



## Minutes of the CDA Government Affairs Council Meeting

Zoom Teleconference

June 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Welcome and Call to Order

1. Call to Order: Chair Dr. Erin Shah called the meeting of the Government Affairs Council to order at 9:01 a.m. on June 12, 2024.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Chair Dr. Erin Shah determined that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Dr. Paul Ayson	Dr. Huong Le
Dr. Letitia Edwards	Dr. Carliza Marcos
Dr. Veronica Greene	Dr. Erin Shah
Dr. Robert Hanlon	Dr. Rutu Shah
Dr. Irene Hilton	Dr. Travis Smith
Dr. Kevin Keating	Dr. Dennis Song

#### Guests/Liaisons:

Dr. Marie Alejandrino-Buell, LDP participant  
Dr. Robert Hanlon, ADA CGA liaison  
Dr. Max Martinez, 2025 CDA president

Dr. Gerald Middleton, CDA PAC chair  
Dr. Bruce Whitcher, Dental Board liaison

#### Staff:

Meghan Fetherston, legislative analyst  
Carrie Gordon, chief strategy officer  
Mary McCune, director, policy & CDA  
Foundation executive director  
Ann Milar, practice support director

Monica Montano, regulatory & legislative  
advocate  
Jessica Moran, legislative advocate  
Brianna Pittman-Spencer, sr. government  
affairs director  
Alison Sandman, chief legal officer

3. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

**Consent Agenda:** The council adopted the following items on consent.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2024 (approved)
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2024 (approved)

### Regular Business

1. Budget Update: The council received a verbal update on the 2024-25 budget, including the ongoing deficit and the impact on CDA's 2022-23 budget wins.
2. California Reparations Report Update: The council received an update on California reparations report, which includes oral health recommendations.
3. 2024 Sponsored Legislation Update: The council received verbal updates on CDA's sponsored legislation for 2024, which includes SB 1369, a bill to eliminate the use of predatory virtual credit cards as a provider payment method, AB 2701, a bill that adds a second cleaning and exam for adult

Medi-Cal patients and dental assisting workforce and SB 501 clean-up issues that will be included in the dental board sunset bill this year.

4. Legislation Updates: The council received updates on other important legislation, including SB 1451, SB 1453, AB 2198, AB 2526, and SB 1120.
5. Legislative Position Recommendations: The council discussed and adopted the following positions:
  - a. SB 607 (Portantino) – *Support*
  - b. AB 3275 (Soria) – *Support*
6. 2023 House of Delegates Resolutions Update: The council received an update on the 2023 House of Delegates sleep apnea resolution.
7. Reports of Liaisons: The council received reports from the following liaisons:
  - a. CDA PAC, Dr. Gerald Middleton
  - b. Dental Board of California, Dr. Bruce Whitcher

**Closed Session**

1. The council received an update on the Delta Dental lawsuit in closed session.

**Adjournment:** The council meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024 via teleconference.

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Chair Signature

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Date Signed

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Date Approved