

## **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Date: July 21, 2021**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MEETING**

**MINUTES**

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD - Chairperson	Present
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Vice Chairperson	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey- Baker, RDH- Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Excused Absence
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0721-01

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am an a quorm was maintained.

- **Board Member**  
Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD-Chairperson -Present  
Dr. John Bailey, DDS-Vice Chairperson-Present  
Dr. Judith Henry, DMD-Board Member-Present  
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS-Board Member-Present  
Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH-Board Member-Present  
Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.-Consumer Board Member-Present
- **Board Staff**  
Ericka Walker, MSW-Executive Director- Present  
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present  
Rebecca Odrick, Investigator- Present  
Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
- **Legal Staff**  
Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel- Present
- **Public Attendance**  
Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director-DC Dental Society- Present  
Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, DDS-DC Dental Society, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society  
Urvi Patel, MHA-Oral Health Program Manager- Department of Health  
Danyelle Gowie, MPH-Public Health Analyst- Department of Health  
Asley Vann, MPP-HPSA Data Analyst-Department of Health  
Nivin Tien, DDS, MD  
Allen Robinson  
Zach Saltman, DMD  
Jarred Abel  
Brett Greene  
Timothy Kunkle

OS-0721-02

**Board Action:**

Acceptance of the **July 21, 2021**, meeting agenda.

**Motion: The Board voted to accept the July 21, meeting agenda.**

**Moved by: Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, Board Member**

**Seconded by: Dianne Smith, Esq., Consumer Board Member**

**Motion Passed unanimously**

OS-0721-03

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

**Board Action:**

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **June 16, 2021**, meeting.

**Motion: The Board voted to approve the minutes as written.**  
**Moved by: Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, Board Member**  
**Seconded by: Judith Henry, Board Member**  
**Motion Passed unanimously**

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

**OS-0721-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry welcomed all Board Members, Staff and guests to the Open Session Meeting. On July 12, 2021, the DC Health staff returned to work in a new office work schedule. That means that some staff will be working 3 to 5 days a week in the office and some staff will be on a 1 to 2 day telework schedule. The DC Health processing center has fully reopened it's public service counter Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, no appointments are needed.

The upcoming Board meeting dates, conferences and census reports are located on the agenda and that concluded Mrs. Walkers report.

1. **BOD Calendar**
  - July 21, 2021
  - August 2021 – Recess
  - September 15, 2021
  - October 20, 2021
  - November 17, 2021
  - December 15, 2021
2. **BOD Conferences**
  - The AADB 138th Annual Meeting
  - San Antonio, Texas
  - October 30-31, 2021
3. **BOD Census**
  - Dentists (1333)
  - Dental Hygienists (518)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (103)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (60)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (2)
  - Dental Assistant Level 1 (129)
  - Dental Assistant Level 2 (603)
  - Teaching Licenses for Dentists (1)
  - Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)
4. District of Columbia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan
  - <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>

OS-0721-05 **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

There was no report from the Board Attorney

OS-0721-06 **BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Board Chairperson, Wesley Thomas, DMD, welcomed all Board Members, Staff, Members of the Public to the July 21, 2021, Open Session Board Meeting. Dr. Thomas informed the Board Members and members of the Public that the Board of Dentistry have been working on the dental anesthesia regulations since as far back as 2014 and perhaps even longer. After many reviews, inputs from societies organizations and so many more we have by due process provided several opportunities for the public comment and provide input to those regulations.

Those Regulations were finally approved by the Council and published on July 17, 2020. Last year, the dental anesthesia regulations was law, and I am incredibly proud of the integrity and the fairness that went into what lead the process that ultimately protects the residents of the District of Columbia.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-0721-07 **LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only**

<http://dccouncil.us/events/list>

OS-0721-08 **DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES**

1. Credentials & Audits- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey -Take home exam for Dentist and Dental Hygienist

Dr. John Bailey, Vice Chairperson and Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton are working on the take home exams to update the information. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, is teaming up with the credentialing committee to help work on the exams.

2. Communications- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH-CEU requirement email

3. Regulatory Affairs- Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.

OS-0721-09 **BOARD ACTION:**

Board to discuss and vote on delegating the authority to the Executive Director to review and approve "clean" examination and endorsement applications, license renewals license reactivations and reinstatements.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 14, 2021, DC Health stop receiving paper applications. All application types are processed through the online licensing system. To ensure applications are processed efficiently, the Executive Director request the authority to also approve the "clean" applications.

OS-0721	<u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u>
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**CLOSING**

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

The Board member should move as follows:

“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).”

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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 Minutes, next meeting is scheduled for **September 15, 2021**.

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