

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

**DATE: MARCH 19, 2025** 

**TIME: 9:48 AM** 

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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# **BOARD OF DENTISTRY Open Session Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson	
Vacant – Consumer Member	
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	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
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#### **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Open Session Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

#### OS-0319-01 INTRODUCTIONS:

#### A. Board Members

Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member Imani Lewis, DDS – Board Member Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Board Member Jonelle Anamalechi, DDS – Board Member Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member

#### B. Board Staff

Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Board Investigator Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist

#### C. Legal Staff

Suzanne Fenzel – Senior Assistant General Counsel

#### D. Department Staff

Matteo Lieb - Director of Government Relations

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

Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society

## OS-0319-02 OPEN SESSION AGENDA:

**Motion:** Acceptance of the **March 19, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Agenda **Moved by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

## OS-0319-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

Motion: Acceptance of the February 19, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Moved by:** Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member) **Seconded by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS:

#### OS-0319-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

**Mrs. Ericka Walker**, Executive Director of the Board, started her report by introducing herself and welcoming all attendees to the meeting. She then



spoke on the new list of Public Health Priorities. Dr. Ayanna Bennett, the Director of the Department of Health, has listed the topics that have been identified as public health priorities. Health professional also help determine these topics via a survey that was sent 120 days prior to all licensees which provided feedback of topics they wanted to see on the list. These are the topics that must account for at least 10% of the Continuing Education credits required for the renewal, reinstatement, and reactivation of health professional licenses, registrations, and certifications. This list is updated every 5 years and consist of examples of topics under the five public health domains (Sexual and Reproductive Health, Chronic Disease Management, One Health, Healthcare Professional Retention and Capacity Building, and Community and Patient Safety). This list will be effective as of October 1, 2025, which gives licensees ample time to plan ahead as they choose their CEs. Just a reminder that the LGBTQ continuing education credits are a council mandated statutory requirement and **do not** satisfy the public health priorities requirement. The Public Health Priorities list was forwarded to all health professionals last week with a cover letter. Additional information will be sent in the coming weeks and the link for this list can be found on each Board's webpage.

She next informed everyone that the upcoming meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025, has been changed to April 23, 2025. This is because April 16, 2025, is Emancipation Day and DC Health will be closed that day. The meeting will remain a virtual meeting.

Next, Mrs. Walker went over the current census of the Board of Dentistry as well as the vacancy on the Board for a Consumer member. As a reminder, the Consumer member must be a resident of the district and can not have a family member that is a medical professional. This is an important member to have on the Board so if you are interested or know anyone who is, please visit MOTA's (Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments) website to apply.

Lastly Mrs. Walker spoke on the Incentivized Program. The program is available to help bring all dental assistants into compliance and provides an opportunity to not have to pay a large fine.

This concludes 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 (1,270)

Dental Hygienists (531)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (118)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local

Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (102)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to

administer Nitrous Oxide (3)

Dental Assistant Level 1 (206)

Dental Assistant Level 2 (638)

Dental Assistant Level 3 (0)

Teaching Licenses for Dentists (4)

Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)

- 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
- 5. The new Incentivized Program period started 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 this policy, will receive a greatly reduced financial penalty. This information has been disseminated via email to all licensees and can be found on the Board's website by clicking here.

## OS-0319-05 BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Ms. Suzanne Fenzel (for Ms. Carla Williams), Senior Assistant General Counsel

No Report

The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting:

#### OS-0319-06 BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

**Michelle Latortue, DDS,** Chairperson of the Board, started her report by advising that she testified on behalf of the Board during the Oversight Hearings in front of the Council on Health. Some topics that she spoke on



were goals the Board has for 2025 and how the Board staff has been approving licenses and registrations at a faster rate. She also touched on the complaints and concerns that the public expressed in regards to the Board. One topic that was widely mentioned by the public was the fees that practitioners are paid off through Medicaid and . Dr. Latortue

Testified on behalf of the Board during the oversight hearing, monitoring and regulating individuals who practice within the district, getting licenses and regs approved at a faster rate, goals for 2025, also informed of complaints and concerns public had in regards to the board, main topic was fees being paid to practitioners from Medicaid as they felt they are not getting paid enough but are passionate about helping the public.

This concludes Dr. Latortue's report.

## OS-0319-07 CONSENT AGENDA:

The following applications were approved from **February 11, 2025 – March 11, 2025**:

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Marquita	Rustin	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Dayrin	Martinez	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Catherine	Voss-Brown	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Nikita	Tyndall	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Xavier	Sambula	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Martel	Cole Jr	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Stephanie	Buie	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Robert	Manokey	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Janay	Morgan	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Moschina	Howard	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Avia	Paul	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Maria	Garcia	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Luisa	Batista	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Vicente	Torres	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Zaqueo	Martinez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Gabriela	Mejia	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Alexandra	Melendez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Rebeca	Orozco Guzman	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Mileidy	Ceballos Angeles	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Dianna	Lazo	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Nicole	Jimenez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Victoria	Carbajal	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Miradis	Sales	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Brenda	Flores	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Cindy	Lovato	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Charles	Hernandez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
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Indiana	Prince Turnbull	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Genesis	Torres	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Britton	Hebron	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Katherine	Reyes	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
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Ke'Andra Washington DENTAL HYGIENIST Cierra Williams **DENTAL HYGIENIST** Qurat Ain **DENTAL HYGIENIST** Cheche Rachael **DENTAL HYGIENIST** Rafaela Pena **DENTAL HYGIENIST** Iraheta Keiylin **DENTAL HYGIENIST** Estella **Thomson DENTAL HYGIENIST** 

Abubakar Malik **DENTIST** Wayne Silverman DENTIST Wisdom Ryan **DENTIST** Ericka Grav **DENTIST** Julie Hanna **DENTIST** Matthew Hillstead **DENTIST** Eric Neuer **DENTIST** Justin Milo DENTIST **DENTIST** Bryan Jung **CHASE** SUH DENTIST Krupa Patel **DENTIST** Jordan Siegel **DENTIST** Raphaella Ranjo **DENTIST** Anabel Kelso **DENTIST** 

Qurat Ain **LOCAL ANESTHESIA** Rachael Cheche **LOCAL ANESTHESIA** Estella **Thomson LOCAL ANESTHESIA** Natad Ma Elaiza LOCAL ANESTHESIA

Williams LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE Cierra

Motion: Acceptance of the February 11, 2025 - March 11, 2025, Consent

Agenda.

**Moved by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## OS-0319-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Mr. Matteo Lieb, Director of Government Relations, started his report by giving Dr. Latortue a shoutout for her testimony in front of the Council on Health and how she did an amazing job sharing a comprehensive picture of what is coming next for the Board. Councilwoman Henderson aims to have each Board testify once every 2 years (Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton testified on behalf of the Board 2 years ago).



DC Health had it's own oversight hearing on February 26, 2025, during which there was a large range of topics covered. You can go back and watch it if you have the time.

Mr. Lieb then gave the latest updates on a few pieces of legislation. First he informed that Councilmember McDuffie reintroduced a bill to remove the Clean Hands requirement from health professional licensure. If this happens, the question would be removed from the application. Secondly, he discussed the Certificate of Need Improvement Amendment Act. This program currently does not have anything to do with dentistry, but it is being reformed to put in place a new registration system for health facilities that are currently not covered by licensure (specifically dental offices). The registration will be renewed every 3 years and will require a fee. It is a move in the right direction as it will give the department a way to keep and hold facilities accountable. It is anticipated that the bill will pass on the second reading during the April 1, 2025, legislative meeting and then would need to go through congressional review. It will take some time to go into effect but Mr. Lieb will keep the Board informed of all updates.

This concludes his report.

## OS-0319-09 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

1. <u>Credentials & Audits</u>: Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts

Dr. Eric Bradshaw started his report by advising that Howard University is unable to provide official transcripts at this time. They are currently able to offer provisional transcripts with a degree certification letter from the Office of the Registrar. They will be able to offer official transcripts again at the end of March. The committee states the Board will accept the provisional transcripts until the university is able to issue official transcripts again.

2. Communications: Dr. Michelle Latortue

No report

3. <u>Regulatory Affairs</u>: Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi

No report

## OS-0319-10 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Please type your name and organization in the chat.

**Kurt Gallagher** thanked the Board members and staff for all of the updates that were provided during the meeting. He was also happy to have an official answer regarding the Howard University transcripts as he had not yet received clarification from Howard on the matter. He then asked if there had been any update on the budget at this time. **Mrs. Walker** advised that the current state of the budget is still fluid but currently there is no approved travel at this time.

This concluded the comments from the public.





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OS-0319-11	MOTION TO CLOSE	
	The Board member should move as follows:	
	"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)."	
	ROLL CALL VOTE  Motion: The Board moved to close the Open Session Meeting.  Moved by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Board Member)  Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)  Motion passed unanimously.	
	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.	

This ends the Open Session Meeting
The meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 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 <a href="mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov">opengovoffice@dc.gov</a>.