

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

**DATE: MAY 15, 2024
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING AGENDA**

*****Please be advised that Board Meetings are recorded*****

WEBEX Virtual Meeting

The Board will be utilizing a hybrid schedule of virtual and in-person meetings. Please see the Board Meeting calendar under the Executive Director’s report for more information.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

This meeting is available by web:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m9f9126b61531ee2a059436115674d953>

Meeting number: 160 597 7295

Password: R6Mm8PPpmS3

This meeting is available by phone:

1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

Access code: 160 597 7295

****Any submissions from the public for the Board’s consideration should be received by Board Staff, tiffany.johnson1@dc.gov, no later than **10 business days** before the Board Meeting. ****

Health Regulation &
Licensing Administration

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Agenda May 15, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:	
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	
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	

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Agenda May 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0515-01	<p>INTRODUCTIONS:</p> <p>A. Board Members Dr. Johns Bailey, DDS – Chairperson Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice-Chairperson Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member Mrs. Brittany Harris-Cambell – Board Member Dr. 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</p> <p>C. Legal Staff Carla Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p>D. Public Attendance Matteo Lieb – Legislative Affair Specialist Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society Dr. Umekei Smith – Dentist Tony Reeves – Dental Hygienist Dr. Roya Pilcher - Dentist Cheryll Baptiste – RTFDS and DC Dental Society Fatima Oglesby-Morris – Hands On Dental Assistant Training School De. Roya Pilcher – Pediatric Dentist</p>
OS-0515-02	<p>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: Acceptance of the May 15, 2024, meeting agenda. Motion: The Board to accept the May 15, 2024, meeting agenda. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0515-03	<p>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 17, 2024, meeting.</p>

Motion: The Board to accept the **April 17, 2024**, meeting minutes.
Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member)
Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson)

STAFF REPORTS:

OS-0515-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry, welcomed all Board Members, Staff, and Guest to the Open Session meeting. Mrs. Walker first advised all attendees that the upcoming Board Meeting for the month of June will be on June 12, 2024. It will be an in-person meeting so guests from the public are welcome to attend by joining us here at DC Health, located at 2201 Shannon Place, SE. There will also be a virtual link provided for members of the public who are unable to attend in person. As always, the updated Census is listed on the agenda along with information about the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointment (MOTA), who is responsible for appointing new Board members. If anyone is interested in serving on any of the 19 Health Professional Boards, you can select the link to see a list of vacancies for the Boards.

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 12, 2024 (In Person & Virtual)**
 - July 17, 2024 (Virtual)
 - August (Recess)
 - September 18, 2024

2. **BOD Census**
 - Dentists **(1,114)**
 - Dental Hygienists **(477)**
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia **(99)**
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide **(85)**
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide **(2)**
 - Dental Assistant Level 1 **(145)**
 - Dental Assistant Level 2 **(535)**
 - 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																																																				
OS-0515-05	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams</p> <p>No Report</p> <p>The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting: None</p>																																																				
OS-0515-06	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</p> <p>Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS, Chairperson of the Board of Dentistry, started his report by advising the attendees that the annual ADEX meeting is approaching. This year, it will be a combined meeting with AADB, ADA and all of the testing agencies. It will be a week- long and will take place starting Monday, September 23, 2024, through Saturday, September 28, 2024. The official invitation has not been sent out yet, but Dr. Bailey will be sure to give it to the Board members once they are released.</p> <p>This concluded Dr. Bailey’s report.</p>																																																				
OS-0515-07	<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 April 10, 2024 – May 7, 2024:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Gabriela</td> <td>Lopez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Helen</td> <td>Escobar</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cindy</td> <td>Alvarez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Edith</td> <td>Perez Lopez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Helen</td> <td>Negatu</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wendy</td> <td>Tapia Lopez</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aaron</td> <td>Bui</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kevin</td> <td>Johnson</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melissa</td> <td>Stapley</td> <td>LOCAL ANESTHESIA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMAL</td> <td>MAHAMED</td> <td>OXIDE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juana</td> <td>Montecinos Mejia</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abeba</td> <td>Gebre</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roberta</td> <td>Chavis</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wairimu</td> <td>Kahoya</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hana</td> <td>Mujkovic</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sydne</td> <td>Smith</td> <td>LOCAL ANESTHESIA</td> </tr> </table>	Gabriela	Lopez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Helen	Escobar	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Cindy	Alvarez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Edith	Perez Lopez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Helen	Negatu	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Wendy	Tapia Lopez	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Aaron	Bui	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Kevin	Johnson	DENTIST	Melissa	Stapley	LOCAL ANESTHESIA			LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS	AMAL	MAHAMED	OXIDE	Juana	Montecinos Mejia	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Abeba	Gebre	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Roberta	Chavis	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Wairimu	Kahoya	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Hana	Mujkovic	DENTIST	Sydne	Smith	LOCAL ANESTHESIA	
Gabriela	Lopez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Helen	Escobar	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Cindy	Alvarez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Edith	Perez Lopez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Helen	Negatu	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Wendy	Tapia Lopez	DENTAL HYGIENIST																																																			
Aaron	Bui	DENTAL HYGIENIST																																																			
Kevin	Johnson	DENTIST																																																			
Melissa	Stapley	LOCAL ANESTHESIA																																																			
		LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS																																																			
AMAL	MAHAMED	OXIDE																																																			
Juana	Montecinos Mejia	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Abeba	Gebre	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II																																																			
Roberta	Chavis	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I																																																			
Wairimu	Kahoya	DENTAL HYGIENIST																																																			
Hana	Mujkovic	DENTIST																																																			
Sydne	Smith	LOCAL ANESTHESIA																																																			

	<p><u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Motion: The Board moved to accept the Consent Agenda Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittney Harris-Campbell (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
--	---	--

DISCUSSION ITEMS

<p>OS-0515-08</p>	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u></p> <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb, DC Health’s Legislative Affairs Specialist, to provide updates on the following:</p> <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. <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 (B25-0545)</i>. • 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 was scheduled for and passed a Second Reading on May 7th. It now goes to the Mayor for her signature, then on to Congressional Review. We anticipate that the bill will become law starting in early August or early September.
--------------------------	--

<p>OS-0515-09</p>	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits</u>: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey No Report 2. <u>Communications</u>: No Report 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs</u>: Ms. Dianne Smith No Report
<p>OS-0515-10</p>	<p><u>RADIATION PROTECTION LICENSING GUIDANCE TOOL</u></p> <p>The Radiation Protection Division enforces the Radiation Protection Standards (DCMR Title 20, Chapters 20-22) designed to protect the public, radiation workers, and the environment. The division provides public health functions associated with the administration of a radiation control program. The division licenses radioactive materials, registers X-ray producing equipment, inspects facilities using sources of radiation, responds to radiation emergencies, investigates radiation incidents, and conducts surveillance of radiation contamination in the environment. The division has provided this tool to aid applicants and provide guidance through the licensing process. You can find it here.</p>
<p>OS-0515-11</p>	<p><u>MEDICAL RECORDS 2024 FEES</u></p> <p>D.C. Official Code § 3–1210.12 establishes cost parameters for what a healthcare entity can charge for personal medical records. The District of Columbia Department of Health is responsible for publishing adjusted fees each year. The adjusted fees were calculated using the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Washington, DC metropolitan area between January 2023 and 2024 (3.6%). You can find the updated medical records fees for 2024 here.</p>
<p>OS-0515-12</p>	<p><u>DC DENTAL OFFICES SERVING WINE OR HARD ALCOHOL</u></p> <p>Background: The Board has received notice that two (2) DC dental offices serve alcohol at the practice prior to treatment. One has a fully stocked liquor bar with hard alcohol and the second has a wine bar in its lobby for the patients to enjoy before or after appointments. Board Attorney Williams communicated with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) who advised that legally neither establishment needs a liquor license. It is the official position that the Board does not support the distribution of alcohol in dental offices within the District of Columbia.</p>

Health Regulation &
Licensing Administration

	<p>Ms. Carla Williams read the drafted policy out loud to the attendees for their information. Board member Ms. Brittany Harris suggested a revision to address how alcohol consumption affects the vitals that are important to stabilize before providing treatment to patients, therefore bringing awareness of how it can compromise a patient’s overall health prior to treatment.</p> <p><u>BOARD ACTION:</u> The Board to review the drafted policy. Motion: The Board moved to accept the revised policy Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittney Harris-Campbell (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0515-13	<p>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher, first thanked the Board for addressing the issue of dental practices that are servicing alcohol and wine in the District. He stated that as soon as the policy is finalized he would love to share that with his members in the community. Secondly, Mr. Gallagher asked for the status of the Dental Assistant Level 3 registration as it relates to the courses. Mrs. Ericka Walker advised that the DC Dental Society will receive a copy of the wine and alcohol policy once it is finalized. She also assured him that the Board plans to review an application for a hands-on course curriculum during the executive session meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Roya Pilcher posed a question regarding a supervised practice form regarding the reason it was originally denied. The denial reason was because “placement of fluoride” was written as one for the duties for a Dental Assistant Level I. Ms. Carla Williams advised that there was a misunderstanding as the Board staff did not have the new regulations at that time. The form has since been approved and the regulations are now available on the DC Health website. Dr. Pilcher had a question about the timeframe for processing Supervised Practice Forms. Mrs. Ericka Walker addressed this question stating it is normally 3 business days but that is affected by forms being completed incorrectly, the “busy season” between the months of April and July, and the mail delay as a result of recent move to our new building.</p>

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Agenda May 15, 2024

CLOSING	
OS-0515-14	<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>
	ROLL CALL VOTE
	<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 Agenda
The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM
The next meeting is scheduled on June 12, 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.