

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

Date: April 19, 2023 – In Person
Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Minutes April 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0419-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. as a quorum was maintained.

- **Board Members**

Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Chairperson (**Present**)
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice-Chairperson (**Present**)
Dr. Judith Henry, DMD – Board Member (**Excused Absence**)
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-Austin, Investigator (**Present**)
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)

- **Legal Staff**

Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel (**Present**)

- **DOH Staff**

Matteo Lieb, DOH Legislative Affair Specialist

- **Public Attendance**

Dr. Guy Champaine, Director of Examinations - CDCA/WREB/CITA
Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director - DC Dental Society
Mr. Blake Hite, Georgetown University Law
Ms. Sara Hoverter, Georgetown University Law
Ms. Emily Schneider, Georgetown University Law
Dr. Roya Pilcher
Ms. Tiffini Greene, Consultant – DC Dental Society
Ms. Amy Saunders
Ms. Richael Cobler, Executive Director – CRDTS
Ms. Kimber Cobb, Director of Dental Hygiene Exams – CRDTS
Ms. Cindy Gaskill, Assistant Director of Dental Hygiene Exams – CRDTS
Dr. Donna Afshar
Ms. Dandrea Boston
Ms. Anne Dempsey

OS-0419-02 **OPEN SESSION AGENDA:**

Board Action:

Acceptance of the **April 19, 2023**, meeting agenda

Motion: The Board to accept the **April 19, 2023**, meeting agenda

Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)

Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

OS-0419-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**
Board Action:
Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **March 15, 2023**, meeting.
Motion: The Board to accept the **March 15, 2023**, meeting minutes
Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; (Board Member)
Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0419-04 **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 that the next board meeting would be held virtually on May 17, 2023. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine> and <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox>, the District of Columbia’s primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and Monkeypox within the District. Also, Mrs. Walker provided the link to the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments website and encouraged attendees to visit for more information regarding Board vacancies and how to apply. Additionally, Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees that Mr. Arian Gibson was appointed as the Senior Deputy Director for the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration. Dr. Sharon Lewis remains the interim Director for DC Health.

This concluded Mrs. Walkers’ report.

1. **BOD Calendar**
 - April 19, 2023, **In-person**
 - May 17, 2023
 - June 21, 2023
 - July 19, 2023
 - August 2023 **Recess**
 - September 20, 2023, **In-Person**
2. **BOD Census**
 - Dentists (**1,273**)
 - Dental Hygienists (**531**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**100**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**75**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**1**)
 - Dental Assistant Level 1 (**135**)
 - Dental Assistant Level 2 (**552**)
 - Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**1**)
 - Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**1**)

	<p>3. District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>4. District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</p> <p>5. The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</p>																																																																					
OS-0419-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees about the Final Order that was issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry McNair, DDS https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmng/a/8z000000LtIQ/4QIW9ywc9yVzXwOQpcKyZwYbHJYX.JaZ09mguDNq8sA 																																																																					
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DEN2000255	Furkan Dogan	Endorsement	3/10/2023
DEN2000256	Abasin Safi	Endorsement	3/24/2023
DEN2000257	Chanice Thomas	Examination	3/31/2023
DEN2000258	Adwoa Turkson	Endorsement	3/24/2023
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Motion: The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals.

Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)

Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0419-08	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u> Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist</p> <p>Mr. Lieb informed meeting attendees about two pieces of legislation which are being monitored currently: The <i>Prior Authorization Reform Amendment Act of 2023</i> and the <i>Copay Accumulator Amendment Act of 2023</i>.</p> <p>Additionally, Mr. Lieb also reported on Mayor Bowser’s proposed FY 2024 budget which was released on March 22, 2023. DC Health held its Budget Oversight hearings on April 10, 2023 (public witnesses) and again on April 12, 2023 (DC Health representatives) of which several topics were raised including professional licensing, animal services and school nursing. The Committee on Health will host its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26, 2023, at 11:30am. DC Council will have its first reading on the FY 2024 budget on May 16, 2023 with the second reading to follow on May 30, 2023.</p> <p>Finally, Mr. Lieb informed attendees that DC Health is making significant revisions to the Health Occupations Revision Act. A final review of the revision is currently underway.</p>
OS-0419-09	<p><u>SRTA PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Dr. Guy Champaine of CDCA-WREB-CITA provided a presentation on the ADEX examination for initial licensure. Dr. Champaine provided a brief introduction about the ADEX and DC’s contributions/role in the development of the NERB, now recognized as CDCA-WREB-CITA. He also clarified that ADEX does not administer exams, therefore eliminating conflicts of interest and allows dental boards to establish the content scoring and criteria for their licensure examinations. ADEX is accepted in every state/jurisdiction except New York, Delaware and Nebraska which voted not to participate next year. The ADEX exam includes the OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) portion. He discussed the advantages and different components of the exam.</p> <p>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton inquired about the pass/fail rate for the OSCE portion of the exam and if the OSCE portion of the exam must be successfully passed before moving on to the mannikin portion. Dr. Champaine indicated that the ultimate pass rate is about 99.5% and the ADEX is given in a curriculum-integrated format, which is that each portion given corresponds with where a candidate is in their training as appropriate. Dr. Jeffries-Morton also inquired about how the questions compare to the integrated national board exam. Dr. Champaine responded that the questions for the OSCE are totally clinical and applied, therefore the more experienced the candidate is, the higher their chances of being successful on the exam.</p>
OS-0419-10	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Credentials & Audits: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey Dr. John Bailey indicated that the subcommittee did not have a report as their main focus this month was on the reviewing of applications.

	<p>2. <u>Communications:</u> Vacant No report.</p> <p>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. Ms. Smith/ Attorney Williams reported that the subcommittee has received comments from the Mayor’s office regarding the proposed legislation for the amendments to the scope of practice. Attorney Williams reminded attendees that the Board is not the “last stop” when it comes to decision making on legislation. There were a few items that were addressed which included: Botox or other Neurotoxins approved by the FDA for dental-related procedures, definition of dental-hygiene diagnosis, and determination of the types of supervision of the dental assistants within the regulations.</p>
OS-0419-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher thanked Ms. Williams for the clarification of updates to the proposed/drafted legislation, especially regarding Botox. He also informed meeting attendees of Virginia’s recent decision to authorize dentists to utilize Botox for cosmetic purposes of which he offered to send a copy to the Board for their review and consideration.</p> <p>Ms. Dandrea Boston inquired about the status of her dental assistant application that was submitted to the Board as she did not see her name under the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Ericka Walker, Board Executive Director, indicated that applications are not discussed during Open Session Meetings. However, once the application is reviewed, updates will be provided to her directly.</p> <p>Dr. Roya Pilcher inquired about the status of the Dental Assistant level III proposed legislations. Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, addressed her question by stating that the proposed legislation has moved forward from DC Health and now with the Mayor’s Office and pending their review. Ms. Williams reminded meeting attendees that the process is once the Mayor’s Office moves forward with the proposed rulemaking, there is a 30-day comment period. If there are no changes made, DC Health will publish the final rulemaking. Once it is published, the regulations will take effect. Dr. Roya Pilcher inquired how she could move forward with the Board in pursuing her interest in opening a dental assistant training school in the District. Ms. Williams indicated that the Credentialing and Audit sub-committee has put together a formalized process in place for individuals who want to open a school, which includes working with the Educational Licensure Commission within the Office of State Superintendent on Education (OSSE) as they are responsible for certifying all schools within the District of Columbia. The subcommittee is working on publishing the process/guidelines. Mrs. Ericka</p>

Walker added that the Board is currently waiting for feedback from OSSE relative to what the Board has already finalized. Once received; it will be shared with the public. Dr. Pilcher also expressed her interest in teaching a mini course on sterilization and asked about the Board's position on the matter. Ms. Williams asked her to put her proposal in writing and submit it to be Board for their review and determination if it falls within the scope of the Board or to be directed to OSSE.

Ms. Annie Dempsey inquired whether any decisions have been made regarding the grandfathering status for existing dental assistants. **Ms. Carla Williams** indicated that the grandfathering pathway for licensure ended many years ago. She also informed meeting attendees that grandfathering usually continues for only a period of about a year after a new legislation requiring licensure takes place to allow those with the qualifications the opportunity to obtain licensure/registration. Once the statutory time period set forth in the law ends, there is no grandfathering after that. **Ms. Dempsey** responded by asking why the application checklist regarding registration via grandfathering is still posted on the website. Ms. Williams indicated that was a result of an administrative oversight and will be pulled from the website.

Mr. Blake Hite inquired if a copy of the proposed Dental Assistant bill could be provided with the April meeting minutes as he was unable to locate them with the Open Session Meeting Minutes going back to September. **Ms. Carla Williams** shared that the Dental Assistant bill was on a previous agenda for discussion and deliberation. However, the final version was incorporated with the Dental Hygiene bill. Both were on an agenda, though she was unable to recall the specific month as the Board worked on this project for over a year. Ms. Williams reiterated that the proposed pieces of legislation are now being reviewed at the Mayor's office and nothing has been finalized as of yet. Ms. Williams reminded meeting attendees that she will continue to provide updates verbally. In the meantime, the Board will research to determine which month the bills were presented during open session and let him know.

*****Please note: Board Meeting materials re provided with the Open Session Agenda which is posted at least 2 days prior to the meeting.*****

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Minutes April 19, 2023

CLOSING	
OS-0419-12	<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>Motion: The Board to close the Open Session meeting. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue (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 17, 2023.**
 The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.