

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

**DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2025  
TIME: 9:06 AM**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING AGENDA**

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| <b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>  |  |
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| 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                                     |  |
| <b>BOARD STAFF:</b>  |  |
| Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director                   |  |
| Latrice Herndon, MS – Executive Director                     |  |
| Aisha Nixon, Acting Compliance Officer                       |  |
| Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator                    |  |
| Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist                    |  |
| Tiffany Johnson, Health Licensing Specialist                 |  |
| <b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>  |  |
| Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel          |  |

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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| <p><b>OS-1015-01</b></p> | <p><b>INTRODUCTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b><br/> Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson<br/> Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member<br/> Imani Lewis, DDS – Board Member<br/> Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Board Member<br/> Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member<br/> Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Board Member</p> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b><br/> LaTrice Herndon, MS – Executive Director<br/> Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Board Investigator<br/> Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist<br/> Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p><b>C. Legal Staff</b><br/> Carla Williams - Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p><b>D. Department Staff</b><br/> Matteo Lieb - Director of Government Relations, Office of Government Relations</p> <p><b>E. Public Attendance (Please type your Name and Organization in the Webex chat)</b><br/> Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director, DC Dental Society<br/> Sara Hoverter – Center for Community Health Innovation, Georgetown Law<br/> Shavonne R. Healy, MSDH, RDH – Capital Coalition of Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants<br/> Lucciola Lambruschini, DDS – Director of Dental Services, Catholic Charities<br/> J. R. Clark – Squire, Patton, &amp; Boggs/American Association of Dental Boards<br/> Michelle L Brown, RDH<br/> Toni Reeves/Reed. DH<br/> Anonymous caller ending in 13</p> |
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| <p><b>OS-1015-02</b></p> | <p><b>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board moved to accept the <b>October 15, 2025</b>, Open Session Meeting Agenda.<br/> <b>Moved by:</b> Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)<br/> <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)<br/> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |
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**OS-1015-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

**Motion:** The Board moved to approve the **September 17, 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-1015-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Ms. LaTrice Herndon**, Interim Executive Director of the Board, started her report by welcoming all attendees into the meeting. She then informed everyone that the Board of Dentistry Renewals opened on October 6, 2025 for all eligible licenses and registrations (Dentists, Dental Assistants, and Dental Hygienists) that expire on December 31, 2025. Renewal notifications were emailed to eligible licenses on October 6, 2025. The renewal notification can be found on the Board's website along with the renewal link, and will be sent biweekly via email. Licensees can reach out to the Board's email ([dcbod@dc.gov](mailto:dcbod@dc.gov)) or visit the Board's website (<https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/146102>) if they have any questions.

Next she brought attention to the Board of Dentistry meeting dates, stating that they were approved at the September meeting, and took time to go over the current dentistry census. Lastly, Ms. Herndon informed the attendees of the current vacancy for Consumer Member on the Board, and advised that people can visit the MOTA (Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments) website to review the qualifications and apply if they would like.

This concluded Ms. Herndon's report.

**1. DC Health Updates**

- Renewals
- We now have our first approved **Dental Assistant Level III** and we look forward to many more to come!

**2. BOD Calendar**

- October 15, 2025 (Virtual)
- November 19, 2025 (Virtual)
- December 17, 2025 (**In-Person & Virtual**)
- January 21, 2026 (Virtual)
- February 18, 2026 (Virtual)
- March 18, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- April 15, 2026 (Virtual)
- May 20, 2026 (Virtual)
- June 17, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- July 15, 2026 (Virtual)
- August (Recess)
- September 16, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)

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|                          | <p>3. <b>BOD Census</b><br/> Dentists (<b>1,369</b>)<br/> Dental Hygienists (<b>554</b>)<br/> Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (<b>124</b>)<br/> Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia &amp; Nitrous Oxide (<b>110</b>)<br/> Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (<b>3</b>)<br/> Dental Assistant Level 1 (<b>248</b>)<br/> Dental Assistant Level 2 (<b>700</b>)<br/> <b>Dental Assistant Level 3 (1)</b><br/> Teaching Licenses for Dentists (<b>4</b>)<br/> Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (<b>0</b>)</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: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</a></p> |                             |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| <p><b>OS-1015-05</b></p> | <p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Carla Williams</b>, Senior Assistant General Counsel, took this time to highlight that despite there being some discussions about the difficulty of the process, the District now has it’s first Dental Assistant Level 3 registered.</p> <p>This concluded Ms. William’s report.</p>  |                             |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| <p><b>OS-1015-06</b></p> | <p><b>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</b></p> <p><b>Michelle Latortue, DDS</b>, Chairperson of the Board, informed the attendees of the importance of the role of the Consumer Member on the Board. She advocated that this role helps the Board to be able to see things from the viewpoint of the customer which is integral in its ability to continue to serve the public.</p> <p>This concluded Dr. Latortue’s report.</p>   |                             |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| <p><b>OS-1015-07</b></p> | <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b></p> <p>The following applications were approved from <b>September 9, 2025 – October 7, 2025:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Cheyenne</td> <td>Searcy</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chloe</td> <td>Latessa</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Montanah</td> <td>Jordan-Wallace</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jana</td> <td>Washington</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maria</td> <td>DallaVia</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karla</td> <td>Rodriguez</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gabriel</td> <td>Flores</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> </table>  | Cheyenne                    | Searcy | DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I | Chloe | Latessa | DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I | Montanah | Jordan-Wallace | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II | Jana | Washington | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II | Maria | DallaVia | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II | Karla | Rodriguez | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II | Gabriel | Flores | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II |
| Cheyenne                 | Searcy  | DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I   |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| Chloe                    | Latessa   | DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I   |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| Montanah                 | Jordan-Wallace  | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| Jana                     | Washington  | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| Maria                    | DallaVia  | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| Karla                    | Rodriguez   | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |
| Gabriel                  | Flores  | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II |        |                           |       |         |                           |          |                |                             |      |            |                             |       |          |                             |       |           |                             |         |        |                             |

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| Darylquisher   | Hill             | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II        |
| Yulissa  | Herrera - Perea  | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II        |
| Avia   | Paul             | DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL III       |
| Kaitlin  | Edens            | DENTAL HYGIENIST                   |
| Lourdy   | Merzler          | DENTAL HYGIENIST                   |
| Jobren   | Dingle           | DENTIST                            |
| Youstina   | Robil            | DENTIST                            |
| Nour   | Gowharji         | DENTIST                            |
| Olubunmi   | Olusada          | DENTIST                            |
| Tulsa  | Patil            | DENTIST                            |
| Farnaz   | Valaei           | DENTIST                            |
| Dileep   | Thomas           | DENTIST                            |
| Danielle   | Aiken            | DENTIST                            |
| Anupama  | Kare             | DENTIST                            |
| Meghan   | Zorc             | DENTIST                            |
| Mina   | Ebrahimi Daryani | DENTIST                            |
| Joyce  | Forbes           | DENTIST                            |
| Keandra  | Stewart-Johnson  | DENTIST                            |
| Min Jung   | Hwang            | DENTIST                            |
| Kaitlin  | Edens            | LOCAL ANESTHESIA AND NITROUS OXIDE |
| <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board moved to accept the <b>September 9, 2025 – October 7, 2025</b>, Consent Agenda.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)</p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |                  |                                    |

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****OS-1015-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**Ms. Kera Johnson**, Legislative Affairs Specialist, was not able to attend the meeting so the Legislative Updates listed below were read to the attendees by Tiffany Johnson:

**Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) September Meeting:**

- The CDC's ACIP met on September 18 and 19 to discuss schedules and recommendations for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV), Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines.
  - MMRV vaccines:
    - The Committee voted to separate the Varicella vaccine from the MMR vaccine for children younger than 4 years of age as their first dose of protection.
    - ACIP voted to still approve and pay for administrations of VFC administered MMRV doses for 12 months to 18 months.
  - COVID-19 vaccines
    - ACIP voted to recommend adults ages 65+ to be vaccinated on an individual-based decision-making basis.
    - ACIP voted to recommend children aged 6 months to adults aged 64 years to be vaccinated with COVID-19 on individual-based decision-making basis with an emphasis that the risk-benefit of vaccination is most favorable for individuals who are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease and lowest for an individual who is not at an increased risk
    - The Committee voted no on whether a COVID-19 vaccine should require a prescription from a provider.
    - ACIP voted to recommend that healthcare providers engage in a conversation with COVID-19 that discusses the risks and uncertainties.

**Community Health Temporary Amendment Act of 2025:**

- On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Henderson introduced the *Community Health Emergency Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0350](#)), the *Community Health Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025* ([PR26-0297](#)), and the *Community Health Temporary Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0351](#))
  - The legislation amends the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revisions Act of 1985 and the Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Amendment Act of 2022 to authorize healthcare providers in the District to order and administer immunizations recommended by competent medical and public health organizations designated by the Director of the Department of Health. The legislation will also allow pharmacies to administer the COVID-19 vaccine without a doctor's prescription.
- All three forms of the legislation were retained by the Council. The Emergency was signed by the Mayor and enacted on September 22, 2025, with an expiration date of December 21, 2025. The Resolution was approved on September 17, 2025.

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| <b>OS-1015-09</b> | <b><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></b><br><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><u>Credentials &amp; Audits:</u> Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts</b><br/>No report</li><li><b><u>Communications:</u> Dr. Michelle Latortue</b><br/>No report</li><li><b><u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi</b><br/>No report</li></ol>  |
| <b>OS-1015-10</b> | <b><u>BOARD CONSIDERATION FOR A VICE CHAIR</u></b><br><br><p><b>Ms. Carla Williams</b>, Senior Assistant General Counsel, took this time to discuss with the Board the process of nominating and electing a vice chairperson. Unlike the Chairperson who is designated by the Mayor, the Vice Chairperson is nominated and elected by the board members. The Board can use the time between now and the November Board meeting to decide on nominations and vote on it at the November meeting if they are ready. If more time is needed, the vote can take place at the December meeting. Lastly, she answered questions from the Board members about the role and duties of the Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>This concluded Ms. Williams report on this topic.</p>  |
| <b>OS-1015-11</b> | <b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b><br><b>Please type your name and organization in the chat.</b><br><br><p>J.R. Clark inquired about where the Board was on making a decision on which compact to go with. Dr. Latortue and Ms. Williams both answered and advised that the Board is still in determination about the compacts and there is no set time frame to make a decision.</p> <p>Shavonne Healy provided a brief background on the Capitol Coalition, then spoke the pathway to licensure for foreign trained dentists to become hygienists. She stated that Dental Hygiene is a separate prevention focused profession, and that a new pathway should be intended to meet the dental workforce shortage, not the dental hygienist shortage. Ms. Healy also informed the Board that spoke at a town hall about pending proposals nationwide to address workforce shortages.</p> <p>Shavonne Healy and Michelle Brown opined that the shortage is due to a retention issue, and that the dental hygienist community is happy to share what is driving them out of clinical practice. Several reasons for non-retention were discussed as well as before Ms. Williams requested that Ms. Healy put all these concerns and any others in writing for the Board to consider.</p> <p>Mr. Gallagher advised of 2 legislative items that were implemented over the last month. The first is an increase in Medicaid fees for dental care since 2007. The second is a bill titled "Future Smiles Program" which establishes a training program for high school students to become trained and enter the workforce as Dental Assistant Level IIs. Lastly Mr. Gallagher stated he looks forward to working with the Capital Coalition of Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants on the issues discussed.</p> |

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|  | <p>Mr. Matteo Lieb confirmed that Fiscal Year 2026 has started with a lot of legislative activity. In addition to the bills mentioned by Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Lieb informed the attendees of the Committee on Health hearing on October 30, 2025.</p> <p>Toni Reeves, stated that she is in support of her colleagues that Dental Hygienists should be included in the conversation in regards to foreign trained dentists becoming hygienists.</p> <p>This concluded the Comments from the public</p> |
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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

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| <b>OS-1015-12</b> | <b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b><br><br>The Board member should move as follows:<br><br>“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).” |  |
|                   | <b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b><br><br><b>Motion:</b> The Board moved close the Open Session meeting.<br><b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)<br><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  |  |
|                   | <b>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.</b>  |  |

**This ends the Open Session Meeting**  
**The Open Session ended at 10:01 AM**  
**The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).