

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: April 21, 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	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Excused Absence
Ms. Yolanda Josey- Baker, RDH- Board Member	Excused Absence
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	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	Excused Absence
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0421-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> The Board of Dentistry Open Session Meeting was called to order at <u>9:00 a.m.</u></p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wesley Thomas, Board Chair- Present • Dr. Jonn R. Bailey, Vice Chair- Present • Dr. Judith Henry, Board Member- Present • Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, Board Member- Excused Absence • Ms. Yolonda Josey Baker, Board Member- Excused Absence • Ms. Diane Smith, Consumer Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present • Dr. Vito DeLVinto, Executive Director- Present • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present • Rebecca Odrick, Investigator- Present • Carla Williams, Board Attorney- Present <p>Public Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Landan Bisiri, DDS-President of DC Dental Society • Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director of DC Dental Society • Dr. Jessica Rubin, DDS- Capital Kids Dentistry
OS-0421-02	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the April 21, 2021, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the April 21, 2021 Open Session Meeting Agenda by Ms. Smith, Seconded by Dr. Bailey.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry and Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0421-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 17, 2021, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the March 17, 2021 Open Session Meeting Minutes by Dr. Henry, seconded by Dr. Bailey.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry and Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0421-04 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Ericka Walker welcomed all Board Members, staff, and guests to the April 21, 2021 Open Session Meeting. DC Health is currently operating in a telework capacity to continue to serve the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia. The processing center is open to the public on Monday and Wednesday from 9am - 1pm by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, visit the <http://appts.dcvsim.com> website. The current Public Health Emergency Order in place by the Mayor expires May 20, 2021. DC Health encourages everyone to visit the <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/> website for all updated information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine distribution for eligible individuals 16 years or older. DC Health will be launching an online application platform to allow healthcare professionals to apply for initial licensure in the District of Columbia. The public and stakeholders will be informed of the launch date.

Mrs. Walker extended gratitude and thanks to the DC Dental Society for including the Board of Dentistry Sedation and General Anesthesia survey monkey in their April 2021 newsletter. Mrs. Walker concluded her report by Congratulating Dr. Wesley Thomas on being sworn in on April 6, 2021 by the Mayors Office of Talent & Appointments (MOTA) as the new Board of Dentistry Chairperson. Congratulations Dr. Thomas!

1. **BOD Calendar**

- 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 Annual meeting October 30-31, 2021

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (1310)
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 (123)
Dental Assistant Level 2 (600)
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (1)
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)

4. District of Columbia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

- <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>

OS-0421-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Board Attorney Carla Williams provided the Board with an update regarding the Final Rule making for the Dental Exam and continuing education units.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Final Rulemaking: Dentists Exam and Online CEUs (Chapter 42, Dentistry, of Title 17 DCMR, Business, Occupations, and Professional) 	
OS-0421-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Board Chairperson Dr. Thomas greeted and welcomed all Board Members, staff and public guests to the April 21, 2021 Board of Dentistry Open Session Meeting. Dr. Thomas thanked the Board Members and staff for all of their hard work and dedication in ensuring that the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia are the top priority for DC Health Department. Dr. Thomas thanked and acknowledged the wonderful leadership of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DC Health Director, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt for their continued support, guidance and transparency during the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination plan.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0421-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-0421-08	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Credentials & Audits- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey Communications- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH A News Flash Regulatory Affairs- Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. 	
OS-0421-09	<p><u>PPE PAYMENT INFORMATION</u> Board Attorney Ms. Williams recommended that the Board refer complaints about Dental Offices charging for personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division. This approach is similar to how the Maryland Board of Dentistry is handling complaints about dental offices charging for PPE.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State of Maryland Office of The Attorney General Consumer Protection Division DC Dental Society Inquiry 	
OS-0421-10	<p><u>DEFIBRILLATOR REQUIREMENT</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Email inquiry regarding defibrillator requirement in a DC dental office 	

	<p>An email inquiry was sent to the Board asking for defibrillator requirements in a DC dental office. Executive Director, Mrs. Walker, and Board Attorney Ms. Williams informed the Board that the current dentist regulations and law do not require a defibrillator in a dental office. The Dentist and Dental Facility Certification to Administer Sedation or General Anesthesia regulation has a defibrillator requirement, but will only apply once the law is implemented. Ms. Williams recommended that the response to the person making the inquiry is clear to outline that while a defibrillator is not required in the dental provision of the law, they should also look into other parts of the DC law and departments within DC Health if the entity is more akin to a clinic.</p>
OS-0421-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Dr. Basiri, President of DC Dental Society asked the Board “Is there a list for the specific contents of a medical emergency kit for dental offices in DC that we can share with our members?”</p> <p>Board Attorney Ms. Williams informed Dr. Basiri that the dentist regulations do not have a requirement for medical emergency kits.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-0421-12	<p><u>CLOSING OPEN SESSION</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:</p> <p>A motion was made to close the Open Session portion of the meeting by Dr. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry, and Ms. Smith 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 May 19, 2021.

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