2/12/25 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to send draft text of the proposed regulations for Dental Hygienist Reciprocal Licensure, which was written by MDS President Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed, to the Dental Practice and Benefits and Government Affairs Committees for review. The Committees shall provide a revised document to the Board no later than February 21, 2025.

February 18-19, 2025 Electronic Vote

- 1-2/19/25 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to send the letter on behalf of the Massachusetts Dental Society to the Division of Insurance commenting on the Proposed Rebate Calculation Spreadsheet pursuant to MGL 176X and 211 CMR – 156.00.

February 25-26, 2025 Electronic Vote

- 1-2/26/25 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to send the letter on behalf of the Massachusetts Dental Society to the Division of Insurance regarding the follow-up comments on the February 14, 2025, DLR Annual Reporting Information Session.
- 2-2/26/25 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to send the letter on behalf of the Massachusetts Dental Society to the Division of Insurance regarding the follow-up comments on the February 21, 2025, DLR Rebate Information Session.

March 14, 2025

- 1-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda as presented, which included:
- Approval of the minutes from the following.
 - January 29, 2025, Meeting
 - February 10-12, 2025, Electronic Vote
 - February 18-19, 2025, Electronic Vote
 - February 25-26, 2025, Electronic Vote
 - Approved the delegation to the ADA House of Delegates in October 2025, as well as the list of back up alternates as recommended by the ADA Delegation Work Group.
 - Voted that that the ADA House Allowable Reimbursable Expenses include five nights, checking in Friday and checking out Wednesday, for the 2025 ADA House of Delegates. This helps ensure delegation attendance during the later sessions of the House on Tuesday.
 - Approval of the members of the 2025-2026 MDS Foundation Board of Directors as proposed by the current MDS Foundation Board.
 - Written reports from the followings.
 - Membership Committee
 - Investment Subcommittee
- 2-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2025, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 3-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:13 am for a discussion regarding Eastern Dentists Insurance Company and an update on Yankee Dental Congress 2025. All Board and Guest Board members, staff, and guests were allowed to stay.
- 4-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:49 am.
- 5-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it had approved a proposed collaborative agreement with Eastern Dentists Insurance Company and authorized legal counsel to take initial action regarding the cancelation of the Friday night concert at Yankee Dental Congress.
- 6-3/14/26 Board Action: The Board voted to provide Yankee Dental Congress with \$500,000 to secure entertainment for Yankee Dental Congress 2026.
- 7-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to adopt the Board Disclosure Review policy, which will be added to the policies section of the Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual.
- 8-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board approved positions to take on proposed bills that impact oral health as recommended by the Government Affairs Committee.
- 9-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to submit feedback to the Board of Registration in Dentistry on draft regulations related to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure.
- 10-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to financially support Dr. Dylan Weber with his registration, flight, and hotel costs for the 2025 ADA Elevate Conference.
- 11-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to nominate Dr. Howard Zolot to serve on the EDIA Board of Directors.
- 12-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to contract with the DCU Center in Worcester, MA for a November 15, 2025, Mission of Mercy event and to engage the American Dentists Care Foundation to provide equipment for the event. This event will be an MDS Foundation event and Mr. Monteiro will sign all contracts as clerk of the Foundation.

- 13-3/14/25 Board Action: Based on the work of staff and the recommendation of the MDS Dentist Health and Wellness Committee, the Board approved the engagement of AllOne Health as a member benefit, offering counseling and mental health sessions to dentists and their families.
- 14-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board approved \$3,000 for the MDS Health and Wellness Committee to sponsor the Patriot Dental Conference on April 26, 2025.
- 15-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- 16-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to contribute \$28,000 to the dental schools in Massachusetts to help fund food pantries for dental students in each school. Quarterly reports will be submitted to the MDS from each school.
- 17-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted, for those MDS Committees appointed by the President which currently have more than 12 members (Dental Education [29], Dental Practice and Benefits [23], Dentist Health and Wellness [22], Diversity, Equity and Inclusion [21], Government Affairs [24], and Membership [14]), to immediately remove any of those committee members who have not been present for two-thirds of the attempted meetings for this governance year. Any removed candidate can appeal this decision by emailing the president and requesting reinstatement.
- 18-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to support the creation of a team of community water fluoridation liaisons.
- 19-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to submit the resolution "Amendment to the *Constitution and Bylaws* changing the charges of the Trustee Selection and Nominations Committee and its name to the Trustee Selection and Vetting Committee" with the recommendation to vote yes.
- 20-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to submit the resolution "Amendment to the *Constitution and Bylaws* changing the term of the members of the Trustee Selection and Nominations Committee" with the recommendation to vote yes.
- 21-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to submit the resolution "Amendment to the *Constitution and Bylaws* changing the number and term of the At-Large Trustee" with the recommendation to vote yes.
- 22-3/14/25 Board Action: The Board voted to conduct a Zoom webinar session open to all members to be introduced to, but not debate, the resolutions coming before the House of Delegates. The session will take place within several days prior to the meeting.

March 19-20, 2025 Electronic Vote

- 1-3/20/25 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to send a letter on behalf of the Massachusetts Dental Society to the Division of Insurance regarding Preliminary Comments on TPA/ASO Worksheets for Annual Reporting of MGL 176X.
- 2-3/20/25 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to send a letter on behalf of the Massachusetts Dental Society to the Division of Insurance regarding the Follow-up Hearing Comments on March 14, 2025, DLR Rebate Information Session.

April 25, 2025 Special Meeting

- 1-4/25/25 Board Action: The Board voted to proceed with the Trustee Selection and Nominations Committee (TSNC) Manual of Operations as currently written, with the dedication to address any perceived ambiguity through modifications to the TSNC manual or through a resolution to change *Constitution and Bylaws* at this year's House of Delegates.