

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

**DATE: March 18, 2026  
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING AGENDA**

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson	
Imani Lewis, DDS – Vice Chairperson	
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Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Vacant – Consumer Member	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
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	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Open Session Meeting Agenda March 18, 2026.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

<b>OS-0318-01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A. Board Members</b></li><li><b>B. Board Staff</b></li><li><b>C. Legal Staff</b></li><li><b>D. Department Staff</b></li><li><b>E. Public Attendance</b></li></ul>
<b>OS-0318-02</b>	<b>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</b>  <b><u>BOARD ACTION:</u></b> The Board moved to accept the <b>March 18, 2026</b> , Open Session Meeting Agenda.
<b>OS-0318-03</b>	<b>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</b>  <b><u>BOARD ACTION:</u></b> The Board moved to approve the <b>February 18, 2026</b> , Open Session Meeting Minutes.
<b>STAFF REPORTS:</b>	
<b>OS-0318-04</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</b>  Mrs. <b>Ericka Walker</b> , Executive Director of the Board,  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b><u>DC Health Updates</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compact Update</li><li>• Communicating with the Board</li><li>• CEU Requirements for licenses less than 2 years</li></ul></li> <li>2. <b><u>BOD Calendar</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 15, 2025 (Virtual)</li><li>• November 19, 2025 (Virtual)</li><li>• December 17, 2025 (<b>Changed to Virtual</b>)</li><li>• January 21, 2026 (CANCELLED)</li><li>• February 18, 2026 (Virtual)</li><li>• March 18, 2026 (<b>In Person &amp; Virtual</b>)</li><li>• April 15, 2026 (Virtual)</li><li>• May 20, 2026 (Virtual)</li><li>• June 17, 2026 (<b>In Person &amp; Virtual</b>)</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 15, 2026 (Virtual)</li> <li>• August (Recess)</li> <li>• September 16, 2026 (<b>In Person &amp; Virtual</b>)</li> </ul> <p>3. <b><u>BOD Census</u></b>  Dentists (<b>1224</b>)  Dental Hygienists (<b>501</b>)  Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (<b>119</b>)  Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia &amp; Nitrous Oxide (<b>101</b>)  Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (<b>3</b>)  Dental Assistant Level 1 (<b>204</b>)  Dental Assistant Level 2 (<b>650</b>)  Dental Assistant Level 3 (<b>1</b>)  Teaching Licenses for Dentists (<b>3</b>)  Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (<b>0</b>)</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: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</a></p>																											
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OS-0318-07	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b></p> <p>The following applications were approved from <b>February 10, 2025 – March 10, 2026:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 1486 1432 1850"> <thead> <tr> <th>First Name</th> <th>Last Name</th> <th>License Type Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kellyfer</td> <td>Giffoni Araujo</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyd</td> <td>Newby</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Myiesha</td> <td>Lane</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Faith</td> <td>White</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah</td> <td>Queen</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dajon</td> <td>Ashcraft</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jocelyn</td> <td>Turcios</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Edlira</td> <td>Jorgji</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	First Name	Last Name	License Type Name	Kellyfer	Giffoni Araujo	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Lloyd	Newby	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Myiesha	Lane	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Faith	White	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Sarah	Queen	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Dajon	Ashcraft	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Jocelyn	Turcios	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Edlira	Jorgji	DENTAL HYGIENIST
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The Board moved to accept the **February 10, 2025 – March 10, 2026**, Consent Agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

<b>OS-0318-08</b>	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Ms. Kera Johnson</b>, Legislative Affairs Specialist, will discuss the following updates</p> <p><b>Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the <i>Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026</i> (<a href="#">B26-0593</a>).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The legislation allows DC Health, on behalf of the Mayor, to enter into a 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and a hearing has been scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Streamlining Medicaid Credentialing Amendment Act of 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the <i>Streamlining Medicaid Credentialing Amendment Act of 2025</i> (<a href="#">B26-0523</a>).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and a hearing has been scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Community Health Amendment Act of 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following emergency and temporary versions, Councilmember Henderson introduced the <i>Community Health Amendment Act of 2025</i> (<a href="#">B26-0414</a>) on October 6<sup>th</sup>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The legislation authorizes healthcare providers in the District to order and administer immunizations recommended by competent medical and public health organizations designated by the Director of the Department of Health. The legislation will also allow pharmacies to administer the COVID-19 vaccine without a doctor’s prescription.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ This legislation received a <a href="#">hearing</a> on October 30<sup>th</sup> in the Committee on Health. DC Health testified in support of the bill expressing the importance of vaccine availability and access. A <a href="#">markup</a> was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the bill passed unanimously on both first reading and on final reading on January 6<sup>th</sup>. It is now undergoing Congressional Review.</li> </ul> <p><b>PrEP DC Act of 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councilmember Parker introduced the <i>PrEP DC Act of 2025</i> (<a href="#">B26-0159</a>) on February 28, 2025.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The legislation creates safeguards for equitable and affordable access to HIV prevention treatment by prohibiting health insurers from using prescription information as a condition of eligibility or in premium rates, restricting or imposing setting delays in the distribution of antiretroviral prescription drugs, and from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other cost-sharing requirement for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV and AIDS infection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ This legislation is in the Committee on Health and received a <a href="#">hearing</a> on October 30<sup>th</sup>. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the intent of the legislation to promote affordable access to HIV prevention medication. A <a href="#">markup</a> was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will now go before the Committee of the Whole. The bill passed on first and second reading on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will now undergo Congressional Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OS-0318-09</b></p>	<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>: Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Draft Recommended Revisions to the Education Requirements for Dental Assistant Level III</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b><u>Communications</u></b>: Dr. Michelle Latortue</li> <li>3. <b><u>Regulatory Affairs</u></b>: Dr. Imani Lewis, Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi</li> </ol>

<b>OS-0318-10</b>	<b><u>EMAIL INQUIRY FROM A DENTIST</u></b>  An orthodontist who completed their dentistry degree in Turkey would like to establish a Digital Orthodontic treatment-planning service. They are asking whether their proposal would require them to obtain licensure in the District.
<b>OS-0318-11</b>	<b><u>EMAIL INQUIRY FROM SHAVONNE HEALY</u></b>  Ms. Shavonne Healy, Founder of Capital Coalition of Dental Hygienists & Assistants (in formation), has emailed the Board to request clarification on regulatory concerns raised by practicing dental hygienists.
<b>OS-0318-12</b>	<b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b>

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**Open Session Meeting Agenda March 18, 2026**

<b>CLOSING</b>		
<b>OS-0318-13</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“Madam 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 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>	
<b>OPEN SESSION BOARD REPORT</b>		
<b>OS-0318-14</b>	<p><b><u>BOARD ACTION:</u></b> Board report, as appropriate, of actions taken during the Executive Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of applications approved</li> <li>• Number of complaints closed</li> </ul>	
<b>MOTION TO ADJOURN</b>		
<b>OS-0318-15</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>BOARD ACTION:</u></b> The Board to adjourn the Open Session Meeting.</p>	

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**This ends the Open Session Meeting**  
**The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026**

**9003 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

9003.1 An applicant for a Level I Dental Assistant registration shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has a high school diploma or has a general equivalency diploma.

9003.2 An applicant for a Level II Dental Assistant registration shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has:

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

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); or
- (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 Coronal Polishing and Sealants Certification from DANB~~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.

SOURCE: Notice of Final Rulemaking published at 58 DCR 5852, 5853 (July 15, 2011); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 60 DCR 10055 (July 12, 2013); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 68 DCR 7742 (August 6, 2021); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 71 DCR 002153 (March 1, 2024).

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Dear Dental Board Representative,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a foreign trained orthodontist preparing to establish a digital orthodontic treatment planning service. I completed my dentistry degree in Turkiye and my orthodontics master's degree in Italy. I currently continue to work as an Invisalign Diamond Level orthodontist in Turkiye. Before finalizing my business plan, I would like to confirm whether my proposed activities would require a dental license.

At this stage, I am considering two alternative business models:



#### 1. Remote Orthodontic Consulting for U.S. Dentists

In this model, I would act solely as a consultant to licensed U.S. dentists and orthodontists. My involvement would be limited to:

- Reviewing clinical data such as intraoral scans and orthodontic treatment plans,
- Providing professional insights to support the treating dentist's clinical decision making.

I would not interact with or treat patients directly, and I would not perform, supervise, or suggest any clinical procedures. All patient care would remain exclusively under the responsibility of licensed dentists.



#### 2. Development of AI Based Orthodontic Treatment Planning Software

In the second model, I would develop an AI powered software tool designed to assist dentists and orthodontists with orthodontic treatment planning.

My activities may also include:

- Providing professional guidance on how to use the software effectively,
- Offering technical or clinical interpretation related to the software's functionality.

This model also involves no direct patient contact, treatment, or clinical practice. My role would be limited to producing a digital product and offering optional professional support for its use.



Clarification Requested

Based on my understanding, neither model involves direct patient treatment, and therefore they may



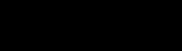
fall outside the statutory definition of “practicing dentistry.”  
However, to ensure full compliance, I would like to ask:

Would either of these business models require me—as a foreign-trained orthodontist—to hold a dental license?

Thank you very much for your time and assistance.  
Your guidance will help me ensure that my work aligns fully with state dental practice regulations.

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Dear BOD,

Thanks for your help regarding my previous inquiry. A formal invitation has been sent to Ms. Walker. I am now writing to request your assistance in clarifying several regulatory questions that have been raised by dental hygienists practicing in the District. Some of this information is currently being circulated by the DC Dental Society, and we want to ensure that clinicians are relying on **accurate guidance**.

Specifically, we are seeking clarification on the following:

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- The current application for the Dental Hygiene Board position indicates that applicants must be **residents of Washington, DC**. Is this requirement accurate, and are there any circumstances under which exceptions apply?
- Under District regulations, **when may a dental hygienist provide care to a patient without the patient first being examined by a dentist?**
- Are dental practices permitted to **hire individuals without prior dental training or registration** to perform certain dental assistant functions, such as **instrument sterilization and infection control duties**, and if so, under what limitations or supervision requirements?
- Are **dental assistants permitted to perform in-office teeth whitening procedures**, and if so, what level of supervision, training, or delegation is required?

Additionally, during a prior meeting, Ms. Williams requested a written statement outlining the ethical dilemma that dental hygienists have expressed concerns about. We are actively working on this statement and wanted to note that it is forthcoming.

Thank you for your time and guidance. We appreciate your support in helping ensure regulatory clarity and compliance across the oral health workforce.

Respectfully,

Shavonne R. Healy, MSDH, RDH

Founder, Capital Coalition of Dental Hygienists & Assistants (CCDHA) (*in formation*)

Oral Health Advocate | Public Health Leader