

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE, 2nd FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: April 20, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey – Baker, RDH –Interim Vice-Chairperson	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
Arian Gibson, Interim Associate Director	Present
Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0420-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. as a quorum was maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson (Present) Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH – Interim Vice-Chairperson (Present) Dr. Judith Henry, DDS – Board Member (Present) Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Board Member (Present) Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (Present) Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (Present) • Board Staff Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (Present) Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (Absent) Rebecca Odrick, Investigator (Present) Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist (Present) • Legal Staff Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel (Present) • Public Attendance Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director – DC Dental Society (Present) Mr. Thomas Merritt – TEND (Present) Mr. Max Brown – TEND; Group360 (Present) Gaurav Dhiman - DC Health (Present) Ms. Shavonne Healy, RDH (Present) Ms. Kathleen Marcus, Regulatory Counsel – DOCS Education (Present) Ms. Sara Hoverter, Public Health Attorney - Georgetown Univ. (Present)
OS-0420-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of the April 20, 2022, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the April 20, 2022, Meeting Agenda Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-0420-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 16, 2022, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the March 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Moved by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>

STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0420-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry, welcomed all Board Members, Staff and Guests to the Open Session meeting. Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees about upcoming Board meeting dates and current census reports which are located on the Open Session Agenda. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine, the District of Columbia’s primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations within the District. Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees that she attended the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Mid-Year Conference which took place virtually on April 8-9, 2022. Some topics covered during the conference included <i>Oral Health, Evidence & Data Driven Approaches to Achieve Better Healthcare Equity</i>, and <i>Trends in Dental Education</i>. Mrs. Walker shared that AADB will also host its in-person conference in Asheville, North Carolina in October 2022. This concluded Mrs. Walkers’ report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 20, 2022 - May 18, 2022 - June 15, 2022 - July 20, 2022 - August 2022 (Recess) - September 21, 2022 2. <u>BOD Census</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dentists (1,092) Dental Hygienists (432) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (90) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (48) Dental Assistant Level 1 (82) Dental Assistant Level 2 (429) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (2) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0) 3. <u>District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates</u> https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine

OS-0420-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees that the requirement for healthcare workers to get the booster shot has been rescinded and will not be enforced per the Notice of Rescission of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking that was recently issued by the DC Department of Health. However, all healthcare workers/licenses are required to be fully vaccinated. This concluded Ms. Williams' report.</p>	
OS-0420-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. John Bailey, Interim Chairperson for the Board of Dentistry, indicated that he also attended the AADB Mid-Year Conference, which was held on April 8-9, 2022, virtually. He will be reporting on information received at the conference during next month's meeting.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0420-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-0420-08	<p><u>BOARD EXAMS FOR LICENSURE</u></p> <p>The Board discussed exams that are acceptable for the Dentists and Dental Hygienists license types. Dr. John Bailey, Interim Chairperson, indicated that the CDCA/CITA/WREB exams are all under the umbrella of the ADEX (formally known as the NERB). Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees that in the case of the inquiry that was received by the Board, if an applicant is applying for licensure via endorsement, the Board will accept the ADEX (NERB) or any other regional or state dental board exam that is deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent in addition to meeting the active practice requirements as indicated in the regulations.</p>	
OS-0420-09	<p><u>DC LAW EXAM FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board discussed the possibility of DC Law Exams for the Dental Assistant license type.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to add the DC Law Exam to the Dental Assistant (Level I & II) regulations for rulemaking. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member) Motion passes unanimously.</p>	

OS-0420-10	<p><u>DENTAL HYGIENIST REVIEW SUGGESTIONS</u></p> <p>Ms. Shavonne Healy, RDH shared her concerns regarding the experiences of members in the community who have difficulty obtaining quality oral care. Ms. Healy suggested that the Board should put together a coalition or task force which will include stakeholders of all levels (professionals, educators, etc.) in order to address the needs of the community as well the expansion of the Scope of Practice for the Dental Hygiene license type and to provide an avenue where their concerns can be voiced.</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director of the DC Dental Society, in support of Ms. Healy’s comments, suggested that the Board should seek public input prior to drafting regulations and discussing with stakeholders about what is occurring in the practices.</p> <p>Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. (Board Member), encouraged members of the public to send in their ideas and concerns to the Board as they are welcomed especially during Open Session Meetings.</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, reminded meeting attendees that the Board is a regulatory body, not an advocate for the professions as the societies and organizations. Ms. Williams shared that before any rulemaking moves forward, there is a public commenting period of which members of the public have the opportunity to voice their concerns, comments, and opinions.</p> <p>Ms. Healy inquired if there was any other way to make suggestions and present ideas other than by emailing them to the Board. Ms. Williams answered in the affirmative, that in sending in ideas/suggestions and having them presented to the Board during Board Open Session Meeting was the most effective way of doing so.</p>
OS-0420-11	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey/Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) informed meeting attendees that the subcommittee is currently working on a Dental Assistant Externship Program in consideration with our neighboring states, Virginia and Maryland. Dr. Jeffries-Morton will be sharing more on this topic during the May meeting. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH No report. 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH Dr. Judith Henry informed meeting attendees that the updates to the Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists & Assistants in the District are still in progress. More information to follow during the next Board Meeting.

OS-0420-12 **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Thomas Merritt (TEND): Considering DC Health operating in a teleworking posture, Mr. Merritt inquired of the possibility of having applicants come to the office to meet with staff to obtain statuses on their applications.

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director, informed Mr. Merritt that DC Health has a two-day telework/three day in office schedule for some staff. Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees that at least one Board staff member is in the office every day. Mrs. Walker also indicated that all inquiries from walk-ins are addressed either in person or provided virtually through Processing Center staff if Board staff is unavailable at that time. Mrs. Walker also addressed the 3rd party authorization form, of which applicants can voluntarily submit the form with their application to allow Board staff to discuss their application with their appointed 3rd party. The form is not mandatory.

*****Correction:** Ms. Shavonne Healy, RDH inquired about the timeframe when Open Session Meeting Minutes are posted on the DC Board of Dentistry website. The Open Session Meeting Minutes are to be posted no later than three business days after the Board Meeting. ***

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CLOSING	
OS-0420-13	<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>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Motion: The Board to close the Open Session meeting. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. (Board Member)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Board voted unanimously.</p>
	<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, next meeting is scheduled for [May 18, 2022.](#)
The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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