

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: June 16, 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 – Vice Chairperson	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Excused Absence
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey- Baker, RDH- Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Board Member-Vacant	Vacant
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Dr. Vito DelVento- Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Excused Absence
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Ashley Balma, 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-0616-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am and a quorum was maintained.

Board Members

- Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD – Chairperson- Present
- Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS- Vice Chairperson- Present
- Dr. Judith Henry, DDS- Board Member- Excused Absence
- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member- Present
- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH- Board Member- Present
- Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ- Consumer Member- Present

Board Staff

- Ericka Walker, MSW-Executive Director- Present
- Dr. Vito DeVento, Executive Director- Present
- Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present
- Rebecca Odrick, Investigator- Present
- Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
- Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present

Legal Staff

- Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel- Present

Public Attendance

- Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, DDS- DC Dental Society, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society
- Mercer May- Capital Results
- Brittany Harris, RDH- DC Dental Hygienist
- Tameem Aziz, Dental Applicant

OS-0616-02 **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Board Action:

Acceptance of the **June 16, 2021**, meeting agenda.

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Bailey to accept the Open Session Meeting Agenda, seconded by Dr. Jeffries-Morton.

Dr. Bailey, Dr. Jeffries-Morton, Ms. Josey Baker and Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0616-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 19, 2021, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Jeffries-Morton to accept the Open Session Meeting Minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting, seconded by Ms. Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey, Dr. Jeffries-Morton, Ms. Josey Baker and Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0616-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Walker welcomed all Board members, staff and guests to the Open Session Meeting. DC Health processing center is open to the public by appointment only (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 8:30am-3:30pm. To schedule an appointment please visit the provided link: http://appts.dcvsim.com . The District of Columbia Governments operational status as of May 3, 2021 was 25% return. June 7, 2021 return was 50%. On July 12, 2021 all Government employees are expected to return to work at 100%.</p> <p>DC Health Launched their online application portal for all healthcare professionals looking to apply for licensure in the District of Columbia. To apply for a license via the online portal please visit the provided link: https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 16, 2021 - July 21, 2021 - August 2021 – Recess - September 15, 2021 - October 20, 2021 - November 17, 2021 - December 15, 2021 2. <u>BOD Conferences</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The AADB Annual meeting October 30-31, 2021 3. <u>BOD Census</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dentists (1320) Dental Hygienists (516) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (102) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (58) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (2) Dental Assistant Level 1 (125) Dental Assistant Level 2 (606)
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	<p>Teaching Licenses for Dentists (1) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)</p> <p>4. District of Columbia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan - https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p>	
OS-0616-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Carla Williams, Board Attorney greeted and welcomed all members, staff and guests. She provided an update on the Dental Assistant Regulations. Dental Assistant Level 1 & Level 2 regulations were separated out and published for a 30 day comment period. No comments were received from the public. The Board will move forward with the next steps in the process.</p>	
OS-0616-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Board Chairperson Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD welcomed all Board members, staff, guests and stakeholders to the June 16, 2021 Open Session meeting. Dr. Thomas thanked Mayor Bowser for her esteemed leadership and overall guidance to the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia. He also thanked and applauded the DC Health Department under the direction of Dr. Nesbitt for her guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic and providing resources to all and helping the District meet the 70% Vaccination Goal set forth by the President of the United States Joseph R. Biden. Dr. Wesley thanked and acknowledged the Board of Dentistry Members and Staff for providing the upmost integrity and professionalism while working diligently to assist the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0616-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-0616-08	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <p>1. Credentials & Audits- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey Dr. Jeffries-Morton and Dr. Bailey provided an update to the Board regarding Credentials & Audits. Both Board members met to review changes in the examination process. Starting with the Dental Examination and will be moving forward to review the Hygiene Examination.</p> <p>2. Communications- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker will be working towards some email communication to go out to all licensees and stakeholders regarding the upcoming renewal for the Board of Dentistry.</p> <p>3. Regulatory Affairs- Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. No Updates/Comments.</p>	

OS-0616-09 **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, DDS of DC Dental Society and Robert T. Freeman Dental Society thanked Dr. Thomas and the Board of Dentistry for their hard work and Professionalism and asked if there were any updates that can be provided to the Societies.

Dr. Thomas Thanked Dr. Baptiste and asked that new applicants for Board of Dentistry begin using the new online application portal provided here:

<https://doh.force.com/dhealthrenewals/s/portal-page>

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CLOSING		
OS-0616-10	<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>	
	ROLL CALL VOTE	
	<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 July 21, 2021.

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