

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

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

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING AGENDA**

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WEBEX Virtual Meeting

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
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Vacant – Consumer Member	
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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Agenda September 16, 2026.

ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER:**OS-0916-01**

- A. Board Members**
- B. Board Staff**
- C. Legal Staff**
- D. Department Staff**
- E. Public Attendance**

OS-0916-02**OPEN SESSION AGENDA:****BOARD ACTION**The Board to accept the **September 16, 2026**, Open Session Meeting Agenda.**OS-0916-03****OPEN SESSION MINUTES:****BOARD ACTION**The Board to approve the **July 15, 2026**, Open Session Meeting Minutes.**STAFF REPORTS:****OS-0916-04****EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:****Mrs. Ericka Walker**, Executive Director of the Board,

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. <u>BOD Census</u> 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) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0) 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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OS-0916-06	BOARD CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Eric Bradshaw, DDS , Chairman of the Board,																																										
OS-0916-07	CONSENT AGENDA: The following applications were approved from July 8, 2026 – September 8, 2026: <table><tr><td>Tavia</td><td>Brown</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Camille</td><td>Wilson</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Dominguez</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Maria</td><td>Jimenez</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Nada</td><td>Jemai</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Peng</td><td>Zhang</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Zuleima</td><td>Gonzalez</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Andrea</td><td>Rodas Chang</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Cierra</td><td>Mcneill Whiting</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr><tr><td>Antionea</td><td>Kennedy</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr><tr><td>Brenda</td><td>Lemus - Mejia</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr><tr><td>Jasmine</td><td>Randall</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr><tr><td>Avyona</td><td>Turner</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr><tr><td>Janet</td><td>Davis</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr></table>	Tavia	Brown	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Camille	Wilson	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I		Dominguez		Maria	Jimenez	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Nada	Jemai	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Peng	Zhang	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Zuleima	Gonzalez	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Andrea	Rodas Chang	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Cierra	Mcneill Whiting	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Antionea	Kennedy	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Brenda	Lemus - Mejia	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Jasmine	Randall	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Avyona	Turner	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Janet	Davis	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
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	Saleela	Pastore	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
	Melissa	Soriano	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
	Eileen	Gaughran	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	Rosa	Tripp	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	HsiangWei	Chan	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	Ranai	Kazi	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	Ora	Gause	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	Ezequiel	Concepcion	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	Felder	Joseph	DENTAL HYGIENIST
	Sadia	Mahedavi	DENTIST
	Victoria	Duong	DENTIST
	Deborah	Galat	DENTIST
	Kelsie	Parker	DENTIST
	Melineh	Issayans	DENTIST
	Ali	Al-Fakhri	DENTIST
	Anneliese	Goetz	DENTIST
	Kathy	Xavier	DENTIST
	Soshyana	Azizi	DENTIST
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BOARD ACTION			
The Board to accept the July 8, 2026 – September 8, 2026 , Consent Agenda.			
DISCUSSION ITEMS			
OS-0916-08	<u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u>		
	Ms. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, will report on the following items:		
	Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update		
	The Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026 and the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026 are currently under Congressional review.		
	Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene License Act of 2026		
	On July 14th, Councilmember Felder introduced the <i>Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene License Act of 2026</i> (B26-0773).		

	○ The legislation would authorize the Mayor to enter the District of Columbia into the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact. It would allow for expedited licensure and access to dental health care through licensure boards. Among other things, it would adopt existing licensure information sharing, and investigatory structures utilized by Dental Boards across the United States. It would clarify that the District retains the right to impose an adverse action on a licensee as a home state or as a practicing state. It would also establish the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact Licensure Commission. ▪ The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health, but no hearing has been scheduled yet.
OS-0916-09	<u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits</u>: Dr. Chanelle Roberts, Dr. Eric Bradshaw 2. <u>Communications</u>: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs</u>: Dr. Imani Lewis, Mrs. Brittany Campbell
OS-0916-10	<u>DC DENTAL SOCIETY</u> Mr. Kurt Gallagher would like to address the Board about recommendations the DC Dental Society has made to DC Council about the DC dental workforce shortage.
OS-0916-11	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>

BOARD OF DENTISTRY**Open Session Meeting Agenda September 16, 2026****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	
	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: • Number of complaints closed: • Number of interviews conducted:	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN**OS-0916-14** **MOTION TO ADJOURN****BOARD ACTION**

The Board to adjourn the Open Session Meeting.

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 next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026



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July 23, 2026

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Council Chair
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

The Honorable Christina Henderson
Chair, Committee on Health
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Requested Council Action to Ease Dental Workforce Shortages

Dear Council Chair Mendelson, Councilmember Henderson and other members of the Council:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Dental Society (DCDS), we write to urge the Council to take targeted action to address the District's dental workforce shortage. Dental practices across the city continue to face difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified dental assistants and dental hygienists, which limits patient access to care, reduces practice efficiency, and places additional strain on providers. DCDS respectfully asks the Council to advance practical reforms that expand the training pipeline, remove unnecessary barriers to entry, and create new licensure pathways for qualified oral health professionals.

DCDS Position Summary

- Strengthen and expand the Future Smiles program so the District can build a sustainable pipeline of Level II Dental Assistants.
- Remove unnecessary registration and cost barriers that make it harder for dental assistants to enter practice in the District than in neighboring states.
- Establish licensure pathways for qualified persons to work as dental hygienists, including internationally trained professionals and eligible dental students, to help practices fill long-standing vacancies.

Why Council Action Is Needed

The District's oral health workforce shortage is affecting both providers and patients. Dental practices report significant difficulty hiring assistants and hygienists, and in some cases have searched for years to fill critical roles. When practices cannot recruit needed staff, dentists are forced to absorb additional clinical and administrative responsibilities, reducing the number of patients who can be seen and slowing access to oral health services. The Council can help address this challenge through targeted policy changes that make training and licensure more accessible while maintaining appropriate standards.

Priority 1: Build the Pipeline for Level II Dental Assistants

DCDS supports the **Future Smiles Pilot Program Establishment Amendment Act of 2025** as an important step toward creating a stronger workforce pipeline for Level II Dental Assistants. As introduced, the bill would establish a two-year pilot program to prepare District high school

students for careers as Level II Dental Assistants through classroom instruction, certification preparation, and work experience.

To ensure the program is durable and effective, DCDS urges the Council to strengthen the legislation by:

- Making the program permanent rather than time-limited, as a two-year pilot is not long enough to build a reliable workforce pipeline.
- Authorizing externship opportunities in approved dental practice settings.
- Exempting students in training from entry-level registration requirements they cannot yet satisfy.
- Supporting opportunities for adult learners as well as high school students.

These changes would help ensure that the program produces qualified graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce and remain in the District.

Priority 2: Remove Barriers to Entry for Dental Assistants

The District is currently the only jurisdiction in the region that requires registration for entry-level dental assistants, placing local practices at a competitive disadvantage. Registration requirements and associated fees make it harder for practices to recruit assistants and harder for workers to enter the profession quickly.

DCDS urges the Council to repeal or substantially streamline the registration requirement for basic-level dental assistants, reduce associated fees, and direct relevant agencies to modernize and simplify the process. These reforms would bring the District closer to regional norms and make entry into the workforce faster and more affordable.

Comparison of Registration Requirements for Dental Assistants (Mid-Atlantic Region)

State	Registration for Basic Level Dental Assistant	Fee	Notations
Delaware	No	\$0	No registration required.
District of Columbia	Yes	\$240	Includes background check fee.
Maryland	No	\$20	No registration required for basic assistants.
North Carolina	No	\$0	No registration required.
Pennsylvania	No	\$44 renewal / \$132 initial	Registration applies only to expanded function assistants.
Virginia	No	\$100	No registration required for basic assistants.
West Virginia	No	\$23	Fees apply only to expanded duties (nitrous oxide, orthodontic, restorative).

We also want to highlight that the current \$240 registration fee for all dental assistants, which includes the background check fee, is charged again by the Board of Dentistry when a dental assistant moves up in practice level, even when their current registration is still valid (e.g., when a

Level 1 Dental Assistant moves up to a Level 2 or a Level 2 who moves up to a Level 3). This results in duplicative fees and duplicative background checks for individuals who are already cleared to work and remain in good standing. Related to this point, we respectfully request the Council reassess how registration fees are charged as well as how the background check requirement for dental assistants is enforced.

We provide two hypothetical dental assistants as examples to illustrate the disparity caused by the duplicative fees:

- Jamie, a Level 2 Dental Assistant, pays \$240 to renew his registration for a two-year period. This includes the background check fee, and the results of that background check remain valid for the full two years.
- Jamari registers as a Level 1 Dental Assistant. After one year, she completes the required training and certification to qualify as a Level 2 Dental Assistant.
 - If Jamari remains a Level 1 Dental Assistant, she incurs no additional fees and does not need another background check for another year.
 - However, if Jamari applies to become a Level 2 Dental Assistant, she will be charged another \$240 by DC Health to move up in practice level, including \$50 for a second background check even though she already holds a valid registration and has a background check on file that remains current for another year.

To address this disparity, we respectfully request that the Council:

1. Direct DC Health and the Board of Dentistry to establish a reduced or prorated registration fee for dental assistants who apply to move up in practice level while their current registration is still valid. A prorated fee would be appropriate in the limited circumstances as described. Supporting career advancement is especially important given ongoing workforce shortages and efforts to expand access to care. Dental health professionals should be supported when they invest time in their professional development to increase their ability to care for the public.
2. Establish a more flexible process that waives the requirement for a new background check—and the associated fees—in recognition of the valid results of a background check conducted within two years of an application to register and practice as a higher level dental assistant.

Priority 3: Expand Licensure Pathways for Qualified Dental Hygienists

DCDS also urges the Council to address the shortage of dental hygienists by creating licensure pathways for qualified professionals who are currently excluded under existing rules. This includes internationally trained dentists, internationally trained dental hygienists, and qualified dental students who have demonstrated competency through examination and clinical education. Allowing appropriately qualified candidates to enter practice would help fill vacancies that have remained open for extended periods and improve access to preventive oral health services throughout the District.

Neighboring states are already moving in this direction. In Virginia, SB282 and HB1036, approved in April 2026 and effective July 1, 2026, authorize the Board of Dentistry to license certain internationally trained dentists. This regional shift underscores the need for the District to modernize its own licensure framework to remain competitive.

Requested Council Action

1. Advance legislation that strengthens and extends the District's dental assistant training pipeline.
2. Reduce regulatory and financial barriers for dental assistants seeking to enter practice in the District.
3. Create practical licensure pathways for qualified individuals to work as dental hygienists to help practices meet patient demand.

DCDS appreciates the Council's attention to these workforce challenges and stands ready to serve as a resource as you consider legislative and regulatory solutions. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Council and agency partners to develop solutions that reflect workforce realities and support access to care for District residents.

Sincerely,



Kim Menhinick
President, DDS, MS, FICD
Practice Location: Ward 2



Takeisha Presson
Chair, Public Policy
Committee
Resident: Ward 5
Practice Location: Ward 6,
Dimples Dental Suite



Kurt Gallagher, CAE
Executive Director
Office Location: Ward 2

CC: Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson Pro Tempore
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Councilmember Wendell Felder
Councilmember Matthew Frumin
Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau
Councilmember Zachary Parker
Councilmember Brooke Pinto
Councilmember Elissa Silverman
Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

Additional dentists of the District of Columbia who have cosigned this letter:

Hillary Abel, DMD

Donna Afshar, DMD

Practice Location: Ward 3

Ariel Abramson, DDS

Practice Location: Ward 3

Viviana Avila-Gnau, DDS

Practice Location: Ward 3

Nadeem Azeez, DMD
Practice Location: Ward 2

Stephanie Cartier, DMD, MPH
Resident of Ward 2

Cheryle Baptiste Hill, DDS, FICD, FACD
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Center of Health

Joseph Catanzano, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Caroline Chun, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3, Capital Kids
Dentistry

Ladan Basiri, DMD
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Practice Location: Ward 3

Paul Cohen, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Dereje Bereded, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 7, Good Hope
Family Dental

Sara Cohen, DMD
Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 2, Cohen Lass
and Olsen DDS

Ioana Bettios, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 4

Sandra Coley, DDS
Resident of Ward 4
Practice Location: Ward 2

Carol Blake, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Albert Coombs, DMD
Resident of Ward 4
Practice Location: Ward 7, Smile Services DC

Najib Bouchebel, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2, Always Smile DC

Charles Coulter, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Lawrence Bowers, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 6, East Capitol
Dental

Sally Cram, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Claudiu Buck, DMD
Resident of Ward 1
Practice Location: Ward 8, Whitman
Walker Health

Margaret Culotta-Norton, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Clare Dempsey, DDS
Resident of Ward 6
Practice Location: Ward 2

Charles Dietrich, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Urwashi Dubey, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Robert Emery, BDS, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2, Capital Center
for Surgery

Ashley Fagan, DDS
Resident of Ward 5
Practice Location: Ward 5

Ali Fassihi, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Maria Ferrer Nichols, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Leslie-Anne Fitzpatrick, DMD, MPH
Resident of Ward 4
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Smiles Dental PLLC

Robert Gallegos, DDS

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Center

Eugene Giannini, DDS
Resident of Ward 2
Practice Location: Ward 3

Steven Guttenberg, DDS, MD
Resident of Ward 2

Austin Harbison, DDS
Resident of Ward 6
Practice Location: Ward 6

Alan Helig, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Patrick Hughes, DMD
Resident of Ward 7
Practice Location: Ward 2

Arousha Jahangiri, DDS
Resident of Ward 2

Jean Joh, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Chad Jones, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 8, Navy Yard
Dental

Daniel Jones, DDS
Resident of Ward 6
Practice Location: Ward 6, Smile
Beautiful Dental

Gary Kaihara, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2, Smiles
International

Aliya Kassam, DDS
Resident of Ward 5
Practice Location: Ward 5

Alan Kuwabara, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Lucciola Lambruschini, DDS, MBA, FICD
Practice Location: Ward 1

Isabelle Lass, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

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Practice Location: Ward 3

Christos Loukaitis, DDS, MS, FICD, FACD, FACP
Practice Location: Ward 3

Eric Markowitz, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

John Martin, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Edward Mazique, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 7

Ralph Mazzuca, DDS
Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 3

Robert McKernan, DDS
Resident of Ward 2
Practice Location: Ward 2, Big Gay Smiles Dental

Tseday Mekbib, DDS
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Babak Noohi, DDS, MS
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Dennis O'Leary, DDS
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Practice Location: Ward 2

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Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 3

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Academy of General Dentistry

Hamid Saranjam, DDS
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Rodney Savoia, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2

Luke Schwartz, DMD
Practice Location: Ward 3, Giannini Gray
Schwartz Dental Partners

Sal Selvaggio, DDS
Resident of Ward 3

Umekei Smith, DDS
Resident of Ward 4

Thomas Sokoly, DDS
Ward 2, Thomas D Sokoly, DDS, PC

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Laura Styron, DDS
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Practice Location: Ward 2

Justin Tabatabai, DDS
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Practice Location: Ward 2

Anupama Tate, DMD, MPH
Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 5

Ronald Taylor, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 8, Trident ENDO

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Practice Location: Ward 1

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Resident of Ward 5
Practice Location: Ward 2

Robert Tigani, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 2, Robert J Tigani
DDS PLLC

John Tsaknis, DDS
Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 2, City Dental DC

Ilana Zukerberg, DMD
Resident of Ward 1
Practice Location: Ward 1

Cassandra Wright, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 7

Additional Signatures after July 23, 2026

Raha Yousefi, DDS
Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 2

Usman Ahmad, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 4

Justin Zalewsky, DMD
Practice Location: Ward 2

Patrick Grogan, DDS
Resident of Ward 3
Practice Location: Ward 3

Catherine Pulse, DDS
Practice Location: Ward 3

Attachment: World Health Organization Data on Dental Assistants and Therapists

Source: [https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/dental-assistants-and-therapists-\(number\)](https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/dental-assistants-and-therapists-(number))

Note that the WHO does not report statistics on the number of dental hygienists around the globe.

For a number of countries, no data was available, including for Austria, France, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, Argentina and Colombia.

The following table provides the total number of dental assistants and therapists reported for a selection of countries.

Country	Dentists	Assts/Therapists
Canada	24,909	27,375
Chile	32,969	4,390
India	352,794	3,532
Mexico	18,056	12,543
Norway	4,850	1,027

Country	Dentists	Assts/Therapists
Peru	7,280	151
Philippines	33,118	246
Spain	31,033	13,400
United Kingdom	34,921	31,522
USA	202,300	542,534

Dental Assistants and Therapists (number)

