

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE, 2nd FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: October 20, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD – Excused Absence	Excused Absence
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey- Baker, RDH- Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
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
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1020-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

- **Board Members**

- Dr. Wesley Thomas, DMD Chairperson (**Excused Absence**)
- Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson (**Present**)
- Dr. Judith Henry, DMD – Board Member (**Present**)
- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Board Member (**Present**)
- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH – Board Member (**Present**)
- Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (**Present**)
- Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (**Present**)

- **Board Staff**

- Frank Meyers, JD - Associate Deputy Director (**Present**)
- Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (**Present**)
- Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (**Present**)
- Rebecca Odrick, Investigator (**Present**)
- Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)

- **Public Attendance**

- Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director – DC Dental Society (**Present**)
- Mr. Brett Greene, President/CEO, American Management Corp. (**Present**)
- Mr. Chris Salierno, Chief Dental Officer, TEND Dental (**Present**)
- Mr. Thomas Merritt, TEND Dental (**Present**)
- Mr. Max Brown, TEND Dental (**Present**)

OS-1020-02 **Board Action:**

Acceptance of the **October 20, 2021**, meeting agenda.

Motion: The Board to accept the October 20, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously

OS-1020-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **September 15, 2021**, meeting.

Motion: The Board voted to approve with changes to update Attorney Carla Williams report.

Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member)

Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-1020-04

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, conferences, and current census reports which are located on the Open Session Agenda. She also informed meeting attendees that the Renewal Portal would be opening soon, allowing licensees to upload COVID-19 mandate for vaccination attestations. Mrs. Walker discussed the COVID-19 Pandemic Health & Healthcare Recovery Report which highlights the District's response to and updates regarding the pandemic. She also discussed DC Health's initiatives in addressing opioid usage and abuse in the District. This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.

Frank Meyers, Associate Deputy Director, discussed the Declaration of the Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health. He outlined the proposed licenses for a temporary 90 license and the reciprocity licensure, to include the health professions that would be impacted.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- October 20, 2021
- 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 Conferences**

- The AADB Annual meeting October 30-31, 2021

3. **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**)

OS-1020-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u> During the Board meeting, Attorney Carla Williams addressed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing education requirements satisfied through approved internet courses for dental assistants and teaching license for dentist and dental hygienist. • Dental Assistant externship. • Clean Hands 	
OS-1020-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</u> None</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-1020-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-1020-08	<p><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</u> Continuing education requirements satisfied through approved internet continuing education courses for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Assistants Level 1 and Level 2 • Teaching License for Dentist • Teaching License for Dental Hygienist <p>Motion: The Board to have policy drafted to allow for CE requirements to be satisfied through internet CE courses for all license types under the Board of Dentistry. Moved by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-1020-09	<p><u>Board of Dentistry DC Law Exam</u> Waive the Board of Dentistry DC Law take home exam for dentists and dental hygienists until the Board approves a new exam based on the updated regulations.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to waive the current DC Law take home exam for dentists and dental hygienists until new exam (based on updated regulations) is approved. Moved by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-1020-10	<p><u>CHERYLE BAPTISTE, DDS-DENTAL ASSISTANT EXTERNSHIP</u></p> <p>1. Email attached</p> <p>Motion: The Board to approve externship training sites in the District of Columbia for dental assistant students, and open the floor for discussion on this motion. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously. The motion was open for discussion; however no one offered any discussion.</p>	

OS-1020-11	<p><u>BRETT GREENE, PRESIDENT/CEO AMERICAN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION</u></p> <p>1. Email attached</p> <p>Mr. Brett Greene, President/CEO of American Management Corporation, outlined his concerns regarding the Dental Assistance licensing process. Mr. Meyers, Ms. Williams, and Dr. Bailey addressed Mr. Greene’s concerns.</p>
OS-1020-12	<p><u>Board Vice-Chairperson</u></p> <p>Dr. Judith Henry nominated Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, for Interim Vice-Chairperson.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to approve Ms. Josey-Baker as Interim Vice-Chairperson. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1020-13	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <p>1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey/Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH</p> <p>Dr. Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member), reported that a temporary revision for the Dental Law Exam is ready and will be submitted to the Board soon. The sub-committee is currently working on the Dental Hygienist DC Law Exam.</p> <p>2. <u>Communications:</u> Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Specialties Bill <p>Motion: The Board to move Dental Specialties Bill draft forward to begin the legislative process. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH Board voted unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq., (Board Member) sought the opinion of The Board regarding two proposals from the Regulatory Committee: a) scope of practice and b) regulation of mobile clinics. Dr. Bailey & Dr. Jeffries-Morton discussed their concerns regarding mobile clinics. Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker shared her opinions regarding scope of practice/ possibility of dental hygienists administering COVID vaccinations and blood glucose screenings.</p>
OS-1020-14	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Thomas Merritt introduced new Dental Practice, TEND, which has opened several branches in the District of Columbia.</p>

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CLOSING	
OS-1020-15	<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: The Board voted to close the Open Session Meeting Moved by: Iris Jeffries-Morton Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
	<p>ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>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 **November 17, 2021**.
The meeting adjourned at 10:22am

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