

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

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DENTAL BOARD

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[dial.iowa.gov/about/boards/dental-board](http://dial.iowa.gov/about/boards/dental-board)

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Gregory Ceraso, Chair .....	Johnston .....	April 30, 2025
Candace Bradley .....	Cascade .....	April 30, 2024
Jonathan DeJong .....	Fort Dodge .....	April 30, 2026
Lisa Holst .....	West Des Moines .....	April 30, 2025
Megan Kircher-Clatt .....	Donnellson .....	April 30, 2024
James Nemmers .....	Dubuque .....	April 30, 2024
Tom Peek .....	Cedar Rapids .....	April 30, 2025
Carly Ross .....	Cumming .....	April 30, 2026
Jillian Travis .....	Sidney .....	April 30, 2026

The Iowa Dental Board is a state agency charged with the overall responsibility for regulating the professions of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting in the state of Iowa. The board's mission is to ensure that all Iowans receive professional, competent, and safe dental health care of the highest quality.

The nine-member board must include five practicing dentists, two practicing dental hygienists, and two members of the public. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a specified term of three years. Members may be reappointed up to two additional terms based on continued approval of the Governor and the Senate.

The board safeguards the public health, safety, and welfare by:

- Licensing qualified dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants for practice. The board also determines the qualifications for issuance of resident licenses, faculty permits, temporary and special licenses, and sedation permits.
- Examining applicants for dental and dental hygiene members. The dental and dental hygiene members participate and serve as examiners in conducting clinical examinations.
- Setting standards and defining the scope of dental, dental hygiene, and dental assistant practice.
- Enforcing Iowa Code: The board is empowered with the duty and responsibility of licensure discipline which involves the investigation of complaints, review of evidence, initiation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of licensee discipline.
- Iowa Practitioner Program (IPP): Operating a monitoring program for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants with an impairment to ensure they are safe to practice.