

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

**DATE: APRIL 17, 2024  
TIME: 9:02 AM**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
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	
Brittany Harris-Campbell, RDH, MSDH - Board Member	
Vacant – (Dentist) Board Member	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
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	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

<p><b>OS-0417-01</b></p>	<p><b>INTRODUCTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b> Dr. Johns Bailey, DDS – Chairperson Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice-Chairperson Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member Mrs. Brittany Harris-Cambell – Board Member</p> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b> Ericka Walker, MSW – Executive Director Rebecca Odrick-Austin - Investigator Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist Tiffany Johnson, MPH – Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p><b>C. Legal Staff</b> Carla Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p><b>D. Public Attendance</b> Matteo Lieb – DC Health Legislative Affair Specialist Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society Alex Karr Amin – Student, Georgetown Law School Sara Hovertor – Public Health Lawyer, Georgetown Law School Dr. Cheryle Baptiste Dr. Umekei Smith Terry Reaves – Together Educating People Services</p>
<p><b>OS-0417-02</b></p>	<p><b>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the <b>April 17, 2024</b>, meeting agenda. <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member) <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>OS-0417-03</b></p>	<p><b>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the <b>March 20, 2024</b>, open session meeting minutes. <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member) <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**OS-0417-04 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 pointed out the dates for the next Board meetings, bringing attention to the June 19, 2024 date as that will be the next in-person Board meeting. Mrs. Walker advise that all Board members and staff will be in person for that meeting. Public attendees are welcome to join us that day at DC Health's new location (2201 Shannon Place SE) or join us virtually. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees that in August there will not be a meeting as the Board will be in recess. Mrs. Walker then mentioned that the agenda contains the updated census as well as the link to the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) website. As always attendees are encouraged to visit the website for more information regarding Board vacancies and how to apply.

This concluded Mrs. Walker's report.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- January 17, 2024 (Virtual)
- February 21, 2024 (Cancelled due to DC Health moving)
- March 20, 2024 (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. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1,111**)  
Dental Hygienists (**473**)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**96**)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**84**)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**2**)  
Dental Assistant Level 1 (**144**)  
Dental Assistant Level 2 (**526**)  
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**3**)  
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**0**)

3. 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><b>OS-0417-05</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</b> <b>Ms. Carla Williams</b> No report for this meeting.  The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting: None.</p>																																														
<p><b>OS-0417-06</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</b> <b>Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS</b> No report for this meeting.</p>																																														
<p><b>OS-0417-07</b></p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b>  The following applications were reviewed by Dr. John Bailey (Chairperson), Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice-Chairperson), or Mrs. Ericka Walker (Executive Director), from <b>March 14, 2024 – April 9, 2024:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Rikki</td><td>Freeman</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Cecil</td><td>Cabrera</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>LaShawn</td><td>Bennett</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>LIDIA</td><td>REYES</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Janelle</td><td>Fletcher</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Pedro Aquiles</td><td>Romano de Oliveira</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Amanda</td><td>Sutton</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Lilian</td><td>Servellon</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Amy</td><td>Sacks</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Ana</td><td>Flores Palma</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Yessica</td><td>Guevara</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Hana</td><td>Yoon</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Iyayi</td><td>Aigbokhan</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Lauren</td><td>Chiang</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Danielle</td><td>Martin</td><td>LOCAL ANESTHESIA</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals.. <b>Moved by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member) <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>	Rikki	Freeman	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Cecil	Cabrera	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	LaShawn	Bennett	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	LIDIA	REYES	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Janelle	Fletcher	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Pedro Aquiles	Romano de Oliveira	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Amanda	Sutton	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Lilian	Servellon	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Amy	Sacks	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Ana	Flores Palma	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Yessica	Guevara	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Hana	Yoon	DENTIST	Iyayi	Aigbokhan	DENTIST	Lauren	Chiang	DENTIST	Danielle	Martin	LOCAL ANESTHESIA	
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<p><b>OS-0417-08</b></p>	<p><b>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>  <b>Mr. Matteo Lieb</b>, DC Health’s Legislative Affairs Specialist, to provide updates on the following:</p>																																														

### **DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight**

- DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health's proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year.
  - You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget [here](#).
- There will be two hearings, one on April 10th for public witnesses and one on April 11th for representatives from DC Health.

### **Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023**

- Following efforts by the Board of Dentistry, Chairman Mendelson (at the request of Mayor Bowser) introduced the *Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0632](#)) on December 13, 2023.
  - 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 was not incorporated into the *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0545](#)) and will therefore need one to proceed.

### **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.
- DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on [March 21st, 2024](#). The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd. It is scheduled for a Second Reading on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Ms. Carla Williams** added to Mr. Lieb's report by offering more clarity on what DC Council is working on and how it differs from what the Board is doing, specifically in reference to the Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act, the Dental Assistant Level III, and the process of bills in general moving through the legislative process.

**Ms. Terry Reeves** asked a question in regard to if there will be language that address how the billing will be handled if the dental hygienist are providing some services. Ms. Williams answered that the Board has no jurisdiction over how the billing is done. Mr. Lieb stated that billing is not in this legislation's purview. But he also offered that there is language on this particular issue already listed that can be found at this link [here](#).

<b>OS-0417-09</b>	<b>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. <u>Credentials &amp; Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey</b> No report. The Board members and staff were not able to attend the AADB annual meeting due to lack of funding.</li><li><b>2. <u>Communications:</u></b></li><li><b>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Ms. Dianne Smith</b> No report</li></ol>
<b>OS-0417-10</b>	<b>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b> <p><b>Mr. Kurt Gallagher</b> asked the question of what the approved courses and training are for people to apply for Dental Assistant Level III registration. <b>Dr. John Bailey</b> answered that the information should be coming soon. <b>Mrs. Ericka Walker</b> added that the DC Board of Dentistry have been receiving calls regarding this subject and that the Board is working on the hands-on course. We have a local school we are working with and are considering other schools to offer more of a variety of schools that a person can attend for the hands-on course. All other requirements are outlined in the regulations. As soon as information is available, we will have a checklist available to provide to the public.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Ericka Walker</b> also reminded the attendees that June 19<sup>th</sup> is a federal holiday so that meeting will need to be rescheduled. The Board members agreed to discuss and confirm a new date before the meeting on May 15, 2024.</p>

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<b>CLOSING</b>	
<b>OS-0417-11</b>	<b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b>  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).”
	<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> Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member)  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>
	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.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.**  
**This ends the Open Session Agenda**  
**The next meeting is scheduled on May 15, 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).