

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

**DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2024
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member	
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Imani Lewis, DDS – (Dentist) Board Member	
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – (Dentist) Board Member	
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – (Dentist) 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	

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-1211-01	<p>INTRODUCTIONS:</p> <p>A. Board Members Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson Dianne Smith, Esq – Consumer Board Member Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member Imani Lewis, DDS – Board Member Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Board Member Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Board Member</p> <p>B. Board Staff Ericka, z, Rebecca, me Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Board Investigator Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p>C. Legal Staff Carla Carla Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p>D. Department Staff Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Relations Monai Lowe, PharmD, PRh – PDMP Pharmacist, Pharmaceutical Control Division</p> <p>E. Public Attendance (Please type your Name and Organization in the Webex chat) Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society Cheryle Baptiste, DDS – DC Dental Society & Robert T. Freeman Dental Society</p>
OS-1211-02	<p>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker added an amendment to the agenda by adding that there will be updates from PDMP during the Executive Director’s Report.</p> <p>Motion: Acceptance of the December 11, 2024, meeting agenda with the amendment. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1211-03	<p>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</p> <p>Motion: Acceptance of the December 11, 2024 meeting agenda. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>

STAFF REPORTS:

OS-1211-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director to the Board, started her report by welcoming everyone to the meeting and wishing everyone happy holidays and a happy new year. She then proceeded with the updates for DC Health. First she discussed the name change from HRLA (Health Regulation and Licensing Administration) to HSPA (Health Systems and Preparedness Administration) after HRLA merged with HEPRA (Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration). She also reviewed the mission statement of HSPA with everyone and touched on the other administrations listed under HSPA. Next she congratulated Dr. Michelle Latortue as she has been officially appointed as the DC Board of Dentistry Board Chair. She then turned her time over to Dr. Monai Lowe for her presentation.

Dr. Monai Lowe, started her report by advising that as a requirement of PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program) and DC law, all providers (doctors, dentists, nurses, anyone that provides prescription and dispensers are required to be registered with PDMP. There are some providers that are registered without a speciality listed. Selecting a specialty means a provider is then able to receive a prescriber report which they can use to compare their prescribing with their peers, review the prescriptions received by high risk patients, and identify areas where they would like to improve. Between January and February, a notice will be sent to all providers who do not have a specialty listed to encourage them to do so. There is no penalty but there are benefits in doing so.

Ms. Walker then continued her report to discuss the Incentivized Program. The new time period will be January 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025. During this time, any dental assistants that are currently practicing without a dental assistant registration will have the opportunity to attest to their unregistered practice and will benefit from the lower fine amount (\$250 for dental assistants and \$500 for the supervising dentists). Applicants must complete a new application (or reinstatement application for those whose licenses have expired in the last 5 years) as well as submit a cover letter and attestation form. Applicants who have never been registered before may be eligible to apply for a supervised practice form, which will allow them to continue practicing but bring them into compliance during the application process. In addition to completing the application (including submitting all supporting documentation), the applicant will pay the application fee, the fine and be required to take 2 continuing education courses in ethics. This information will be emailed to all dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants and will be available on the Board’s website.

This concluded Mrs. Walker’s report.

1. DC Health Updates

	<p>2. BOD Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 16, 2024 (Virtual) • November 13, 2024 (Virtual) • December 11, 2024 (Virtual) • January 15, 2025 (Virtual) • February 19, 2025 (Virtual) • March 19, 2025 (In Person & Virtual) • April 16, 2025 (Virtual) • May 21, 2025 (Virtual) • June 18, 2025 (In Person & Virtual) • July 16, 2025 (Virtual) • August (Recess) • September 17, 2025 (In Person & Virtual) <p>3. BOD Census</p> <p>Dentists (1,229) Dental Hygienists (509) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (109) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (100) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (3) Dental Assistant Level 1 (188) Dental Assistant Level 2 (590) 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-1211-05</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, stated her report only consisted on one item for this meeting, which was the notification of a public order that has been issued by the board since the last meeting. This order can be accessed using the link on this document as well as on the DC Board of Dentistry website under “Discipline”.</p> <p>This concluded Ms. Williams’ report.</p> <p>The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>Carlos Jones, DDS – Public Consent Order</p>	

<p>OS-1211-06</p>	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</p> <p>Michelle Latortue, DDS</p> <p>No Report at this time.</p>																																																																																																							
<p>OS-1211-07</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>The following applications were approved from November 6, 2024 – December 4, 2024:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Ximena</td><td>Larsen</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Janet</td><td>Davis</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Anjali</td><td>Lynch</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Leona</td><td>Littles</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Lilian</td><td>Baez</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer</td><td>Pierce</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Seif</td><td>Tawfik</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Mihiret</td><td>Jelamo</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Kibriyaa</td><td>Al-Jabbar</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Si' Monte</td><td>Gray</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Fabiana</td><td>Hurtado</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Elvira</td><td>Castro</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Ashley</td><td>Poole</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Gina</td><td>Bell</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Yvonne</td><td>Quarles</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Tanya</td><td>Ware</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>DaJon</td><td>McLeese</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Madison</td><td>Lewis</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Fiona Victoria</td><td>Quenano</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Chaz</td><td>Clark</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Keyara</td><td>Davis</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Paulnea</td><td>Gray</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Shanequa</td><td>Bradberry</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Cassie</td><td>Ball</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Ma Elaiza</td><td>Natad</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Kadeja</td><td>Graham</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Jessica</td><td>Lubek</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Christopher</td><td>Drennen</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Michelle D</td><td>Mulligan</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Samon</td><td>Nazemian</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Chad</td><td>Wise</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Fardous</td><td>Medani</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Parwin</td><td>Noorahmad</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Sukari</td><td>Phoenix</td><td>DENTIST</td></tr> </table>	Ximena	Larsen	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Janet	Davis	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Anjali	Lynch	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Leona	Littles	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Lilian	Baez	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Jennifer	Pierce	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Seif	Tawfik	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Mihiret	Jelamo	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Kibriyaa	Al-Jabbar	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Si' Monte	Gray	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Fabiana	Hurtado	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Elvira	Castro	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Ashley	Poole	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Gina	Bell	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Yvonne	Quarles	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Tanya	Ware	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	DaJon	McLeese	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Madison	Lewis	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Fiona Victoria	Quenano	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Chaz	Clark	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Keyara	Davis	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Paulnea	Gray	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Shanequa	Bradberry	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Cassie	Ball	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Ma Elaiza	Natad	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Kadeja	Graham	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Jessica	Lubek	DENTIST	Christopher	Drennen	DENTIST	Michelle D	Mulligan	DENTIST	Samon	Nazemian	DENTIST	Chad	Wise	DENTIST	Fardous	Medani	DENTIST	Parwin	Noorahmad	DENTIST	Sukari	Phoenix	DENTIST	
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	Cassie Ball	LOCAL ANESTHESIA	
<p>Motion: Acceptance of the November 6, 2024 – December 4, 2024, Consent Agenda Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>			

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1211-08	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb, Director of Government Relations, started his report by stating that the end of Council Period 25 is coming to an end on December 23, 2024. The Council will then go on a recess until January 2, 2025, when Council Period 26 will start. Any legislation that is not passed on final readings by the end of the Council period will not go into law and will need to be reintroduced in the following Council period. Committee assignments for the next Council period will be released in late December. After approval, the Council will move to conduct performance oversight hearings. The Council will be in touch if any hearings for the Board will take place. They expect Councilman Henderson will remain in her role, and there will be lots of exciting policies and legislative ideas coming up.</p> <p>This concluded Mr. Lieb’s report.</p>
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OS-1211-09	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts Dr. Eric Bradshaw reported that the committee worked on the details of the upcoming Incentivized Program. He re-stated that the dates for the program are January 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025. This concluded his report. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Dr. Michelle Latortue started this report by addressing the need for clarification on scope of practice for sterilization techs at dental clinics. They reported that Sterilization Techs should be at least registered as a Dental Assistant Level I in DC. This has been added to the new regulations that recently passed. It has been placed under the scope of practice that performing duties attributed to sterilizing equipment and cleaning operatories are now under the scope of practice of dental assistants. So any employees that are performing those duties, even under the title of Sterilization Techs, will need to be registered as a Dental Assistant Level I in DC. The Communications Committee will be working on getting this information out into the dental community so everyone is aware. This concluded this report.
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	<p>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs: Ms. Dianne Smith, Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis</u></p> <p>Dr. Lewis started the report by advising that they had been in discussion of creating a pathway for Dental Assistant Level I to be authorized to take radiographs. This will be consistent with other state jurisdictions. The Dental Assistants would be required to complete a formal training program exactly like the training Dental Assistant Levels II and III undergo. Then the Board would issue something (like an additional certification like Maryland does or an authority like what Dental Hygienist receive for local anesthesia) to regulate who are authorized to do it. This was presented to the Board for feedback on whether to move forward.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to approve the Regulatory Affairs committee looking further into a pathway to allow Dental Assistant Level 1s to take radiographs. Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The second part of their report discussed the scope of duties and levels of supervision for all levels of dental assistants. First Mrs. Williams reviewed definitions of direct supervision (dentist in office, personally diagnoses the condition, personally authorizes the procedures, remains in the office while procedures are performed, and personally evaluates the performance before dismissing patient), indirect supervision (everything listed in direct supervision except the personal evaluation by the dentist before the patient is dismissed), and general supervision (supervision based on instructions given by the dentist, either in person or via a communication device, but does not require the physical presence of the dentist on the premises while the actions are performed). Ms. Williams then went line by line through the scope of practice for all 3 levels advising if any of the duties have been moved to a different supervision level.</p> <p>The committee will wait to propose the changes to the levels of supervision with the scope of duties until the pathway for Dental Assistant Level I to perform radiographs is figured out. Then everything will be drafted into one rulemaking and pushed forward.</p> <p>This concluded this report.</p> <p>Mr. Gallagher expressed his appreciation and support towards the efforts to modernize the regulations regarding the dental assistant scope of practice.</p>
<p>OS-1211-10</p>	<p><u>INCENTIVIZED PROGRAM:</u></p> <p>The DC Board of Dentistry has elected to implement a new Incentivized Program period. This will start on January 1, 2025, and will end on April 30, 2025. During this period, all unregistered individuals are encouraged to come into compliance with District of Columbia law by completing the Incentivized Program documents. Individuals who voluntarily come forward during this time period, pursuant to the parameters set forth in</p>

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	<p>this policy, will receive a greatly reduced financial penalty. (This was discussed in full during the Executive Director's Report)</p>
<p>OS-1211-11</p>	<p>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC Please type your name and organization in the chat.</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher offered his appreciation for looking at the scope of practice of Dental Assistants again as well as working on a pathway towards the Dental Assistant Level I being authorized to take X-rays. Lastly, he welcomed Dr. Anamelechi to the Board and stated he looked forward to working with her.</p> <p>Dr. Cheryle Baptiste echoed Mr. Gallagher's sentiments and wished all attendees happy holidays.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-1211-12	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“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 style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>Motion: To close the December 11, 2024, Open Session Meeting Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Motion passed 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 Meeting
The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2024

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