

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Date: June 21, 2023  
Time: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING AGENDA**

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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Open Session Agenda June 21, 2023**

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

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**Open Session Agenda June 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0621-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Board Members</li> <li>B. Board Staff</li> <li>C. Public Attendance</li> </ul>
OS-0621-02	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Acceptance of the <b>June 21, 2023</b>, meeting agenda.</p>
OS-0621-03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the <b>May 17, 2023</b>, meeting.</p>

**STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0621-04	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>DC Health Updates</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New DC Health Director</li> <li>• Committee on Health Roundtable Hearing: DC Health's Health Professional Licensing Boards</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b><u>BOD Calendar</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 21, 2023</li> <li>• July 19, 2023</li> <li>• August 2023 <b>Recess</b></li> <li>• September 20, 2023 <b>In-person</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b><u>BOD Census</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dentists (<b>1,297</b>)</li> <li>Dental Hygienists (<b>543</b>)</li> <li>Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (<b>102</b>)</li> <li>Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia &amp; Nitrous Oxide (<b>85</b>)</li> <li>Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (<b>1</b>)</li> <li>Dental Assistant Level 1 (<b>142</b>)</li> <li>Dental Assistant Level 2 (<b>573</b>)</li> <li>Teaching Licenses for Dentists (<b>2</b>)</li> <li>Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (<b>0</b>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. District of Columbia COVID-19 <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</a></li> </ol>
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	DEN2000267	Lyndsey Nagy	Endorsement	5/22/2023
	DEN2000268	Arezou Garmestani	Endorsement	5/10/2023
	DEN2000269	Sophie Moon	Endorsement	5/10/2023
	DEN2000270	Temisan Meggison	Examination	5/22/2023
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<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>				
<b>OS-0621-08</b>	<b><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u></b> Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist			
<b>OS-0621-09</b>	<b><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></b>			
	<p>1. <b><u>Credentials &amp; Audits: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey.</u></b> The Dentist and Dental Facility Certification to Administer Sedation or General Anesthesia survey was emailed to all licensed dentist on June 7, 2023 and will remain open until June 20, 2023. Feedback to the survey will help the Board develop an effective and efficient certification process.</p> <p>The Board will grant one (1) Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for reviewing the <a href="#">Dentist and Dental Facility Certification to Administer Sedation or General Anesthesia regulations</a> <b>and</b> for completing the survey. The one (1) CEU credit will only be accepted by the Board for the licensure renewal period ending December 31, 2023 for licensed dentist in the District of Columbia eligible for renewal. The CEU may not be used in any other jurisdiction.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Communications:</u></b></p> <p>3. <b><u>Regulatory Affairs: Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith.</u></b></p>			
<b>OS-0621-10</b>	<b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>			

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<b>CLOSING</b>	
<b>OS-0621-11</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“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).”</p>
	<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
	<p>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.</p>

**This ends the Open Session Agenda  
The next meeting is scheduled on July 19, 2023**

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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**Open Session Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0517-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. as a quorum was maintained.

- **Board Members**

- Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Chairperson (**Present**)
- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice-Chairperson (**Present**)
- Dr. Judith Henry, DMD – Board Member (**Excused Absence**)
- Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (**Present**)
- Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (**Present**)

- **Board Staff**

- Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (**Present**)
- Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (**Present**)
- Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Investigator (**Present**)
- Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)
- Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)

- **Legal Staff**

- Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel (**Present**)

- **DOH Staff**

- Matteo Lieb, DOH Legislative Affair Specialist
- Ms. Deborah Vishnevsky, Community Health Administration

- **Public Attendance**

- Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director - DC Dental Society
- Mr. Brett Greene, Consultant – DC Dental Society
- Ms. Fatima Oglesby Morris – Hands ON Dental Assistant Training School
- Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini, Director of Dental Services – Catholic Charities
- Dr. Roya Pilcher

OS-0517-02 **OPEN SESSION AGENDA:**

**Board Action:**

Acceptance of the **May 17, 2023**, meeting agenda

**Motion:** The Board to accept the **May 17, 2023**, meeting agenda

**Moved by:** Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)

**Seconded by:** Dr. Judith Henry; (Board Member)

**Motion passed unanimously.**

OS-0517-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

**Board Action:**

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **April 19, 2023**, meeting.

**Motion:** The Board to accept the **April 19, 2023**, meeting minutes

**Moved by:** Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)

**Seconded by:** Dr. Judith Henry; (Board Member)

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0517-04

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Mrs. Ericka Walker**, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry, welcomed all Board Members, Staff and Guests to the Open Session meeting. Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees that the next board meeting would be held virtually on May 17, 2023. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine> and <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox>, the District of Columbia's primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and Monkeypox within the District. Also, Mrs. Walker provided the link to the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments website and encouraged attendees to visit for more information regarding Board vacancies and how to apply. Additionally, Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees that HRLA (within the Office of Professional Licensing boards) are seeking to establish a Regional Reciprocity Agreement. On March 13, 2023, DC Health's Board of Medicine, as well as the Maryland and Virginia Boards of Medicine launched their Medicine Regional Reciprocity Agreement which will expedite the licensure process for applicants who are licensed in one of the participating jurisdictions. As a result, DC Health is exploring the possibility of a Regional Reciprocity Agreement with all health professional boards. On April 18, 2023, the Executive Directors of several health professional boards and Senior Deputy Director, Arian Gibson, met with counterparts from Maryland and Virginia to introduce the purpose of the Regional Reciprocity Agreement with the expectation of forthcoming meetings. Updates will be provided to the Board for review and discussions.

This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- May 17, 2023
- June 21, 2023
- July 19, 2023
- August 2023 **Recess**
- September 20, 2023, **In-Person**

2. **BOD Census**

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- Dental Hygienists (**535**)
- Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**101**)
- Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**79**)
- Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**1**)
- Dental Assistant Level 1 (**137**)
- Dental Assistant Level 2 (**560**)
- Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**2**)
- Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**1**)

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OS-0517-05	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p><b>Ms. Carla Williams</b>, Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees about the Final Order that was issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bruce Steele, DDS</b> <a href="https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmng/a/8z000000OMJ0/q8Zli3N.jC43H2fjwnU9ZSeS4eskBPGelD8Bl7dkaS0">https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmng/a/8z000000OMJ0/q8Zli3N.jC43H2fjwnU9ZSeS4eskBPGelD8Bl7dkaS0</a></li> <li>• <b>Dianne Whitfield-Locke, DDS</b> <a href="https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmng/a/8z000000OjyL/kESqd6DCIZPwkZDJDLGK fKZBNwPHsZAmuQDkzNtbzw">https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmng/a/8z000000OjyL/kESqd6DCIZPwkZDJDLGK fKZBNwPHsZAmuQDkzNtbzw</a></li> </ul>																																													
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**Motion:** The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals.

**Moved by:** Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)

**Seconded by:** Dr. Judith Henry; (Board Member)

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-0517-08 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Mr. Matteo Lieb updated meeting attendees regarding DC Health’s Budget Oversight hearings which were held on April 10, 2023, and April 12, 2023. The Committee on Health held its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26, 2023, which included several changes such as the provision of 2.25 additional licensing professionals within the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards. DC Council’s first reading on the FY2024 budget was held on May 16, 2023, with the second reading scheduled for May 30, 2023.

Mr. Lieb also reported that Councilmember Vincent Gray introduced two bill that would have the District join two health professional licensing compacts:

- The *Occupational Therapy Compact Approval Act of 2023*
- The *Counseling Compact Approval Act of 2023*

Currently, DC Health is evaluating both pieces of legislation.

Lastly, Mr. Lieb informed meeting attendees about legislation passed by Congress entitled the *Veterans’ Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022* which would ensure that military spouses with professional licensure in good standing in other states can practice in new states where their spouses are relocated. The Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards and the Office of the General Counsel are currently working to establish a process by which military spouses could attain privileges to practice in the District.

OS-0517-09 **DC HEALTH’S ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**Ms. Deborah Vishnevsky**, Oral Health Program Manager with the Community Health Administration, presented a draft of the Oral Health Needs Assessment which paints of picture of where the District is excelling and also highlight areas and opportunities to improve regarding Oral Health care. In the next few months, a follow up Assessment will be presented which dives deeper into statistics about utilization and attitudes towards oral health care across the District.

**Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney**, inquired if Ms. Vishnevsky could share more about the role of her office for clarity of what falls under the jurisdiction of the Board and what falls under her department.

**Ms. Vishnevsky** indicated that she works with the Healthcare Access Bureau under the DC Primary Care Office, led by Khalil Hassam. In a nutshell, her team is focused on creatively addressing any potential barriers to access to care. Her department tackles these barriers in a variety of ways such as J-1 visa programs, loan repayment programs for health care professionals and in her case, via school based oral health programs.

Dr. John Bailey, Chairperson, indicated that the Board will meet and review the draft assessment and if they have any suggestions, they will address it offline with Ms. Vishnevsky’s office. Dr. Bailey added that when the assessment has been published and ready for disbursal, it will be brought back to the open session to ensure that the public can receive a copy directly

	from the Board.
OS-0517-10	<p><b><u>EMAIL FROM A DENTAL HYGIENIST</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to refer the Dental Hygienist to OSHA regulations for a definitive answer to her inquiry.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice Chairperson)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member)  <b>The motion passes unanimously.</b></p>
OS-0517-11	<p><b><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Credentials &amp; Audits:</u></b>  <b>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey</b>  <b>Dr. John Bailey</b> indicated that the subcommittee discussed the presentations from SRTA, CRDTS, and CDCA/WREB/CITA. It was determined that new graduates/applicants applying by examination must take the ADEX (CDCA/WREB/CITA) exam. It was determined that CRDTS and SRTA gave the exact same exam meanwhile CDCA/WREB/CITA administers the ADEX exam. The subcommittee discussed their concerns with the CRDTS/SRTA exam which included accessibility and the exam candidates' ability to re-test over a section they may have failed in immediately, rather than allowing candidates to study or practice more before re-taking that portion(s) of the exam. Per the published DC Board of Dentistry regulations, the subcommittee indicated that for new graduates that are applying for initial licensure via Examination, the Board will only accept the ADEX exam. Applicants applying for licensure via endorsement can submit scores from their CRDTS, SRTA or any other state/regional board exam, in addition to demonstrating 5 years of experience practicing dentistry.</li> <li>2. <b><u>Communications:</u></b>  <b>Mrs. Ericka Walker</b>  <b>Mrs. Ericka Walker</b>, Executive Director, informed meeting attendees that the sedation and local anesthesia survey is ready and will be going out to licensed dentists during the week. Mrs. Walker implored stakeholders to assist with disbursing the survey to ensure the launching of the sedation and anesthesia certification for dental practices and dentists.</li> <li>3. <b><u>Regulatory Affairs:</u></b>  <b>Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.</b>  <b>Dr. Judith Henry</b>, Board Member, informed meeting attendees that the subcommittee received and reviewed correspondence from the DC Dental Society regarding Virginia's new regulations regarding cosmetic Botox in dentistry. The subcommittee has looked at the regulations of all states as related to the utilization of Botox for dental related procedures. However, Dr. Henry indicated that the regulation editions that have been in progress are moving forward as the Board does not want to delay any further. The subcommittee recommends moving forward, of which if the Board decides to revisit the matter at a later time, it will do so. This will also allow time for the Board to see how Virginia's law pans out as it relates to training and courses for cosmetic botox.</li> </ol>



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**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

**Mr. Kurt Gallagher** expressed his appreciation for the two updates from Mrs. Walker and Dr. Henry as they addressed his two questions he had coming into the meeting. He indicated that he will be on the look-out for the link to the survey as the DC Dental Society will be happy to get that out to licensees. Mr. Gallagher indicated that the percentage of dentists who use anesthesia is fairly low so he expects that the numbers will most likely be low, however, he hopes that the Board would seek to proactively engage with the sector of specialized dentists (oral and maxillofacial surgeons) to get familiar with trends and issues in dental practices as the edited regulations are being developed. **Ms. Carla Williams**, Board Attorney, clarified that the regulations for anesthesia have been in place for several years. However, the Board is trying to implement the program by developing a process for licensees to obtain a permit.

**Ms. Fatima Oglesby Morris**, introduced herself and the different programs courses available through her school, Hands-On Dental Assistant Training School. She inquired if the Board has any requirements in place for an expanded functions dental assistant? **Dr. John Bailey** responded by indicating that the Board is currently developing those regulations which should be completed in the near future.

In the meeting chat box, **Mr. Brett Greene**, inquired if a copy of the draft Oral Health Assessment could be circulated to the public attendees. **Mrs. Ericka Walker** reminded Mr. Greene that per Ms. Vishnevsky's oral report, the assessment is still in draft mode and therefore not ready for distribution. However, Mrs. Walker reassured Mr. Greene that as soon as it is ready, it will be distributed to the public.

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**Open Session Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023**

<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0517-12	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“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).”</p>
	<p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to close the Open Session meeting.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Judith Henry (Board Member)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Board voted unanimously.</p>
	<p>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.</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **June 21, 2023.**  
The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

*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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).*



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The Interim Director of the Department of Health (“Department”), pursuant to Section 302(14) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1203.02(14)), and Mayor’s Order 98-140, dated August 20, 1998, hereby gives notice of her adoption, on an emergency basis, of the following amendments to Section 4007 (Temporary Licenses) of Chapter 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules) of Title 17 (Business, Occupations, and Professionals) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“DCMR”).

The impacts of COVID-19 on the District of Columbia’s (“District’s”) public health and healthcare infrastructure extend beyond the immediate epidemiological impacts of the virus. During the District’s initial phases of the public health emergency, COVID-19 related hospitalizations surged causing a shift in the overall healthcare landscape in the District impacting hospital and non-hospital based healthcare. Healthcare worker absenteeism due to COVID-19 isolation and quarantine increased healthcare organizations’ dependence on staffing agencies and temporary workers. Psychological stress contributed to high rates of turnover in the public health and healthcare workforce in the District and the national capital region, leading to record high vacancy rates in critical public health and healthcare roles in the District’s hospitals, long-term care facilities, intermediate care facilities, home health agencies, emergency medical service agencies, behavioral health organizations, and ambulatory care settings. The current environment continues to require public health and healthcare organizations to expand workforce recruitment and retention efforts, including the use of temporary staffing organizations with pools of qualified health professionals duly licensed throughout the United States. This emergency and proposed rulemaking will decrease unnecessary barriers to the temporary license process without undermining the process of verifying that healthcare professionals are credentialed as qualified and competent. Specifically, the amendments will enable individuals submitting a new application who are licensed, registered, or certified in another jurisdiction and are in good standing in any jurisdiction in which the person holds a license, registration, or certification to be issued temporary licenses, registrations, or certifications. The amendments also repeal the requirement that a separate application and fee be submitted for a temporary license. Due to the continued increased need for healthcare professionals, emergency action is necessary for the preservation of the health and welfare of the residents of the District of Columbia.

This emergency rulemaking was adopted by the Interim Director on May 18, 2023 and became effective immediately on that date. The emergency rulemaking will expire one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of adoption on September 15, 2023, or upon publication of a final rulemaking in the *District of Columbia Register*, whichever occurs first.

The Interim Director also gives notice of her intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *District of Columbia Register*.

**Title 17, BUSINESS, OCCUPATIONS, AND PROFESSIONALS, of the DCMR is amended as follows:**

**Chapter 40, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS: GENERAL RULES, is amended as follows:**

**Section 4007, TEMPORARY LICENSES, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 4007.4 is amended to read as follows:**

- 4007.4        A board may issue a temporary license pursuant to this section only to the following persons:
- (a)        An applicant for a new license who is licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States and is applying for licensure by reciprocity or endorsement;
  - (b)        An applicant who meets all qualifications for a license except for the successful completion of an examination and who has applied to take the next scheduled examination pursuant to § 4002;
  - (c)        An applicant who has submitted an application for a new license and is licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction; or
  - (d)        An applicant who has satisfied all other requirements of the Director for the issuance of a temporary license as determined in writing.

**Subsection 4007.6 is repealed.**

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this emergency and proposed rulemaking action shall submit written comments, not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *District of Columbia Register*, to Phillip Husband, General Counsel, Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002 or by email at [Phillip.Husband@dc.gov](mailto:Phillip.Husband@dc.gov). Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the address listed above, or by contacting Angli Black, Paralegal Specialist, at [Angli.Black@dc.gov](mailto:Angli.Black@dc.gov), (202) 442-5977.

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This rulemaking will add a Level III Dental Assistant registration category for applicants possessing advanced educational training, clarify the educational requirement for Level II Dental Assistants, and expand the duties that may be performed by all dental assistants.

**Chapter 90, DENTAL ASSISTANTS, of Title 17 DCMR, BUSINESS, OCCUPATIONS, AND PROFESSIONALS, is amended as follows:**

**Section 9003, EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 9003.2 is amended as follows:**

**Paragraph (c) is amended to read as follows:**

- (c) (1) Successfully completed and graduated from an educational program for dental assistants approved by the Board or the American Dental Association’s (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); or
- (2) A current and valid certification as a Certified Dental Assistant in general duties from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), or other dental assisting certification approved by the Board.

**Paragraph (d) is repealed.**

**A new subsection 9003.3 is added to read as follows:**

9003.3 An applicant for a Level III Dental Assistant registration shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has:

- (a) A high school diploma or a general equivalency diploma;
- (b) Successfully completed a course in dental radiography training meeting the requirements set forth in § 9005.1 of this chapter;

- (c) Successfully completed and graduated from an educational program for dental assistants approved by the Board or the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA);
- (d) A current and valid certification as a Certified Dental Assistant in general duties from the DANB or another dental assisting certification approved by the Board;
- (e) Successfully completed and obtained the DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant Certification; and
- (f) Successfully passed a Board-approved, hands-on course in the functions and duties permitted to be performed by a Level III Dental Assistant.

**Section 9004, SCOPE OF PRACTICE, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 9004.2 is amended as follows:**

**Paragraph (c) is amended to read as follows:**

- (c) Applying fluoride (rinse, foam tray, and fluoride varnish);

**Paragraph (l) is amended to read as follows:**

- (l) Constructing athletic mouth guards and night guards on models;

**Paragraphs (p) and (q) are amended to read as follows:**

- (p) Whitening or bleaching using trays;
- (q) Take and record vital signs; and

**A new paragraph (r) is added to read as follows:**

- (r) Other functions as approved by the Board.

**Subsection 9004.3 is amended as follows:**

**Paragraph (d) is repealed.**

**Paragraphs (m) and (n) are amended to read as follows:**

- (m) Removing excess cement; and
- (n) Removing or placing a periodontal dressing (except placing the original periodontal dressing).

**Paragraph 9004.3(o) is repealed.**

**Subsections 9004.4 and 9004.5 are renumbered as 9004.5 and 9004.6 respectively.**

**A new subsection 9004.4 is added to read as follows:**

- 9004.4 Level III Dental Assistant may perform the following functions under direct supervision of a dentist:
- (a) All functions permitted to Level I Dental Assistant or Level II Dental Assistant, as enumerated in §§ 9004.2 and 9004.3;
  - (b) The application of pit and fissure sealants;
  - (c) Coronal polishing to remove stain and biofilm; and
  - (d) Glucose testing.

**The lead-in language of newly renumbered subsection 9004.5 (formerly numbered 9004.4) is amended to read as follows:**

- 9004.5 Level I, II, or III Dental Assistant working under the direct supervision of an orthodontist may also perform the following functions:

**The newly renumbered subsection 9004.6 (formerly numbered 9004.5) is amended to read as follows:**

- 9004.6 A dentist shall not delegate to a dental assistant any of the following procedures:
- (a) Those procedures excluded by 17 DCMR § 4215.1;
  - (b) A preliminary dental examination;
  - (c) A complete prophylaxis, including the removal of any deposits, diseased crevicular tissue, accretion, or stain from the surface of a tooth or a restoration;
  - (d) The restoration of a tooth;
  - (e) The charting of cavities during preliminary examination, prophylaxis, or polishing; however, a dentist may permit an assistant to record the charting of cavities as dictated by the dentist or dental hygienist during the course of a preliminary examination or dental procedure;

- (f) The instruction of individuals or groups of individuals in oral health care, unless it is in the dental office and done as instructed by the dentist;
- (g) [Repealed];
- (h) Diagnostic screening to identify indications of oral abnormalities;
- (i) Administration of local anesthesia;
- (j) Administration of nitrous oxide;
- (k) Placement of temporary restorations;
- (l) Taking final impressions;
- (m) Adjusting occlusion of natural teeth, restorations, or appliances;
- (n) Registration of jaw relations;
- (o) Cementing permanent crowns or restorations;
- (p) Applying silver diamine fluoride;
- (q) Glucose monitoring;
- (r) Whitening or bleaching (internal, laser, or high-intensity light);
- (s) Using a high speed handpiece intraorally;
- (t) Oral cancer screenings;
- (u) Oral cancer tissue biopsy;
- (v) Placing initial periodontal dressing;
- (w) Placement of liquid dam;
- (x) Applying and removing a socket dressing;
- (y) Placement of subgingival medicaments;
- (z) Removing intracoronal temporary restorations; or
- (aa) Placing sutures.

**Section 9005, RADIOGRAPHY REQUIREMENTS, is amended as follows:**

**The lead-in language of subparagraph 9005.1 is amended to read as follows:**

9005.1 A Level II or Level III dental assistant shall be eligible to place or expose dental x-ray film if he or she has:

**A new section 9008, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DENTAL ASSISTANT LAW EXAMINATION, is added to read as follows:**

**9008 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DENTAL ASSISTANT LAW EXAMINATION**

9008.1 An applicant for a Level I, Level II, or Level III Dental Assistant registration shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant received a passing score on a written examination developed by the Board or a Board-approved entity on laws and rules pertaining to the practice of dental assistants (the District of Columbia Dental Assistants Law Examination).

9008.2 The District of Columbia Dental Assistants Law Examination may consist of questions on general District laws pertaining to the practice of dental assistants including the Act, this chapter, and Chapters 40, 41, 42, and 43 of this title.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this notice in the *District of Columbia Register*. Comments should be sent to the Department of Health, Phillip L. Husband, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002 at [Phillip.Husband@dc.gov](mailto:Phillip.Husband@dc.gov). Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the address listed above, or by contacting Angli Black, Paralegal Assistant, at [Angli.Black@dc.gov](mailto:Angli.Black@dc.gov), (202) 442-5977.