

**REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 5, 2026**

The Reference Committee considered all testimony provided during the hearing. When concurring with the recommendations of the Board of Trustees, the Reference Committee has kept its comments as brief as possible. However, pertinent reasons are provided when recommending amended, substitute or new resolutions, or if no comment or recommendation was provided by the Board of Trustees. The Chair will be pleased to provide an oral response to any questions that delegates may have relating to any of the issues contained in the report. *Unless otherwise noted, funds for implementation of those adopted resolutions with financial implications will be added to the operating budget.*

**PRIORITY ITEMS**

1.     **Resolution 21:** Board of Trustees \$: 382,448 Net Expense

**Adoption of Preliminary 2027 Budget:** The Reference Committee heard no testimony on the 2027 Budget. Therefore, the Reference Committee agrees that the Budget is well-composed as presented and recommends the adoption of Resolution 21.

**21. Resolved,** that the 2027 Preliminary General Fund Budget of revenues and expenses, including net capital requirements be approved.

**The Chair moves Resolution 21 with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The appended Resolution 28 lists resolutions referred and considered by this Reference Committee that received no or limited testimony, all positive testimony, all negative testimony, or the Reference Committee feels these resolutions were fully debated, with all issues considered. The Reference Committee's recommended action (adopt, adopt in lieu of, not adopt or refer) is identified on each resolution presented on the consent calendar. By adopting Resolution 28, the recommendations of the Reference Committee on the consent calendar resolutions will become the action of the House of Delegates. It should be noted that if a resolution on the consent calendar is to "adopt in lieu of" with a Committee Recommendation to Vote No and the resolution remains on the approved consent calendar, the resolution is defeated and the underlying resolutions are automatically moot.

As customary, before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate wishing to discuss an item on the consent calendar has the right to request that resolution be removed and considered separately.

**Res. 28. Resolved**, that the recommendations of the Reference Committee on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

1. **Resolution 5: CDHPHD - Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact \$: None**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**

2. **Resolution 6: Dental Fellowship Programs \$: None**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**

3. **Resolution 7RC in lieu of Resolution 7: Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy \$: None**

**7RC. Resolved**, that if AI is used by dental benefit plans as a tool to assist with claims processing or adjudication, that tool should not be used to diagnose or dictate a treatment plan that interferes with the doctor-patient decision process or deny any benefits that the patient is entitled to under their plan; and be it further;

**Resolved**, that any AI tool used by third-party payers should not be used to direct patients to specified preferred providers; and be it further;

**Resolved**, that AI systems should not allow for denial of claims without ~~consultant~~ a dentist's review.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**

4. **Resolution 8: Registered Dental Assistants Scope of Practice \$: None**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote to Refer**

5. **Resolution 9: Transition of Foreign Trained Dentists to Become Registered Dental Assistants \$: None**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**

6. **Resolution 10: Recognizing the Licensed Orthodontic Assistant \$: None**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote to Refer**

- 7. Resolution 11B in Lieu of 11: Promoting Tobacco Cessation Practices as Part of Total-Patient Health Care Approach for Improving Oral Health \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 8. Resolution 13: Expedited Licensure for Foreign-Trained Dentists \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 9. Resolution 15: House Committee to Study Calling a Special Session \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 10. Resolution 16: Peer Review \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote to Refer**
- 11. Resolution 17: Medicaid Managed Care Dental Fee Parity \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 12. Resolution 19: Proposed Revision to the Constitution and Bylaws \$: None** **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 13. Resolution 20: Revision to the New York State Department of Health HLD Index to Recognize Additional Orthodontic Conditions Demonstrating Medical Necessity \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 14. Resolution 22: Town Hall Meeting \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No**
- 15. Resolution 23: NYSDA Finances \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No**
- 16. Resolution 24: Establishment of a Formal Internal Audit \$: 50,000-70,000**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No**
- 17. Resolution 26: Joint Task Force for Better Communication \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes**
- 18. Resolution 27: Comprehensive CE for OAT for OSA \$: None**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote to Refer**

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**NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

**1. Resolution 18: Dues for Active Members** \$: 122,882 net revenue

**Dues for Active Members:** The Reference Committee heard one member testify against the \$21 dollar dues increase for Active members. It is the recommendation of the Committee to adopt Resolution 18.

**18. Resolved,** that the dues of active members of the New York State Dental Association shall be six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$683), effective January 1, 2027.

**The Chair moves Resolution 18 with the Recommendation to Vote Yes.**

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