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2 CHICAGO (Dec. 21, 2022) – The American Dental Association’s (ADA) strong commitment to  
3 advancing diversity and inclusion is outlined in its core values and diversity, equity and inclusion  
4 policies. The ADA’s core values are at the heart of its mission to help dentists succeed and  
5 support the advancement of the health of the public. Diversity involves a daily commitment to  
6 empower each other through mutual respect, sharing and valuing others’ thoughts, perspectives,  
7 and beliefs and treating others the way that they want to be treated. Diverse viewpoints and  
8 needs are heard, valued and respected.  
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10 In light of a recent allegation of racism within the dental community, the ADA reaffirms its  
11 commitment to diversity and inclusion. This commitment extends to rejecting racism within dental  
12 education and our profession. Recognizing that consistent and continuous action leads to positive  
13 change, the ADA will strive to advance actions that successfully promote diversity, equity and  
14 inclusion and help eradicate racism, discrimination and bias. Whether it be a patient seeking care,  
15 a student seeking to join the profession, or a dentist providing that care, the ADA believes that  
16 diversity is our strength.  
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18 In an effort to seek input, insights and perspectives from a variety of individuals and groups, the  
19 ADA will continue to convene with key stakeholders to evaluate the current diversity and inclusion  
20 climate within the profession, identify key issues, share successes, propose recommendations for  
21 change and provide resources for those impacted. Outcomes from the stakeholders meeting will  
22 be shared broadly as the resultant actions will benefit the dental community and the public at  
23 large.  
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25 Additional information on the ADA’s diversity and inclusion activities may be found at:  
26 <https://www.ada.org/about/principles/diversity-and-inclusion>.  
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### 29 **Adjournment**

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31 Without objection, the special session of the Board of Trustees adjourned *sine die* on Wednesday, December  
32 21, 2022, at 7:32 p.m. Central Standard Time.