

## BOARD OF DENTISTRY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

**Date: March 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 - Chairperson	Present
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS - Board Member	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DDS - Board Member	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Excused Absence
Ms. Yolanda Josey- Baker, RDH- Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Board Member-Vacant	Vacant
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
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
Gloria Mills, Intern for the DC Board of Dentistry	Excused Absence
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0317-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Thomas, Board Chair called the meeting to order at **9:00am** a quorum was established and maintained.

**Board Members**

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

**Board Staff**

- Dr. Sharon Lewis, Senior Deputy Director-Present
- Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present
- Dr. Vito DelVento, Executive Director- Present
- Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel- Present
- Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator- Present
- Thomasine Pointer, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
- Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present

**Public Attendance**

- Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director- DC Dental Society- Present
- Dr. Ladan Basiri, President- DC Dental Society- Present
- Dr. Laura Muhammad, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society- Present
- Dr. Jessica Rubin, Capital Kids Dentistry- Present

OS-0317-02 **Board Action:**

Acceptance of the **March 17, 2021**, meeting agenda.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Dr. Bailey to accept the Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2021.  
Seconded by Dr. Henry.

Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry, Ms. Baker, Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0317-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

**Board Action:**  
Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **February 17, 2021**, meeting.

**Motion:**  
A motion was made by Dr. Bailey to approve the open session meeting minutes for the February 17, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Henry.

Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry, Ms. Baker, Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0317-04 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Walker welcomed all Board Members and guests to the Open Session Meeting. DC Health operational with most staff working remotely to assist all Residents & Visitors of the District. Mrs. Walker updated all attendees of the meeting with the Board of Dentistry Calendar, Conference dates, Census as well as the website to stay informed of all District of Columbia information regarding COVID-19.

1. **BOD Calendar**
  - March 17, 2021
  - 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 Mid-Year Meeting February 27-28, 2021
  - The AADB Annual meeting October 30-31, 2021
3. **BOD Census**
  - Dentists (1,295)
  - Dental Hygienists (511)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (102)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (57)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide- (2)
  - Dental Assistant Level 1 (123)
  - Dental Assistant Level 2 (591)
  - 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-0317-05	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Williams welcomed and greeted all attendees of the Open Session Meeting and informed the Board of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Act of 2020.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Query Amendment Act of 2020 <a href="https://lms.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890">https://lms.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</a></li> </ol>	
OS-0317-06	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Board chairman Dr. Thomas welcomed all guests and visitors the March 17, 2021 Open Session Meeting. He thanked all stakeholders and Board Members for their hard work and continued dedication to the Residents &amp; Visitors of the District of Columbia. Dr. Thomas graciously thanked the Mayor and Dr. Nesbitt for their fearless leadership with providing the District of Columbia with access the COVID-19 Vaccine to District Residents &amp; Visitors. The Board of Dentistry looks forward to working with all applicants and licensees to continue to provide all District Residents &amp; Visitors. Dr. Thomas concluded by thanking the Board Staff for all of their hard work and continuous efforts of providing the Board with all necessary tools for success.</p>	
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
OS-0317-07	<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> <p><b>Motion:</b> <i>No Motion, FYI Only</i></p>	
OS-0317-08	<p><b><u>ELECTION OF VOTE FOR THE VICE CHAIRPERSON</u></b></p> <p>Board members voted to elect Dr. Bailey as the Vice Chairperson for the Board of Dentistry.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Smith to accept the nomination of Dr. Bailey as Vice Chairperson to the Board of Dentistry. The motion was seconded by Dr. Henry.</p> <p>Dr. Thomas, Dr. Henry, Ms. Baker, Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0317-09	<p><b><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credentials &amp; Audits- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey</li> <li>Communications- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>News Flash</li> </ol> </li> <li>Regulatory Affairs- Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.</li> </ol> <p>All Dental Board Sub-Committees provided a briefing of the work of each sub-committee to all Board members and visitors.</p>	

OS-0317-10 **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

*Members of the Public provided feedback and questions directly to the Board.*

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<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-0217-11	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p>“Madam 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>A motion to close the Open Session portion of the meeting was made by Dr. Bailey. Seconded by Ms. Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Bailey, Dr. Henry, and Ms. Smith all voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Baker abstained from the vote. 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 April 21, 2021.**

***This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).***