



## Minutes of the CDA Government Affairs Council Meeting

CDA Building, 1201 K Street, 15 Floor, Sacramento  
March 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 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 9:36 a.m. on March 6, 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. Max Martinez, 2025 CDA president
Dr. Robert Hanlon, ADA CGA liaison	Dr. Gerald Middleton, CDA PAC chair

#### Staff:

Meghan Fetherston, legislative analyst	Jessica Moran, legislative advocate
Carrie Gordon, chief strategy officer	Brianna Pittman-Spencer, sr. government affairs director
Mary McCune, director, policy & CDA Foundation executive director	Todd Roberson, public affairs director & CDA PAC executive director
Monica Montano, regulatory & legislative advocate	

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 – January 24, 2024 (approved)
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024 (approved)
3. 2024 Legislative Positions (approved)

### Regular Business

1. Political Update: The council received an update on the political landscape, including budget and legislative updates.
2. Reports of Liaisons: The council received reports from the following liaisons.
  - a. ADA Council on Government Affairs, Dr. Robert Hanlon
  - b. CDA PAC, Dr. Gerald Middleton

3. Medical Loss Ratio Update: The council received an update on medical loss ratio issues on federal and state levels, including the status of AB 2028, an MLR bill.
4. RDHAP Mobile Dental Clinic Regulations: The council received an update the dental hygiene board's proposed mobile dental hygiene clinic regulations.
5. Guest Speaker, Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer, Dental Board of California: Guest Speaker, Tracy Montez provided an overview of the dental board, including recent improvements to the board and provided insight into the sunset process.
6. California Reparations Task Force Report Discussion: The council discussed the recently published California reparations report, which includes oral health recommendations, and took a position on three bills associated with that report:
  - a. AB 1929 (McKinnor) – *Support*
  - b. AB 3131 (McCarty) – *Support*
  - c. AB 2862 (Gipson) – *Watch*
7. Sponsored Legislation: 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, as well as dental assisting workforce and SB 501 clean-up issues that will be included in the dental board sunset bill this year.
8. 2024 Legislative Position Recommendations: The council discussed and adopted the following positions:
  - a. AB 2445 (Wallis) – *Oppose*
  - b. AB 1891 (Weber) – *Support*
  - c. AB 2860 (Garcia) – *Watch*
  - d. AB 2864 (Garcia) – *Watch*
  - e. AB 2920 (Reyes) – *Oppose*
  - f. AB 2200 (Kalra) – *Oppose*
  - g. AB 2914 (Bonta) – *Support if Amended*
  - h. SB 1290 (Roth) – *Support if Amended*
  - i. AB 2526 (Gipson) – *Oppose*
  - j. SB 1067 (Smallwood- Cuevas) – *Oppose Unless Amended*
  - k. AB 2340 (Bonta) – *Support if Amended*
  - l. AB 2510 (Arambula) – *Support if Amended*

- m. AB 2701 (Villapudua) – *Sponsor/Support*
- n. SB 980 (Wahab) – *Support if Amended*
- o. AB 2630 (Bonta) – *Support*
- p. SB 1451 (Ashby) – *Oppose Unless Amended*
- q. SB 1453 (Ashby) – *Support*

**Closed Session**

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

**Adjournment:** The council meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024 via teleconference.

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Chair Signature

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Date Signed

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Date Approved