

# MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

## Component Report MSO Board of Directors March 6, 2026 Meeting

**Component Name:** South Dakota

**Submitted By (Director Name):** Keri Barrow

**Component Officers/Trustees:** Brian Hohlen (president), Keri Barrow (secretary/treasurer)

**Date of Report:** 2/18/2026

**Ongoing Initiatives:**

**Legislative Efforts:**

**Fluoridated Drinking Water Law Remains in South Dakota.** A bill to repeal the requirement that water systems in South Dakota fluoridate their drinking water at an optimal level was drafted - but not introduced by the required deadline. The sponsor of the bill elected to not introduce the bill following discussions with the SDDA's executive director and having been given recent studies showing that community water fluoridation is safe at its current levels in South Dakota and the United States.

**New Initiatives:** none

**Upcoming Meetings/Events (with dates):** none

**Other:**

**HIPAA Privacy Update Deadline Approaching.** Beginning Feb. 16, dental offices covered by HIPAA must update their HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) to address the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from a Part-2 substance abuse use disorder treatment program under new federal requirements.

**Do You Need the MSO Board of Directors to act on any Component-related business at this time?** Yes/No (if yes, state below and it will be addressed at the next Board meeting): no