

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

Date: December 15, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD – Excused Absence	Excused Absence
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	Excused Absence
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD - Associate Deputy Director	Present
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Absent
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, 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-1215-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:08am 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 (Excused Absence) Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (Present) • Board Staff Frank Meyers, JD - Associate Deputy Director (Present) Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (Present) Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (Absent) Rebecca Odrick, Investigator (Present) Kathleen Ibeh, 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. Cheryle Baptiste, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society and DC Dental Society (Present)
OS-1215-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of the December 15, 2021, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the December 15, 2021 Meeting Agenda Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-1215-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 17, 2021, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the corrected November 17, 2021 meeting minutes to reflect Board Attorney’s attendance. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>

STAFF REPORTS	
OS-1215-04	<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 attendees that this is Associate Deputy Director, Mr. Frank Meyer’s last week with DC Health. This concluded Mrs. Walkers’ report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 15, 2021 - January 19, 2022 - February 16, 2022 - 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 (1,335) Dental Hygienists (528) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (103) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (63) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (3) Dental Assistant Level 1 (132) Dental Assistant Level 2 (598) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (2) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0) 3. District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine
OS-1215-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>None</p>

OS-1215-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. John Bailey indicated his interest in health professionals knowing more about the Narcan program for opioid overdose emergencies.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-1215-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-1215-08	<p><u>2019 AUDIT</u></p> <p>Executive Director, Mrs. Ericka Walker, discussed challenges with the 2019 audit process. In new process, retrieving Continuing Education course completion certificates from the new online system is tedious and time-consuming in comparison to old audit process of sending a letter to 10% sample of licensees and requesting for them to submit Continuing Education course completion certificates.</p> <p><u>BOARD ACTION:</u></p> <p>Motion: The Board to send a letter to the 10% of licensees selected for the 2019 audit to request CEUs. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue (Board Member) The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1215-09	<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 <p>Attorney Williams indicated that the new DC Law Exam questions must go through legal sufficiency before moving forward.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey indicated questions for the new DC Law Exam for Dental & Dental Hygiene license type applicants will be sent to Board Attorney for legal sufficiency before the Executive Director’s final review.</p> <p>Mrs. Walker indicated the possibility of the Law Exam being moved to online application portal is being explored and may occur later. Mrs. Walker suggested moving forward with current process of having applicants download the exam/answer sheet and submit with their application.</p> 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 <p>Judith Henry indicated this subcommittee met on December 3, 2021 and will meet again on January 12, 2022 as new regulations are being drafted.</p> 	

OS-1215-10	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director of the DC Dental Society, discussed challenges experienced by licensees during the application/renewal process. Mrs. Walker, Executive Director, addressed several reasons why an applicant's renewal application could be on hold such as applicants indicating that this is their first renewal cycle when they have a current license with the District. Another reason why dentists (in particular) are on hold is because they're not registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-1215-11	<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: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (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 **January 19, 2022**.
The meeting adjourned at 9:38am

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