

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

**DATE: April 15, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
AMENDED MEETING AGENDA**

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson	
Imani Lewis, DDS – Vice Chairperson	
Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Dental Hygienist Board Member	
Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Vacant – Consumer Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Aisha Nixon – Associate Director	
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator	
Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist	
Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Lisa Robinson – Complaint Coordinator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLE CALL:

OS-0415-01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Board MembersB. Board StaffC. Legal StaffD. Department StaffE. Public Attendance
OS-0415-02	OPEN SESSION AGENDA: <u>BOARD ACTION:</u> The Board to accept the April 15, 2026 , Open Session Meeting Agenda.
OS-0415-03	OPEN SESSION MINUTES: <u>BOARD ACTION:</u> The Board to approve the March 18, 2026 , Open Session Meeting Minutes.
STAFF REPORTS:	
OS-0415-04	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>DC Health Updates</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compact Update2. <u>BOD Calendar</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 15, 2025 (Virtual)• November 19, 2025 (Virtual)• December 17, 2025 (Changed to Virtual)• January 21, 2026 (CANCELLED)• February 18, 2026 (Virtual)• March 18, 2026 (In Person & Virtual)• April 15, 2026 (Virtual)• May 20, 2026 (Virtual)• June 17, 2026 (In Person & Virtual)• July 15, 2026 (Virtual)• August (Recess)• September 16, 2026 (In Person & Virtual)

	<p>3. BOD Census Dentists (1232) Dental Hygienists (503) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (120) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (101) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (3) Dental Assistant Level 1 (210) Dental Assistant Level 2 (662) Dental Assistant Level 3 (1) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (4) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)</p> <p>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</p>																														
<p>OS-0415-05</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Public Orders that have been issued since the last meeting: Dederic Taplin, DDS</p>																														
<p>OS-0415-06</p>	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</p> <p>Michelle Latortue, DDS, Chairperson of the Board,</p>																														
<p>OS-0415-07</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA: The following applications were approved from March 11, 2026 – April 8, 2026:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Fresia</td> <td>Barahona Ramos</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maya</td> <td>De</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emerie</td> <td>Tran</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shekina</td> <td>Legrand</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maria C</td> <td>Patino</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David</td> <td>Villarreal</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Biftu</td> <td>Dinka</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Raquel</td> <td>Gonzalez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kensy</td> <td>Soto Ramirez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miriam</td> <td>Molina - Lopez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> </table>	Fresia	Barahona Ramos	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Maya	De	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Emerie	Tran	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Shekina	Legrand	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Maria C	Patino	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	David	Villarreal	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Biftu	Dinka	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Raquel	Gonzalez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Kensy	Soto Ramirez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Miriam	Molina - Lopez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
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Angel Moses	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Desiree Wallace	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Ashleigh Patterson	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Banchiayehu Gebreslasse	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Diamond Ruff	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Alecia Barwise	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Emily Ghosn	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Tabitha Asher	DENTIST
Veronica Hopkins	DENTIST
Sahar Hajibabaei	DENTIST
Rebecca Bibum	DENTIST
Andrew Bynum	DENTIST
Caitlin Magraw	DENTIST
Andrew Park	DENTIST
Kathryn Hanson	DENTIST
Naomi Ram	DENTIST
Alecia Barwise	LOCAL ANESTHESIA
Emily Ghosn	LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE

BOARD ACTION:
The Board to accept the **March 11, 2026 – April 8, 2026**, Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0415-08	<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</p> <p>Mrs. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, to report on the following Legislative Updates:</p> <p>DC Health Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Oversight hearing on April 28th (Public Witnesses) and May 4th (Government Witnesses). This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health’s proposed budget for the 2027 Fiscal Year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget here. <p>Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On February 2nd, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the <i>Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026</i> (B26-0593). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The legislation allows DC Health, on behalf of the Mayor, to enter into a
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cooperative purchasing agreement with a prescription drug discount program (ArrayRX) for the explicit purpose of lowering the cost of prescription medications for all District residents, regardless of insurance status.

- This legislation is in the Committee on Health and received a [hearing](#) on March 25th. DC Health testified during the hearing and expressed support for the intent and provided recommendations to ensure that DC residents are able to afford their prescription medications.

Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act

- On October 20th, Councilmember Henderson introduced the *Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0438](#)).
 - This legislation aims to prevent and mitigate the burden of unpaid medical debt bills on District families, while increasing transparency in medical billing and ensuring fair debt collection. The high-level summary of the bill would be to strengthen large health care facilities financial assistance policies, create protections to mitigate the burden of medical debt, update medical debt collection practices, and establish legal enforcement and oversight.
- This bill was referred to the Committee on Health and received a [hearing](#) on December 15th. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the intent of the legislation, emphasizing the public health impacts of medical debt and urging clarifications to ensure consistent implementation, alignment with existing healthcare and Medicaid policies, appropriate facility scope, and protections that reduce financial harm while maintaining the sustainability of the District's healthcare system. A [markup](#) was held on April 7th and passed unanimously, as written, out of the Committee on Health.

Streamlining Medicaid Credentialing Amendment Act of 2025

- On December 1st, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the *Streamlining Medicaid Credentialing Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0523](#)).
 - The legislation creates a centralized and standardized credentialing system for Medicaid providers in the District, easing the burden on qualified healthcare providers, and allowing them to deliver care to patients and be compensated for care more quickly.
- The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and received a [hearing](#) on March 25th. The Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking testified on the legislation.

Community Health Amendment Act of 2025

- Following emergency and temporary versions, Councilmember Henderson introduced the *Community Health Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0414](#)) on October 6th.
- This legislation received a [hearing](#) on October 30th in the Committee on Health. DC Health testified in support of the bill expressing the importance of vaccine availability and access. A mark-up was held on [December 8, 2025](#).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ This legislation was unanimously approved on first and second readings, was then signed by the Mayor on January 27, 2026, and became official law on March 24, 2026.
OS-0415-09	<u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Credentials & Audits</u>: Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts2. <u>Communications</u>: Dr. Michelle Latortue3. <u>Regulatory Affairs</u>: Dr. Imani Lewis, Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi
OS-0415-10	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>

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CLOSING

<p>OS-0415-11</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“Madam Chair, 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).”</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	

OPEN SESSION BOARD REPORT

<p>OS-0415-12</p>	<p><u>BOARD ACTION:</u></p> <p>Board report, as appropriate, of actions taken during the Executive Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of applications approved: • Number of complaints closed: 	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-0415-13	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> <u>BOARD ACTION:</u> The Board to adjourn the Open Session Meeting.	
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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 May 20, 2026