

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

**DATE: JULY 17, 2024
TIME: 9:01 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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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	
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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-0717-01	<p>INTRODUCTIONS:</p> <p>A. Board Members John Bailey, DDS – Chairperson Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice-Chairperson Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member Brittany Harris-Cambell – Board Member Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member</p> <p>B. Board Staff Ericka Walker, MSW – Executive Director Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Investigator Whitney Moore – Investigator Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer</p> <p>C. Legal Staff Carla Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p>D. Department Staff Matteo Lieb – Legislative Affair Specialist Khalil Hassam – Director of the DC Primary Care Office Deborah Vishnevsky – Community Health Administration</p> <p>E. Public Attendance (Please type your Name and Organization in the Webex chat) Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society Sara Hoverter – Public Health Lawyer, Georgetown Law School American Management Corporation (attendee did not introduce their self)</p>
OS-0717-02	<p>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</p> <p>Mrs. Walker proposed an addendum to the agenda – item 0S-717-11: Board staff to review and approve clean applications</p> <p>Motion: Acceptance of the July 17, 2024, meeting agenda with the addendum. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) Motion passed unanimously.</p>

OS-0717-03	OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Motion: Acceptance of the Open Session minutes from the June 12, 2024 , meeting Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Harris-Campbell (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.
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STAFF REPORTS:

OS-0717-04	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Ericka Walker began her report by discussing the change to the term of licenses, certificates, and registrations that went into effect as of June 16, 2024. Director Ayana Bennett has moved to change the renewal system to align with the licensee's month of birth instead of using the fixed 2-year term that the District has previously utilized. All applicable licenses, certificates and registrations issued on or after June 16, 2024, will now expire on the last day of the licensee's birth month. This applies to all new applicants and will become applicable to all licensees renewing later this year. The Board staff will send out additional information, and this information will also be posted on all the boards' websites. She then reminded all attendees that we are now in the 4 th quarter for fiscal year 2024 with the new fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2024. Mrs. Walker suggested that the Board start thinking about fiscal year 2025 initiatives like possibly drafting a mission for the Board of Dentistry. She said this matter will be discussed in further detail during the September 18, 2024, meeting. Lastly, the Board staff has officially launched the Dental Assistant Level III application and the checklist for that is now on the website. This concluded Ms. Walker's report. 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 12, 2024 (In Person & Virtual)• July 17, 2024 (Virtual)• August (Recess)• September 18, 2024 (In Person & Virtual) 2. <u>BOD Census</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dentists (1,154)Dental Hygienists (487)Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (102)Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (91)Dental Hygienists with the authority to
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	<p>administer Nitrous Oxide (2) Dental Assistant Level 1 (159) Dental Assistant Level 2 (550) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (3) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)</p> <p>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>																																											
<p>OS-0717-05</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Ms. Carla Williams</p> <p>No report</p> <p>The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting:</p>																																											
<p>OS-0717-06</p>	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT: John R. Bailey, DDS</p> <p>No report</p>																																											
<p>OS-0717-07</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>The following applications were reviewed by Dr. John Bailey (Chairperson), Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice-Chairperson), or Mrs. Ericka Walker (Executive Director), from June 6, 2024 – July 9, 2024:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>First Name</th> <th>Last Name</th> <th>License Type Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Saleela</td><td>Kerdphon</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Jimena</td><td>Visurraga</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Anzhela</td><td>Jafaroff</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Haftom</td><td>Hadera</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Jamya</td><td>Williams</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Tania</td><td>Torres</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>April</td><td>Preston</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>John</td><td>Fleming</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Ericka</td><td>Perkins</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Estefani</td><td>Henriquez</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Emily</td><td>Neurohr</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Alicia</td><td>Ason-Ikhena</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> <tr><td>Sampada</td><td>Rijal</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	First Name	Last Name	License Type Name	Saleela	Kerdphon	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Jimena	Visurraga	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Anzhela	Jafaroff	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Haftom	Hadera	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Jamya	Williams	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Tania	Torres	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	April	Preston	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	John	Fleming	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Ericka	Perkins	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Estefani	Henriquez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Emily	Neurohr	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Alicia	Ason-Ikhena	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Sampada	Rijal	DENTAL HYGIENIST	
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Jasmine	Jones	DENTIST
Jennifer	Tipograph	DENTIST
Sarina	Dodhia	DENTIST
Wayne	Stephens	DENTIST
Birukitawit	Yirefu	DENTIST
Eric	Westergard	DENTIST
Carlos	Braverman	DENTIST
Ayodeji	Awopegba	DENTIST
Shahriar	Shahriari	DENTIST
Sonam	Saxena	DENTIST
Erin	Vaka	DENTIST
Nader	Sidhom	DENTIST
Stacie	Davis	DENTIST
Manouchka	Fleurinord	DENTIST
Ahsan	Khan	DENTIST
Kwame	Asumadu	DENTIST
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Motion: Acceptance of the Consent Agenda
Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member)
Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson)
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0717-08	<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb, DC Health’s Legislative Affairs Specialist, to provide updates on the following:</p> <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 and on Second Reading on May 7th. The legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29th and is now going through Congressional Review. OGR anticipates this will become law by either early August. <p>Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following efforts by the Board of Dentistry, Chairman Mendelson (at the request of Mayor Bowser) introduced the <i>Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0632) on December 13, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 bill has since been withdrawn by the Mayor. <p>DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget here. There were two hearings, one on April 10th for public witnesses and one on April 11th for representatives from DC Health. During the hearing, there was discussion around staffing for health professional licensing boards and investments to address healthcare workforce issues. The mark-up for DC Health’s budget in the Committee on Health was held on May 9th. The marked-up FY25 budget was advanced unanimously out of Committee. It then went to the Committee of the Whole where it passed on Final Reading on June 11th. It now undergoing Mayoral Review. <p>Council Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District of Columbia Council will be on recess starting on July 15th through September 15th. During that time, limited activity can take place by the Council.
OS-0717-09	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey No report <u>Communications:</u> Dr. Michelle Latortue No report <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Ms. Dianne Smith and Mrs. Brittany Harris-Campbell No report

<p>OS-0717-10</p>	<p><u>WORKFORCE SURVEY RESULTS</u></p> <p>Ms. Deborah Vishnevsky, presented findings from the most recent workforce survey. This survey provides a look into what factors are most commonly related to burnout as well as wellness within the workforce of DC. It is an important part of the renewal process as it can drive public health programs and policies. The results were split into fact sheets, one for each role in Dentistry (Dentist, Dental Hygienist, and Dental Assistant). Ms. Vishnevsky’s presentation focused on the results from the Dentist Fact Sheet. Some of the key findings that she pointed out were the number of office locations dentists utilize to practice clinical care, distribution of practices over the different Wards, and demographics of dentists who are currently practicing within the District. The Self-Assessment of Worklife and Wellness as well as the Self-Assessment of Burnout were also discussed, showing that the majority of dentists in DC are managing the stresses of their work life well. Ms. Vishnevsky and the rest of the Primary Care Office are currently analyzing the data with the goal of having the completed Fact Sheets for all three roles available for the public within the next few weeks.</p> <p>This concluded Ms. Vishnevsky’s report.</p>
<p>OS-0717-11</p>	<p><u>AMENDED ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF BOARD STAFF APPROVING CLEAN APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker posed the option for the Board staff to have the authority to complete reviews and approvals for clean applications for the DC Board of Dentistry. She explained that clean applications are those that do not have any criminal background issues, screening question issues or clean hand matters. The current process is that applications are first reviewed by Board staff before being printed, prepared and scanned. The applications then go through a quality assurance check prior to being sent to the Board committee to review. With this change, more time can be spent reviewing applications leading to a more efficient turnaround time in the application timeline.</p> <p>Motion: To accept the recommendation made by Ms. Walker that Board are granted the authority to approve clean applications</p> <p>Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson)</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue (Board Member)</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>OS-0717-12</p>	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Please type your name and organization in the chat.</p> <p>Kurt Gallagher wanted to thank the Board for finalizing the list of approved training facilities for the Dental Assistant Level III and for providing a checklist.</p>

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CLOSING

OS-0717-13	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></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 style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) Seconded by: 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 9:54 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024

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