

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
2201 SHANNON PLACE SE – 2ND FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

**DATE: September 16, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Minutes September 16, 2026.

ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER:**OS-0916-01****A. Board Members**

Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Chairperson
Imani Lewis, DDS – Vice Chairperson
Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member
Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Board Member

B. Board Staff

Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director
Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist
Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist
Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Investigator for the Board

C. Legal Staff

Carla Williams - Senior Assistant General Counsel

D. Department Staff

Kera Johnson, MPH, CPH – Legislative Affairs Specialist
Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Relations

E. Public Attendance

Alan Helig, DDS – DC Dental Society
Victoria Tabor RDH – Capital Coalition of Dental Hygienists Dental Assistants
Shavonne Healy – Capital Coalition of Dental Hygienists Dental Assistants
Sara Hoverter - Center for Community Health Innovation
Anupama Rao Tate, DMD, MPH – Children's National Hospital
Michelle Brown
Urwashi Dubey – DC Dental Society
Kurt Gallagher – DC Dental Society
Takeisha Presson, DDS – Dimples Dental Suite, PC
Cassandra Wright, DDS – Unity Health Care
Joseph Catanzano, DDS – Foxhall Smiles, PC
Jessica Rubin – DC Dental Society
Mary Ellen Murphy – Dental Assisting National Board
Alexander Joel Watson
Kim Menhinick – DC Dental Society
Stephen Prisby – ADEX
Toni Reeves – Dental Hygienist
Daril Fernandez
Lisa Thompson

OS-0916-02	OPEN SESSION AGENDA: Motion: The Board moved to accept the September 16, 2026, Open Session Meeting Agenda. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Vice Chairman) Motion passed unanimously.
OS-0916-03	OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Motion: The Board moved to approve the July 15, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes. Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Vice Chairman) Seconded by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Chairman) Ays – Dr. Bradshaw, Dr. Lewis, Dr. Anamelechi; Abstained – Mrs. Campbell, Dr. Roberts; Motion passed by majority.
STAFF REPORTS:	
OS-0916-04	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, started her report by welcoming all the attendees into the meeting. She then advised that on September 8, 2026, DC Health sent out an emergency informational alert via email to all active licensees. This alert discussed an ongoing scam targeting DC Health professionals. DC Health continues to receive reports of the communication in which scammers impersonate DC Health representatives, law enforcement officers, or other government officials. These individuals contact licensees by phone, email or fax, often using spoofed numbers to appear legitimate and falsely claim the licensee is under investigation. Recently, a district licensee reported a scam call from individuals identifying themselves as Carlos Rivera and Ben Martin, using the number 202-442-8955, which is a spoofed version of the DC Health mainline. Similar tactics have been reported in previous cases and mirror national fraud patterns targeting our health professionals. They request money, personal information and/or immediate action, and sending follow up emails or faxes to appear official. Important takeaway: DC Health Representatives will NEVER contact you with a request for money. Any legitimate payment or fee will only be associated with a licensee application, an official Board order or consent agreement, or a formal civil infraction or citation. Additionally, any check or money order payments MUST ALWAYS be payable to the DC TREASURER. Immediate action: If you are contacted by a scammer, DO NOT provide personal information or payment under any circumstances, DO NOT return calls or respond to emails or faxes from the suspected scammer. REPORT the scam attempt to DC Health and we ask that you file a police report. DC Health will continue to monitor Scam Activity and update licensees as new patterns emerge. By sharing this information proactively, we do aim to help ensure that NO other licensees experience the confusion, fear or delay recently reported. Please refer to your email that was sent out for additional information regarding the scams Our websites are also being updated to include the most recent information so we can ensure that all licensees in the public are aware.

Next Mrs. Walker informed the attendees that the Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit and Educators Conference will take place this year from October 14-18, 2026 in Oxon Hill, MD. The American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA), American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX), and the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) will all be in attendance. Mrs. Walker will be attending the AADA portion, which is for Executive Directors, and the ADEX portion as well. She will provide feedback and updates during the October 21, 2026, meeting.

She then took the time to introduce DC Health's new Compliance Officer, Mr. John O'Shaughnessy, advising that he is over the Investigative Unit. Mrs. Walker informed that the new meeting dates for Fiscal Year 27 are listed below and will be updated on the Board's website. She also reminded the public that they are allowed to attend In-Person meetings with us but there is always the option to join virtually as well. She lastly pointed out the current census, and reminded everyone that there is still a vacancy for a consumer member on the Board. If you are interested in this position, please visit the MOTA website to review the requirements and application process.

This concluded Mrs. Walker's report.

1. **DC Health Updates**

2. **BOD Calendar**

- October 21, 2026 (Virtual)
- November 18, 2026 (Virtual)
- December 16, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- January 20, 2027 (Virtual)
- February 17, 2027 (Virtual)
- March 17, 2027 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- April 21, 2027 (Virtual)
- May 19, 2027 (Virtual)
- June 16, 2027 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- July 21, 2027 (Virtual)
- August (Recess)
- September 15, 2027 (**In Person & Virtual**)

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1273**)
Dental Hygienists (**526**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**123**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**113**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**3**)
Dental Assistant Level 1 (**225**)
Dental Assistant Level 2 (**673**)
Dental Assistant Level 3 (**1**)
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**4**)

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	4. The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats																																																																												
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DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0916-08	<u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u> Ms. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, began her report by speaking on the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. She advised that it was under congressional review with the local budget passing congressional review and now being official law. The Budget support Acti is still currently under congressional review with an anticipated official law date for November. She will continue to keep the Board and public updated on it. Secondly, she touched on the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene License Act of 2026. The bill was introduced on July 14, 2026 by Councilmember Felder, and it would have the DC Board of Dentistry join the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact through the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB). Council has shared they will not be moving forward with this bill, but Ms. Johnson will provide us with any updates. This concluded Ms. Johnson’s report.
OS-0916-09	<u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Chanelle Roberts, Dr. Eric Bradshaw No report

	2. <u>Communications</u>: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi No report 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs</u>: Dr. Imani Lewis, Mrs. Brittany Campbell Dr. Lewis informed the public that DC Health has recently formulated the new Legislation Drafting Unit. They will be assisting the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee with drafting statutes, legislation and regulations. Secondly, the Subcommittee reviewed their priorities listed on their Action Items and is happy to report that they have done significant work on 3 of them (the Collaborative Practice Agreement, Dental Assistant Level I taking radiographs, and the Compact). He then made the following motions for the Board to consider: Motion: The Board moved that when the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee reviews the No Alcohol policy, that they can review the entire section on Standards of Conduct policy. Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Vice Chairman) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously. Motion: The Board moved to allow the Subcommittee to review dental hygienists' ability to administer vaccines, participate in blood glucose testing and monitoring, and their ability to prescribe topical prescriptions for the purpose of strengthening the Collaborative Practice Agreement Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Vice Chairman) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously. This concluded Dr. Lewis' report.
OS-0916-10	<u>DC DENTAL SOCIETY</u> Mr. Kurt Gallagher took this time to present to the Board recommendations from the DC Dental Society on how to address the DC Dental Workforce shortages. The main topics he discussed were the new training program through OSSE (Office of the State Superintendent of Education) for training high school students to become Dental Assistant Level II's, expanding the licensure pathway for foreign-trained dentists to become Dental Hygienists, establishing a pathway for dental school students who have completed dental hygiene training to be qualified to practice as a dental hygienist, and the elimination of duplicate registration fees. Additional remarks about these topics were provided by Dr. Urwashi Dubey, Dr. Takeisha Presson, and Dr. Kim Menhinick. Dr. Bradshaw questioned if the application fees is something that is within the purview of the Board. Ms. Williams clarified that the Board doesn't have authority over any fees, including the criminal background check that is required for every application for licensure in the district.

	Dr. Anamelechi suggested further investigation about possible work restrictions regarding dental school students and dental residents. Dr. Presson provided information on this subject while she was attending dental school. Dr. Roberts and Mrs. Campbell both thanked Mr. Gallagher for the suggestions from the DC Dental Society and appreciated hearing more about the Future Smiles program. Mrs. Campbell also expressed that instead of an alternate pathway for Dental Hygienists, a shared goal of expanding and building a sustainable pipeline for Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants. This led to a discussion about the possible reasons and suggested solutions for the “shortage” of Dental Hygienists in the district, as well as discussion regarding licensure for foreign-trained dentists.
OS-0916-11	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u> Michelle Brown, RDH took this time to express her opinions about the dental workforce “shortage”, and the difference in the amount of doctors in Wards 7 and 8 as compared to others. She also stated her concern for the pathway for other dental professionals to become licensed as dental hygienists, and feels that the dental hygienists have not been consulted with enough on this topic. Toni Reeves requested that the Board take into consideration two points: whether foreign-trained dentists and dental assistant level III’s would want to practice dental hygiene long term, and what is being proposed or discussed to recruit more dental hygienists and dental assistants. There were no more comments.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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CLOSING

OS-0916-12	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> The Board member should move as follows: “Mister Chairman, I move that the Board temporarily close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”	
	ROLE CALL VOTE Motion: The Board moved to temporarily close the Open Session Meeting. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.	
	This temporarily concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion and will return following the Executive Session to provide the Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session. The Board will review applications, complaints, disciplinary matters and conduct interviews.	

OPEN SESSION BOARD REPORT

OS-0916-13	<u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Board report, as appropriate, of actions taken during the Executive Session. • Number of applications approved: 0 • Number of complaints closed: 1 • Number of interviews conducted: 0	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN**OS-0916-14** **MOTION TO ADJOURN****Motion:** The Board moved to adjourn the Open Session Meeting.**Moved by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)**Seconded by:** Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)**Motion passed unanimously.**

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

This ends the Open Session Meeting
The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm
The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026