

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

**DATE: July 16, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY**Open Session Meeting Minutes July 16, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson	
Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Dental Hygienist Board Member	
Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Imani Lewis, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Vacant – Consumer Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Aisha Nixon, Acting 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-0716-01

INTRODUCTIONS:

A. Board Members

Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson
Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member
Imani Lewis, DDS – Board Member
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Board Member
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Board Member

B. Board Staff

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C. Legal Staff

Carla M. Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel

D. Department Staff Kera

Kera Johnson – Legislative Affairs Specialist, Office of Government Relations
Sithembile Chithenga, MD, MPH – Executive Director, DC Board of Medicine

E. Public Attendance (Please type your Name and Organization in the Webex chat)

Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director, DC Dental Society
Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD
Andrea D. Jackson, DDS, MS, FACP, FACD, FICD – Dean, Howard University School of Dentistry
Tiffini Green – Executive Vice President, American Management Corporation
Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD – President, American Association of Dental Boards
Richael Cobler – Executive Director, Central Regional Dental Testing Service

OS-0716-02

OPEN SESSION AGENDA:

Motion: The Board moved to accept the **July 16, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Agenda.
Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)
Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)
Motion passed unanimously.

OS-0716-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

Motion: The Board moved to approve the **June 18, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:**OS-0716-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, began her report by welcoming all the attendees to the meeting. She continued by informing everyone that the Board rests during the month of August and regular meetings will resume in September (this meeting will be in person). She advised that in person meetings can be attended either in person with the Board or online via WebEx. She then reviewed the current Board of Dentistry Census and reminded everyone of the vacancy for a Consumer Member on the Board. As a reminder, this position requires you to be a resident in the District of Columbia, a non-health professional, and to not live with a health professional. She pointed out the MOTA website if anyone would like to apply or pass it along to someone else.

This ended Mrs. Walker's report.

1. **DC Health Updates**

2. **BOD Calendar**

- 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 23, 2025 (Virtual)
- May 21, 2025 (Virtual)
- June 18, 2025 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- July 16, 2025 (Virtual)
- August (Recess)
- September 17, 2025 (**In Person & Virtual**)

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1,328**)

Dental Hygienists (**545**)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**121**)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**109**)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**3**)

	<p>Dental Assistant Level 1 (234) Dental Assistant Level 2 (678) Dental Assistant Level 3 (0) 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-0716-05</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, reported on the following public Orders, which can be accessed by clicking on the links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryle Baptiste, DDS Order Lifting Suspension • Julia Jackson, DMD Final Order and Decision • Bryan Allen Order Denying Registration <p>This ended Ms. Williams’ report.</p>																																													
<p>OS-0716-06</p>	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</p> <p>Michelle Latortue, DDS, Chairperson of the Board,</p> <p>No Report</p>																																													
<p>OS-0716-07</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>The following applications were approved from June 10, 2025 – July 8, 2025:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Melanie</td> <td>Serna Mendez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vikky</td> <td>Batres Jandres</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miguel</td> <td>Salguero</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Darli</td> <td>Cabrera</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samir</td> <td>Hailu</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aileen</td> <td>Flores</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Li Ying</td> <td>Lin</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bahar</td> <td>Ademoglu</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hayley</td> <td>Zelaya</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allan</td> <td>Siu</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John</td> <td>Gale</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jacqueline</td> <td>Burgette</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jade</td> <td>Duncan</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hanan</td> <td>Naser</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMADEUS</td> <td>MILTON</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> </table>	Melanie	Serna Mendez	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Vikky	Batres Jandres	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Miguel	Salguero	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Darli	Cabrera	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Samir	Hailu	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Aileen	Flores	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Li Ying	Lin	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Bahar	Ademoglu	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Hayley	Zelaya	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Allan	Siu	DENTIST	John	Gale	DENTIST	Jacqueline	Burgette	DENTIST	Jade	Duncan	DENTIST	Hanan	Naser	DENTIST	AMADEUS	MILTON	DENTIST
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	Bahar	Ademoglu	LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE
<p>Motion: The Board moved to accept the June 10, 2025 – July 8, 2025, Consent Agenda Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>			

DISCUSSION ITEMS**OS-0716-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Ms. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, to present on the following items: Council on recess, things slower, no hearings at this time, will continue to monitor leg related to dent as it comes through council

Council Recess:

- Council went on recess effective July 15 and will return to session on September 15.

OS-0716-09 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

1. **Credentials & Audits**: **Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts**
No report

2. **Communications**: **Dr. Michelle Latortue**
No report

3. **Regulatory Affairs**: **Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi**

Dr. Imani Lewis took this time to discuss the outcomes from the Regulatory Affairs Committee's review of the DC Dental Society letter. The outcomes are as follows:

- The Subcommittee does see the benefit in the clinical use of dermal fillers and Botox, so it will recommend that the full Board takes it under consideration.
- The Credentials and Audits Committee to meet with Hands-On Dental Assistant Training school to increase their readiness for their examinations
- Recommends for the full Board to look into a pathway for foreign trained dentists to become Dental Hygienists
- Recommends to look into a pathway where Dental Assistant Level I can take X-rays with certification.
- Recommend that the full Board, DC Health, and DC Dental Society work together to increase awareness and appropriate use of the Dental Assistant Supervised Practice Form.
- Repealing the Dental Assistant Level I the registration requirements is not something the Board can readily do as it would require a change in the scope of practice.
- The recommendation to have Dental Assistant Level II perform coronal polishing and pit & fisher sealants cannot be readily done as it would require a change in the scope of practice.
- The Board can not change the registration fee from \$190 to \$100, or change the application period from 90 days to 100 days. These are both DC Health matter so the Board will ask Mrs. Walker to look into them and see if any changes can be made.

This ended the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee's report.

OS-0716-10	<u>WORKFORCE SURVEY FOR BOARD OF DENTISTRY RENEWAL</u> The Health Care Access Bureau previously gave a presentation on the Workforce Survey and how it can be used to gather anticipatory feedback from the workforce on any planned changes or updates throughout the District. Ms. Gowie and the Health Care Access Bureau are requesting any feedback from the Board on what insights they would like to know about the District’s workforce. Any suggestions and possible questions should be provided to Mrs. Walker via email. This information will then be reported out at a later time during the open session.
OS-0716-11	<u>CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RENEWALS TO ADDRESS INDIVIDUALS WITH A LICENSURE EXPIRATION DATE LESS THAN 2 YEARS</u> <u>BACKGROUND</u> On June 16, 2024, the Director of DC Health implemented a new licensure renewal system, aligning the renewal cycle with the licensee’s birth month. All licenses, registration, and certifications issued on or after this date will expire on the last day of the license holder’s birth month of an odd or even year. As a result, some individuals will receive an expiration date of less than 2 years. Mrs. Walker discussed the recommendation and provided additional background information on this matter. She provided examples of 3 different licensure expiration dates based on birth dates and years to show how the licensure period may vary for this upcoming cycle. Mrs. Walker advised that there will not be any license or registration issued for 3 or more years. Some other points she mentioned are that first time renewals are still not required to complete CEUs, and all licenses and registrations expiring on 12/31/25 are still required to complete 100% of CEUs unless they are first time renewals. Communication about the licensure expiration dates was sent to all licensees and posted to the Board’s website. The new licensure expiration date module is outlined in the renewal notifications that has been and will be sent to eligible licensees 60 days prior to their expiration date. Motion: The Board moved to accept the recommendation from DC Health that requires individuals with a license, registration, or certification expiration date of less than 2 years to complete 50% of the standard CEU hours, including all mandatory content areas (such as LGBTQ+ cultural competency and DC Health public health priorities). This is a standard recommendation given to all the Boards by DC Health. Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.

OS-0716-12	<p><u>AADB COMPACT PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD, along with assistance from Andrea D. Jackson, DDS, MS, FACP, FACD, FICD, presented on the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Compact, also known as the American Association of Dental Boards' Compact, or the AADB Compact. Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD, the president of the American Association of Dental Boards, was also present during the presentation and answered questions that were posed by the Board and the public.</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved to request a meeting with CSG compact, and to also request that representatives from both Compacts to give a presentation on the same day. Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0716-13	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Please type your name and organization in the chat.</p> <p>Kurt Gallagher thanked the subcommittee for considering the proposals from the DC Dental Society. He also brought awareness to the Department of Health Licensure Pathway Amendments Act, which could fund an FTE to create a program to provide guidance on how for foreign-trained dentists can get licensed in DC. Ms. Carla Williams requested that Ms. Kera Johnson presents information on this Act at the next meeting.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-0716-14	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></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>
	<p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved to close the Open Session Meeting. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Board 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 10:27 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2025**

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.