

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE, 2nd FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

Date: March 16, 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:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Absent
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-0316-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:04am 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) Cheryle Baptiste, DDS – DC Dental Society (Present) Mr. Thomas Merritt – TEND (Present) Mr. Max Brown – TEND (Present) Ms. Shavonne Healy, RDH (Present) Ms. Janelle Shumaker, Senior Director – Hero Practice Services (Present)
OS-0316-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of the March 16, 2022, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the March 16, 2022, Meeting Agenda Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-0316-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 16, 2022, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the February 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Moved by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>

STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0316-04	<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 below 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 license application checklists are being updated for all license types. Frequently Asked Question pages are also being developed to assist those interested in applying for licensure. She also indicated that at a later time, the Board will discuss what types of exams it would accept for licensing in the District. This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 16, 2022 - 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 (1,076) Dental Hygienists (424) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (88) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (47) Dental Assistant Level 1 (81) Dental Assistant Level 2 (419) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (2) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (1) 3. <u>District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates</u> https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine
OS-0316-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>None</p>
OS-0316-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</u></p>

	<p>Dr. John Bailey, Interim Chairperson for the Board of Dentistry, shared with meeting attendees that he attended the first Interprofessional Board Chair Collaboration (IBCC) Workshop with 7 other DC Board Chairs as established by Mayor Muriel Bowser. DC Health is charged with leading IBCC. Dr. Bailey talked about the missing and DC Health strategies for becoming the healthiest city in America. Dr. Bailey asked the public for suggestions to take back to the workgroup. Ms. Williams recommended that the suggestions should be emailed to Board staff.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey also discussed Project Firstline in which webinars and training sessions will be available to all healthcare professionals every 3rd Wednesday, starting on March 16, 2022. Topics covered includes: Infection Control, Virus, Respiratory Droplets, Respirators, Hand Washing, etc. (The flyer with further information was provided in the Open Session Agenda Materials.)</p> <p>Dr. Bailey discussed information received from the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) regarding the treatment of patients who are given dissolving tablets that kill opioid overdosing. Those patients are to be followed up as the tablets are known to cause erosion, abscesses, and other oral health issues. This concluded Dr. Bailey’s report.</p>	
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0316-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
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OS-0316-08	<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 informed meeting attendees that the subcommittee is currently working on a Dental Assistant Externship Program to include necessary documents and forms. Once the program is ready to launch, dental practices will be informed of the requirements and the process. Part of the process includes dentist registering with dental assistant schools of which the Board must approve the dental practice office and the school. The externship is for dental assistants level II. More information to follow during the April Board Meeting. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH. 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 subcommittee is 	
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	<p>currently drafting updates to the Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists & Assistants in the District. More information to follow during next Board Meeting.</p>
<p>OS-0316-09</p>	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Thomas Merritt (TEND): In response to the Executive Director’s report, Mr. Merritt indicated that a FAQ/Updated checklist for applicants was a good idea and expressed his willingness to exchange ideas. Mr. Merritt also inquired about the status of the Dental Scope of Practice updates. Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. (Board Member) addressed his concerns by informing him that the updates for the Scope of Practice for all three license types are currently underway</p> <p>Ms. Shavonne Healy: Ms. Healy inquired about what were the driving factors behind the expansion of the Dental Assistant & Dental Hygienist Scope of Practices. Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker (Board Member) addressed her question by reiterating that the Board was reviewing the Scope of Practice for all three license types for updates. Dr. John Bailey, (Interim Chairperson) added that, in respect to how healthcare has evolved as a result of the H1N1 and COVID-19 pandemics, this was an opportunity to re-evaluate how all three license types could be more involved</p> <p>Ms. Healy also inquired if the Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists were being evaluated on a national level, of which Dr. Judith Henry (Board Member) affirmed that the Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists was indeed being evaluated from a national level.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-0316-11	<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: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (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 **April 20, 2022.**
The meeting adjourned at 9:39am

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