

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

Date: January 19, 2022
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	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
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-0119-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:07am 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 (Present) 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-0119-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of the January 19, 2022, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the January 19, 2022 Meeting Agenda Moved by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-0119-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the December 15, 2021 Open Session meeting minutes. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0119-04

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. 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 effective December 27, 2021, DC Health implemented an adjustment to its telework schedule where employees are in the office for two days and teleworking for three days of the week until January 31, 2022. She also stated that the walk-in hours for the Processing Center are from 9am to 1pm, Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Walker also informed attendees that there has been an amendment to the Declaration of the Director of the District of Columbia. As of January 18, 2022, Dental Hygienists have been added to the list of healthcare professionals who are eligible for temporary licensure for 90 days. The following stipulations must be met for eligible healthcare professionals to be granted the temporary license:

- Submit an application
- Must provide proof of licensure in good standing in another state/jurisdiction
- Must provide a National Practitioner Database (NPDB) Self-Query Report
- Clean Criminal Background Check results
- Must attest to being fully vaccinated against COVID-19

This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- 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

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <u>BOD Census</u> Dentists (981) Dental Hygienists (399) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (82) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (47) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (3) Dental Assistant Level 1 (76) Dental Assistant Level 2 (388) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (2) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0) 3. District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine 	
OS-0119-05	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u> None	
OS-0119-06	<u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</u> Dr. John Bailey, Board Chairperson, informed the attendees that he attended the CDCA Annual Meeting of which the Western Regional Examination Board joined; CITA also applied to join the organization. There is a possibility of having one standard ADEX exam for the nation in the near future.	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0119-07	<u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u> http://dccouncil.us/events/list	
OS-0119-08	<u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u> <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 reported that the law exam review questions have been submitted to Board Counsel for review for Dental and Dental Hygienist license types. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH No report. 	

	<p>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH Dr. Judith Henry indicated this subcommittee met on January 12, 2022 and presented the Scope of Practice document. Ms. Carla Williams, Board Counsel, explained the new additions to the proposed Scope of Practice for Dentists. The proposed Scope of Practice for Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants are to follow soon.</p>
OS-0119-09	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director of the DC Dental Society, requested a copy of the amended Declaration of the Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health. Mr. Gallagher also inquired about the drop in number of active licensees from December’s Board Meeting. Mrs. Walker, Executive Director, addressed several reasons for the drop in number, such as licensees opting to renew their license as paid inactive, vaccination status/awaiting the approval (or denial) of their vaccination exemption requests, etc.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-0119-10	<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 **February 16, 2022**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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