

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: May 19, 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	Excused Absence
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-0519-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am and a quorum was maintained.

Board Members

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

Board Staff

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

Legal Staff

- Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel- Present

Public Attendance

- Dr. Ladan Basiri, DDS, President DC Dental Society- Present
- Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director DC Dental Society- Present
- Dr. Cheryl Baptise, DDS, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society- Present
- Dr. Laura W. Muhammad, DDS, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society- Present

OS-0519-02 **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Board Action:

Acceptance of the **May 19, 2021**, meeting agenda.

Motion:

A motion was made to accept the May 19, 2021 Open Session meeting agenda by Dr. Jeffries-Morton, seconded by Diane Smith.

Dr. Jeffries-Morton, Yolonda Josey-Baker and Diane Smith all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

OS-0519-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**
Board Action:
Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **April 21, 2021**, meeting.

Motion:
A motion was made to accept the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes by Diane Smith, seconded by Dr. Jeffries-Morton.

Dr. Jeffries-Morton, Yolonda Josey-Baker and Diane Smith all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0519-04 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
Mrs. Walker welcomed all Board Members, Staff and guests to the May 19, 2021 Open session Meeting. She informed the Board that DC Health is still operating on a Telework posture while continuing to serve the Residents & Visitors of the District of Columbia. The Processing center is open on Monday & Wednesdays by appointment only from 9am-1pm. To schedule an appointment with the processing center, visit the website: <http://appts.dcvsim.com>

Effective April 12, 2021 all residents of the District of Columbia ages 16 or older can receive a COVID-19 Vaccine, to schedule your appointment visit the website: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>

On April 13, 2021 the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration has launched the online application portal. Applicants can now apply online for licenses: <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page>

For updates on the District of Columbia's reopening plan please visit the website: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo>

- **BOD Calendar**
 - June 16, 2021
 - July 21, 2021
 - August 2021 – Recess
 - September 15, 2021
 - October 20, 2021
 - November 17, 2021
 - December 15, 2021
- **BOD Conferences**
 - The AADB Annual meeting October 30-31, 2021
- **BOD Census**
 - Dentists (1311)
 - Dental Hygienists (516)

	<p>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 (604) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (1) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District of Columbia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan - https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine 	
OS-0519-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Board Attorney Carla Williams provided the Board with an update on the Final Rule Making which was completed on April 9, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Rulemaking: Dental Hygiene Exam and Online CEUs (Chapter 43 Dental Hygiene of Title 17 DCMR) 	
OS-0519-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</u> Dr. Thomas, Board Chair welcomed all Board members, staff and guests to the May 19, 2021 Open Session Meeting. Dr. Thomas reported that currently 49% of District Residents are 49% Vaccinated, he thanked the leadership of Mayor Bowser and Dr. Nesbit with leading the Community and helping residents have access to information and resources to help fight the COVID-19 virus. Residents ages 16 and up are eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine in the District of Columbia, residents are encouraged to visit the website for further information: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/get-vaccinated</p> <p>Dr. Thomas extended gratitude to the Board of Dentistry members and staff for all of their continued hard work, dedication and integrity to the Residents, and Visitors of the District of Columbia..</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0519-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-0519-08	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Credentials & Audits- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey <i>No Updates</i> Communications- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH <i>No Updates</i> Regulatory Affairs- Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. <i>No Updates</i> 	

OS-0519-09 **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Dr. Ladan Basiri, President of DC Dental Society thanked Dr. Thomas and the Board of Dentistry for their support to Residents and Visitors during her tenure as president for DC Dental Society.

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CLOSING	
OS-0519-10	<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>Motion:</p> <p>A motion was made at 9:21am by Dr. Jeffries-Morton to close the Open Session portion of the meeting, seconded by Ms. Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Jeffries-Morton, Yolonda Josey- Baker and Diane 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 [June 16, 2021](#).

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