

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

**DATE: September 17, 2025
TIME: 9:45 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY**Open Session Meeting Minutes September 17, 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-0917-01

INTRODUCTIONS:

A. Board Members

Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson
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B. Board Staff

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Aisha Nixon – Associate Director, Office of Health Professional Licensing
Boards, Acting Compliance Officer
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Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist

C. Legal Staff

Carla Williams - Senior Assistant General Counsel

D. Department Staff

Kera Johnson – Legislative Affairs Specialist, Office of Government Relations

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 – American Association of
Dental Boards
Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD – President, American Association of
Dental Boards
Lucciola Lambruschini, DDS – Director of Dental Services, Catholic
Charities
Kaitlyn Bison – The Council of State Governments
Kimber Cobb – Executive Director, American Association of Dental
Boards
David Hankey
Matt Rossetto – American Dental Association
J. R. Clark – American Association of Dental Boards
Sheli Cobler – Central Regional Dental Testing Services
Matt Gialanella, DMD
Lourdes Sanchez

OS-0917-02	OPEN SESSION AGENDA: Motion: The Board moved to accept the September 17, 2025 , Open Session Meeting Agenda. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.
OS-0917-03	OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Motion: The Board moved to approve the July 16, 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-0917-04	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Ericka Walker , Executive Director of the Board, started her report by informing the attendees that this meeting was the last Board meeting for Fiscal Year 2025, and that Fiscal Year 2026 starts on October 1, 2025. Regarding Board of Dentistry Renewals, for all licensees who were licensed before June 16, 2024, their license will expire on December 31, 2025. The portal will tentatively open on October 1, 2025. All licensees eligible to renew will receive a renewal notice via email so it is imperative that we have the most up to date email address on file. If your address has changed, please send an email to dcbod@dc.gov to inform us that you need your email updated. If you do not renew your license by December 31, 2025, you will then be in the "late renewal period" which then imposes an \$85.00 late fee on addition to the fees for your renewal application and criminal background check. Lastly, please note that once you renew your license, your new expiration date will be based on your birth date. Next, Mrs. Walker informed the public that CDCA, WREB, CITA, and ADEX have finalized their merger to form the American Board of Dental Examiners. This is the organization behind the most widely accepted dental licensure exams in the United States and is the nation's leading dental exam administrator. For more information, contact Stephane Beeler, Director of Communications, Board Affairs & Events for ADEX at sbeeler@adextesting.org The American Board of Dental Examiners will hold their Annual Meeting and Educators Conference on October 15-19, 2025, as part of the Dental Testing and Regulatory Summit in Great Vine, TX. There may be some Board members who attend the conference. Any information they received from the conference will be shared during the November Board meeting. Mrs. Walker then advised everyone that the Board meeting dates for FY 26 are listed on

the agenda. If there is a need to change the October 15, 2025 meeting date due to the conference, or the meeting dates in November and December due to the holidays, the updates will be posted on the Board's website. She pointed out the Board Census and discussed the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointment, advising the attendees that there is still an opening on the Board for a Consumer Member. If anyone is interested in this position or any other positions on any of the Health Professional Board, they can visit : <https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats> to review and apply for the positions.

This ended her report.

1. **DC Health Updates**

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**)

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1,353**)
Dental Hygienists (**552**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**124**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**109**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**3**)
Dental Assistant Level 1 (**246**)
Dental Assistant Level 2 (**692**)
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>

<p>OS-0917-05</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, began her report by discussing the changes to the Health Occupations Revision Act that were added last year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first change addresses telehealth. It allows a professional licensed in the District to provide telehealth as long as it is consistent with the applicable standard of care, within the scope of practice authorized by the District, and not prohibited by any law or regulations. This one is optional. 2. The second change allows Dental Hygienists to now administer vaccines under direct supervision of the dentist provided they are certified by the Board. Regulations need to be put in place that will outline the process on how to apply for the certification, what the requirements will be, any renewal Continuing Education requirements, etc. This one is mandatory. 3. It is unclear on whether any regulations or training will be needed for the following 2 changes: 4. Prescribing topical prescriptions or over-the-counter fluoride preparations and topical antimicrobial oral rinses, under general supervision of a dentist; and 5. Performing blood glucose 6. The last change allows Dental Hygienist to work pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement with the dentists to provide Dental Hygiene services in a public health setting. The Board is required to enact rule making to implement this change. <p>These changes will be discussed more during the subcommittee reports.</p> <p>Next, she advised that there is now language in the HORA that establishes the cost maximums a healthcare entity can charge for providing personal medical records to patients who request them. It also sets out the index chart for what can be charged. Ms. Williams suggested that this information be posted to the Board’s website to ensure the dental community has access to the information and is charging fees consistent with what is now the law.</p> <p>This ended Ms. Williams report.</p>															
<p>OS-0917-06</p>	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</p> <p>Michelle Latortue, DDS, Chairperson of the Board,</p> <p>No report</p>															
<p>OS-0917-07</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>The following applications were approved from July 9, 2025 – September 9, 2025:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Sanaiya</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Johnson</td> <td style="width: 33%;">DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elda</td> <td>Ramos</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Irma</td> <td>Flores</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Randy</td> <td>Vigiano</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tobechi</td> <td>Ajah</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> </table>	Sanaiya	Johnson	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Elda	Ramos	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Irma	Flores	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Randy	Vigiano	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Tobechi	Ajah	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
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Jacorien Mohamed	Van Jaarsveld Abdelrahman	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Julian	Wilkins	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Gabriela	Galvan	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Natasha	Jallorina	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Robin	Richardson	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Jacklyn	Garcia	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Johana	Rodriguez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Jennifer	Concepcion	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Aziya	Butler	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Gabriela	Alfaro	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Cierra	Cox	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Zoe	Graham	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Pamela	Flores Nunez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Toye	Brown	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Ivanyeli	Varona	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Moroni	Velasquez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Brittney	Gaskin	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
JOSE	MENDEZ	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Jolee	McCarthy	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Kayla	Boyd	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Merlica	Faustin	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Shameya	Vass	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Tiina	Hobbs	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Harold	Lett	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Barton	Santos	DENTIST
Zachary	Jones	DENTIST
Zainab	Sheikh	DENTIST
Jenniffer	Rojas Soto	DENTIST
Destiny	Bean	DENTIST
Ali	Adil	DENTIST
OSNA	SAMADY	DENTIST
Ahmed	Shujairi	DENTIST
Henry	Lotsof	DENTIST
Lukman	Beckles	DENTIST
Chandni	Desai	DENTIST
Dema	Hilmi	DENTIST
Alejandro	Uribe-Luzardo	DENTIST
Albert	Lee	DENTIST
Matthew	Schulz	DENTIST
Terry	Norris	DENTIST
Micah	Putnam	DENTIST
Jamila	Chase	DENTIST
Erum	Rahman	DENTIST

Katarina	Morgan	DENTIST
Christine	Kim	DENTIST
Amber	Channer	DENTIST
Alphonzo	Davidson	DENTIST
Edward	Neugent	DENTIST
Zinah	Shakir	DENTIST
Charles	Paramore	LOCAL ANESTHESIA
Merlica	Faustin	LOCAL ANESTHESIA
Shameya	Vass	LOCAL ANESTHESIA

Motion: The Board moved to accept the **July 9, 2025 – September 9, 2025**, Consent Agenda
Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)
Seconded by: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**OS-0917-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Ms. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, started her report by informing the attendees that the Council returned from recess on September 15, 2025. They will now resume with their regular business, holding hearings, and introducing new legislation. There has not been anything new yet but Ms. Johnson will share it with the Board. Next she informed the attendees that both the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025 and the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget support Act of 2025 were signed by the Mayor on September 4th and are currently under Congressional Review. Once it is signed into law, she will let the Board know.

This ended Ms. Johnson's report.

OS-0917-09 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES**1. Credentials & Audits: Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts**

Dr. Eric Bradshaw started his report by recommending that the Board approve the following organizations for Dental professionals to obtain CEs:

- a. Achieve CE
- b. American Dental Association
- c. Biologix Solutions, LLC
- d. Concord Dental & Medical Seminars
- e. DC Dental Society
- f. NetCE
- g. Proctor & Gamble CE

Motion: The Board moved to accept the listed providers to be posted on the Board of Dentistry's website as pre-approved CE providers.

Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Communications: Dr. Michelle Latortue

No Report

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

Dr. Imani Lewis began his report by reviewing the three recommendations that the Regulatory Affairs Sub-Committee discussed at the July 16, 2025 Board meeting. Those recommendations and motions are as follows:

- a. Botox and dermal fillers can be used for dental purposes
- b. Approve a pathway for foreign-trained dentists to become a dental hygienist
- c. Dental Assistant Level I can take radiographs

The Board members then engaged in discussions about the recommendations and the following motions were made:

Motion 1: The Board moved that Derma Fillers and Botox or similar agents can be used for dental purposes.

Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2A: The Board moved to look into a pathway for foreign trained dentists to become dental hygienists.

Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Yay: Dr. Bradshaw, Dr. Lewis, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Anamelechi; **Nay:** Mrs. Campbell
Board discussed.

Motion 2B: The Board moved to instead of having the subcommittee start looking into this pathway, for the Board to engage stakeholder discussions and to look at the need for it as a Board.

Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3: The Board moved that Dental Assistants Level I have the ability to take radiographs with certification.

Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, the Subcommittee would like the Board's input on how it should prioritize the list of action items that have been brought to their attention. Those items are as follows:

1. The Dental Hygienist Collaborative Practice Agreement
2. Dental Assistant Level Is having the ability to do radiographs
3. Dental Hygienists having the ability to administer vaccines
4. Discussing Telehealth dental visits
5. Dental practices being owned by non-dentists
6. Making the policy prohibiting alcohol from being served in dental offices into a regulation
7. Discussing the Dental Licensing Compacts
8. Mobile dental vans
9. Reviewing the levels of supervision for Dental Assistants
10. Blood glucose testing
11. Discussing topical prescriptions being written by Dental Hygienists

The Board settled upon prioritizing the following items: (1) Collaborative Practice Agreement, (2) Dental Assistant Level I taking radiographs, (3) making the "No Alcohol" Policy into a regulation, (4) Dental Licensing Compacts, and (5) Dental practices being owned by non-dentists.

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OS-0917-10	<p><u>EMAIL REQUEST FROM AN APPLICANT</u></p> <p>To the District of Columbia Board of Dentistry:</p> <p>My name is ***** , a foreign-trained dentist and currently a licensed dental hygienist in the state of Florida. I respectfully write to you, from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of all foreign-trained dentists who, like me, have worked tirelessly to continue our professional careers in the United States and to provide quality care to our patients.</p> <p>After years of preparation in our home countries and after meeting strict requirements here, many of us have successfully passed the CDCA (Commission on Dental Competency Assessments) examinations. I personally have passed these exams and currently hold a Florida dental hygiene license.</p> <p>I sincerely request that this honorable board consider convening a meeting to evaluate the possibility of approving a law similar to the one in Florida, allowing professionals like myself to work as dental hygienists in Washington, D.C. This would create job opportunities for many and, most importantly, provide more patients with competent and compassionate care.</p> <p>Sincerity, ethics, and a deep commitment to service are the values that define us. With humility and hope, I urge you to consider this petition that could positively impact many lives.</p> <p>May God bless you.</p> <p>Per the motion from the Sub-committee reports, The Board will engage stakeholder discussions and to look at the need for this matter as a Board</p>
OS-0917-11	<p><u>COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS (CSG) COMPACT PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>The Council of State Governments gave a presentation on the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. Then a representative from the American Dental Society addressed questions posed by the Board.</p>
OS-0917-12	<p><u>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) COMPACT</u></p> <p>AADB previously gave a presentation about their compact at the July 16, 2025, Board meeting. Several representatives were present and addressed additional questions the Board had regarding their compact.</p>

OS-0917-13 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Please type your name and organization in the chat.

Lucciola Lambruschini, DDS invited the Board to participate in the monthly meetings of the DC Oral Health Coalition so they can collaborate and bring awareness of oral health to DC residents. She also briefly spoke on her journey as a foreign trained dentist who is now licensed as a dentist in the District.

Kurt Gallagher thanked the Board for approving the DC Dental Society as a CE provider. He also informed the Board that the DC Dental Society would like to be engaged as a stakeholder and work with the Board on upcoming issues.

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CLOSING

OS-0917-14	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> 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 close the Open Session Meeting. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Bradshaw (Board Member) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (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 12:10 pm.
The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 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.