

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: February 17, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING

MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD - Chairperson	Present
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS - Board Member	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Excused Absence
Ms. Yolanda Josey- Baker, RDH- Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Excused Absence
Board Member-Vacant	N/A
BOARD STAFF:	
Dr. Sharon W. Lewis, DHA, RN-BC, CPM, Senior Deputy Director	Present
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director	Present
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Gloria Mills, Intern for the DC Board of Dentistry	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0217-01

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Thomas called the Board of Dentistry meeting to order at **9:00am** a quorum was maintained.

Board Members

- Dr. Wesley Thomas, Board Chairperson- Present
- Dr. John R. Bailey, Board Member- Present
- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, Board Member- Excused Absence
- Dr. Judith Henry, Board Member- Present
- Ms. Josey Baker, Board Member- Present
- Ms. Diane Smith, Board Member- Excused Absence

Board Staff

- Dr. Sharon Lewis, Senior Deputy Director-Present
- Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present
- Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director- Present
- Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel- Present
- Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator- Present
- Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
- Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present

Public Attendance

- Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director- DC Dental Society
- Dr. Ladan Basiri, President- DC Dental Society
- Dr. Laura Muhammad, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society
- Dr. Floretta Cuffey Terry, President-Elect, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society

OS-0217-02

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Board Action:

Acceptance of the February 17, 2021, meeting agenda.

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Bailey to accept the Open Session meeting agenda, seconded by Ms. Josey Baker.

Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry, and Ms. Baker all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0217-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **January 27, 2021**, meeting.

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Henry to accept the Open Session meeting minutes from January 27, 2021, seconded by Ms. Baker.

Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry, and Ms. Baker all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0217-04 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Walker welcomed all guests and visitors to the February 17, 2021 Board of Dentistry monthly meeting. Mrs. Walker introduced the new Board Chair Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD, FACD, FICD. The Board is excited to be under the direction of Dr. Thomas, he will be a wonderful asset to the Board and continue to provide great care and service to the Residents and Visitors of the District of Columbia. Along with welcoming Dr. Thomas to the Board as Chairperson, Mrs. Walker congratulated Ms. Carla Williams on her new and well deserved role as Senior Assistant General Counsel. Ms. Williams will continue to be an asset to the Board. During Mrs. Walker's report she informed the Board that The District of Columbia ranked #3 for WalletHubs Best dental health:

<https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-best-worst-dental-health/31498>

1. **BOD Calendar**

- March 17, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021
- June 16, 2021
- July 21, 2021
- August 2021 – Recess
- September 15, 2021
- October 20, 2021
- November 17, 2021
- December 15, 2021

2. **BOD Conferences**

- The AADB Mid-Year Meeting February 27-28, 2021
- The AADB Annual meeting October 30-31, 2021

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (1,288)
Dental Hygienists (509)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (102)
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	<p>Nitrous Oxide (56) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (2) Dental Assistant Level 1 (122) Dental Assistant Level 2 (586) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (3) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)</p> <p>4. District of Columbia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan - https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p>	
OS-0217-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Order 2021-004 <p>Senior Assistant General Counsel Ms. Williams welcomed all members and guests to the meeting and provided an update regarding the Administrative Order and provided a brief statement regarding the updates and changes to the Administrative Order No. 2021-004.</p>	
OS-0217-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Thomas, Board Chair welcomed all members, guests, and staff to the February 17, 2021 monthly meeting. Dr. Thomas thanked Dr. Nesbitt and Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins for their support, wisdom and encouragement in his new role as Board Chair. Dr. Thomas is looking forward to continue in stride with the mission of the Board under the leadership of Dr. Nesbitt and with the assistance of the Board Members and staff. Dr. Thomas is honored and humbled by this opportunity to continue to provide and fulfill the primary service to protect and serve the Residents & Visitors of the District of Columbia.</p> <p>During the Board Chair's report nominations for Vice-Chairperson were taken and will be continued at the March Board meeting.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0217-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p> <p>Motion: <i>No motion, FYI only.</i></p>	
OS-0217-08	<p><u>American Dental Assistants Association:</u> Mandatory Infection Control Education at the State Level</p> <p>Motion: <i>No motion, FYI only.</i></p>	

OS-0217-09	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Credentials & Audits- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey2. Communications- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Newsletter3. Regulatory Affairs- Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. <p>Motion: <i>No motion, FYI only.</i></p>
OS-0217-10	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>The Board welcomed all comments from the public attendees.</p>

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CLOSING		
OS-0217-11	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“Madam 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:</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Bailey to close the Open Session portion of the February 17, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baker.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry and Ms. Baker all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed 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 **March 17, 2021.**

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