

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL.**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Date: November 17, 2021**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**WEBEX Virtual Meeting**

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD – Excused Absence	Excused Absence
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey – Baker, RDH –Interim Vice-Chairperson	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank Meyers, JD - Associate Deputy Director	Present
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1117-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:01am as a quorum was maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board Members</b> Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson (<b>Present</b>) Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH – Interim Vice-Chairperson (<b>Present</b>) Dr. Judith Henry, DDS – Board Member (<b>Present</b>) Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Board Member (<b>Present</b>) Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (<b>Present</b>) Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (<b>Present</b>)</li> <li>• <b>Board Staff</b> Frank Meyers, JD - Associate Deputy Director (<b>Present</b>) Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (<b>Present</b>) Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (<b>Present</b>) Rebecca Odrick, Investigator (<b>Present</b>) Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (<b>Present</b>) Dr. Justin Ortique, Interim Executive Director (<b>Present</b>) Dr. Erica Loadman, DC Board of Pharmacy (<b>Present</b>) Ms. Ayanna Coleman, DACS Project Coordinator (<b>Present</b>) Ms. Brittany Allen, DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (<b>Present</b>)</li> <li>• <b>Public Attendance</b> Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director – DC Dental Society (<b>Present</b>) Dr. Cheryle Baptiste, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society and DC Dental Society (<b>Present</b>) Mr. Thomas Merritt, TEND Dental (<b>Present</b>) Mr. Max Brown, TEND Dental (<b>Present</b>)</li> </ul>
OS-1117-02	<p><b>Board Action:</b> Acceptance of the <b>November 17, 2021</b>, meeting agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the November 17, 2021 Meeting Agenda <b>Moved by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
OS-1117-03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the <b>October 20, 2021</b>, meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes. <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-1117-04

**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 about upcoming Board meeting dates and current census reports which are located below on the Open Session Agenda. She also informed meeting attendees that the Renewal Portal is open for Dentist, Dental Assistants, Dental Hygienist, and Teaching License for Dentist and Dental Hygienist. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>, the District of Columbia's primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations within the District. This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.

Frank Meyers, Associate Deputy Director, informed meeting attendees that this would be his final meeting with the Board of Dentistry as he will be leaving DC Health in December.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- November 17, 2021
- December 15, 2021
- January 19, 2022
- February 16, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- April 20, 2022
- May 18, 2022
- June 15, 2022
- July 20, 2022
- August 2022 (Recess)
- September 21, 2022

2. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1370**)  
Dental Hygienists (**530**)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**105**)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**64**)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (**3**)  
Dental Assistant Level 1 (**137**)  
Dental Assistant Level 2 (**611**)  
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**1**)  
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**0**)

3. **District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates**

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

OS-1117-05	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></b> Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams, Esq. discussed several new policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Temporary Waiver of DC Take Home Law Exam for Dentists and Dental Hygienists.</b> This policy temporarily waives the DC law exam requirement for licensure for both license types while the Board finalizes the new Law Exam based on the updated regulations.</li> <li>2) <b>Temporary Waiver of Limits on use of Approved Internet Continuing Education Courses for Renewal, Reinstatement or Reactivation.</b> This policy temporarily waives the limitation on use of online continuing education courses for Dental Assistants as well as Teaching licenses for Dental and Dental Hygienist license types for the duration of the public emergency.</li> <li>3) <b>Health Professionals Reporting Requirements.</b> This policy requires all licensed, registered, and certified health professionals in the District and their employers, to report certain disciplinary and/or terminations to the respective authorities within specified timeframes.</li> <li>4) <b>ABRA Medical Cannabis Prescription Thresholds.</b> DC Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is seeking from several Boards, including the Board of Dentistry, a threshold number of Medical Cannabis recommendations from an authorized practitioner within a 12-month period, which would require ABRA to notify the Board.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>BOARD ACTION</u></b> <b>Motion:</b> The Board determined fifty (50) as the threshold number of Medical Cannabis recommendations from an authorized practitioner within a 12-month period which would require ABRA to notify the Board.</p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>	
OS-1117-06	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></b> None</p>	
OS-1117-07	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Addiction Consultation Service</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Erica Loadman presented the District Addiction Consultation Service (DACS) to meeting attendees. DACS, which launched on July 1, 2021 serves as a resource to primary care and specialty prescribers across the District of Columbia. DACS provides support in the identification and treatment of substance abuse disorders and chronic pain management. Dr. Loadman also discussed the entire consultation process life cycle.</p>	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
OS-1117-08	<p><b><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></b></p> <p><a href="http://dccouncil.us/events/list">http://dccouncil.us/events/list</a></p>	

OS-1117-09	<p><b><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Credentials &amp; Audits:</u></b>  <b>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey/Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH</b>        Questions for the new DC law exams were sent to Board members for review.</li> <li>2. <b><u>Communications:</u></b>  <b>Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH</b></li> <li>3. <b><u>Regulatory Affairs:</u></b>  <b>Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH</b></li> </ol>
OS-1117-10	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Thomas Merritt from TEND, informed meeting attendees that the practice has approximately 59 new positions to fill: actively recruiting new staff. Mr. Merritt inquired about applicants submitting Vaccination cards. Mrs. Walker, Executive Director, addressed DC Health’s requirement of applicants providing vaccination attestations instead of vaccination cards.</p>

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<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-1117-11	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> The Board to close the Open Session meeting.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b></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 **December 15, 2021**.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:01am

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