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1. **History and functions.** In 1895 a five-member board of dental examiners was created to examine dentists as to their qualifications and to license and register qualified dentists. In 1981 the board was authorized to regulate dental hygienists, and its membership expanded to six members. In 1991 board membership was expanded to seven members. In 2005 the board was authorized to regulate dental assistants. In 2023 board membership was expanded to nine members.
2. **Board membership.** The board consists of nine members appointed by the governor. Six members must be licensed dentists, at least one of whom is a board eligible or board-certified oral or maxillofacial surgeon; one member must be a licensed dental_hygienist; one member must be a registered dental assistant; and one member must be an independent consumer member.
3. **Board members.** Members of the board are elected by the board to fill the individual positions of president, president-elect, and secretary-treasurer. The position of executive director has been created to assist the secretary-treasurer in the administration of board operations.
4. **Per diem.** Each member of the board shall receive as compensation for each day actually engaged in the duties of the office per diem in the amount of two hundred dollars, and expense reimbursement as set forth by the office of management and budget.
5. **Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding the board may be addressed to the executive director of the board:

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