

**Board Of Dentistry
899 North Capitol St. Ne – 2nd Fl.
Washington, Dc 20002**

**Date: January 17, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING AGENDA**

*****Please be advised that Board Meetings are recorded*****

WEBEX Virtual Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will be utilizing a hybrid schedule of virtual and in-person meetings. Please see the Board Meeting calendar under the Executive Director's report for more information.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

This meeting is available by web:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m9f9126b61531ee2a059436115674d953>

Meeting number: 160 597 7295

Password: R6Mm8PPpmS3

This meeting is available by phone:

1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

Access code: 160 597 7295

Any submissions from the public for the Board's consideration should be received by Board Staff, tiffany.johnson1@dc.gov, no later than **10 business days before the Board Meeting. **

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Agenda January 17, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Chairperson	
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice Chairperson	
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS - Board Member	
Vacant – (Dentist) Board Member	
Vacant – (Dental Hygienist) Board Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator	
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist	
Tiffany Johnson, Health Licensing Specialist	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Agenda January 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0117-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Board Members B. Board Staff C. Legal Staff D. Public Attendance
OS-0117-02	<p><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the January 17, 2024, meeting agenda.</p>
OS-0117-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 15, 2023, meeting.</p>

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0117-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 17, 2024 (Virtual) • February 21, 2024 (Cancelled due to DC Health moving) • March 20, 2024 (In Person & Virtual) • April 17, 2024 (Virtual) • May 15, 2024 (Virtual) • June 19, 2024 (In Person & Virtual) • July 17, 2024 (Virtual) • August (Recess) • September 18, 2024 2. <u>BOD Census</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dentists (1,341) Dental Hygienists (566) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (110) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (96) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (2) Dental Assistant Level 1 (170) Dental Assistant Level 2 (612) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (4) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)
------------	---

	<p>3. District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>4. District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</p> <p>5. 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-0117-05</p>	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistants Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023 Bill Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023 <p>The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting: NONE</p>																																					
<p>OS-0117-06</p>	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p>																																					
<p>OS-0117-07</p>	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p>The following applications were reviewed by Dr. John Bailey (Chairperson), Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice-Chairperson), or Mrs. Ericka Walker (Executive Director), from November 8, 2023 – January 11, 2024:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Patricia Gomez-</td> <td>Hernandez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jenee Stewart</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lisette Rivas</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yemisrac h</td> <td>Ratie</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shermise Brockington</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samira Wahedi</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neyda Cisneros</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jessica Flores</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JEONGH WA</td> <td>PARK</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Namya Kohli</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kateashia Mason</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deja Ballou</td> <td></td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> </table>	Patricia Gomez-	Hernandez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Jenee Stewart		DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Lisette Rivas		DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Yemisrac h	Ratie	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Shermise Brockington		DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Samira Wahedi		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Neyda Cisneros		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Jessica Flores		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	JEONGH WA	PARK	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Namya Kohli		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Kateashia Mason		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Deja Ballou		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	
Patricia Gomez-	Hernandez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																				
Jenee Stewart		DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																				
Lisette Rivas		DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																				
Yemisrac h	Ratie	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																				
Shermise Brockington		DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																				
Samira Wahedi		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				
Neyda Cisneros		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				
Jessica Flores		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				
JEONGH WA	PARK	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				
Namya Kohli		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				
Kateashia Mason		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				
Deja Ballou		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																				

Mariah	Carroll	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Katia	Segura Herrera	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
STARZE		
TTA	BRYANT	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Shaghaigh		
Demarco		DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Gloria	Buoy	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Randi	Harris	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Valencia	Roye	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Keon	Waldron	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Nadia	Abdali	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Chenyue	Sun	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Valencia	Washington	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Derik	Sven	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Lorena	Ruiz Dominguez	DENTAL HYGIENIST
brenda	cardozo	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Shelby	Coard	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Daril	Fernandez	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Shahin	Yousefzadeh	DENTIST
Arin	Abrahamian	DENTIST
Rebecca	Salzman	DENTIST
Allison	Raymond	DENTIST
Karishma	Sheth	DENTIST
Paul	Fischl	DENTIST
Andrew	Kary	DENTIST
Tiffanie	Brown	DENTIST
First	Last Name	License Type Name
Shelby	Coard	LOCAL ANESTHESIA
FAIZA	ISMAIL	LOCAL ANESTHESIA
Lorena	Ruiz Dominguez	LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE
Derik	Sven	LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE
MEREDITH	DURANT	LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0117-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Mr. Matteo Lieb, DC Health’s Legislative Affairs Specialist, to provide updates on the following:

Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:

- DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.
- The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0545](#)).
- This legislation received a hearing on [December 7th](#). Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health's Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. This bill will likely be marked up in Committee in March, before which DC Health will work closely with the Council on any potential changes.

Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0312](#)) on June 2, 2023.
 - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
 - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It then passed on final reading on November 7th and was signed by the Mayor on November 21st. It is now undergoing Congressional Review and is expected to become law in early February of 2024.

Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistants Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023:

- The *Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistants Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0347](#)) has formally been introduced in the Council at the request of the Mayor.
 - This bill expands the scope of practice for Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants in the District. The legislation also allows the Board of Dentistry to develop rules to vary the levels of supervision required based on the tasks performed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been referred to the Committee on Health and a hearing was held on December 7th. The Committee heard testimony from public witnesses as well as representatives from DC Health. <p>Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following efforts by the Board of Dentistry, Chairman Mendelson (at the request of Mayor Bowser) introduced the <i>Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0632) on December 13, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The bill expands the scope of practice for dentists, including adding the ability to provide immunizations. It establishes a new license for those seeking to practice oral and maxillofacial surgery. Finally, it closes a loophole to ensure non-licensed professionals are not involved in the operations or management of a dental practice. • This legislation has not received a hearing. It may not receive one as DC Health is working with the Committee on Health to incorporate this bill into another one, the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). <p>Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember McDuffie introduced the <i>Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0619) on December 16, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health. • This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.
OS-0117-09	<p><u>DENTAL HYGIENIST AND PUBLIC HEALTH SETTINGS</u></p> <p>Community Health Administration Presentation</p>
OS-0117-10	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits</u>: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey. 2. <u>Communications</u>: 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs</u>: Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith.
OS-0117-11	<p><u>“TELEDENTISTRY” QUESTIONS REGARDING RULES AND STATUTES</u></p> <p>The Board has received an inquiry asking to discuss the laws and statutes regarding “Teledentistry” in the District and whether dental exams can be performed by the dentist through a Telehealth call.</p>

OS-0117-12	<u>Anonymous Question</u> The Board has received an inquiry from a Dental Hygienist Licensee who would like to know if they can start an LLC, then use this LLC to be compensated for any temp hygienist work. The hygienist states they receive a 1099 at the end of each tax year but usually owe a large sum of taxes as they are not a W-2 employee.
OS-0117-13	<u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>

DRAFT

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Agenda January 17, 2024

CLOSING	
OS-0117-14	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> The Board member should move as follows: “Mister Board Chair, I move that the Board 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).”
	ROLL CALL VOTE
	This 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.

This ends the Open Session Agenda
The next meeting is scheduled on March 20, 2024

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.