

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
2201 SHANNON PLACE SE – 2ND FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

**DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2025
TIME: 9:10 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Minutes December 17, 2025

ATTENDANCE:	
OS-1217-01	<p>A. Board Members Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member Imani Lewis, DDS – Vice Chairperson Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Board Member Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member</p> <p>B. Board Staff Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist Mark Donatelli – interim Compliance Officer (arrived 9:34 AM)</p> <p>C. Legal Staff Carla Williams - Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p>D. Department Staff Kera Johnson. MPH, CPH – Legislative Affairs Specialist Matteo Lieb - Director of Government Relations, Office of Government Relations</p> <p>E. Public Attendance Lucciola Lambruschini, DDS – Director of Dental Services, Catholic Charities Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director, DC Dental Society J. R. Clark – Squire, Patton, & Boggs/American Association of Dental Boards Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD – American Association of Dental Boards Takeisha Presson, DDS – Dimples Dental Suite Cheryle Baptiste, DDS - RTFDS & DC Dental Society (arrived 9:20 AM) Cassandra Wright, DDS (arrived 9:20 AM)</p>
OS-1217-02	<p>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved to accept the December 17, 2025, Open Session Meeting Agenda. Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>

OS-1217-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

Motion: The Board moved to approve the **November 19, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Robert (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Vice Chairperson)

Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:**OS-1217-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, started her report by wishing all attendees Happy Holidays. Next she reminded all attendees that we are currently in renewal period and the last day for an on-time renewal is December 31, 2025. The late renewal period extends from January 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026. Mrs. Walker then pointed out the Board meeting dates, reminding everyone that the next meeting is on January 21, 2026, and will be virtual. She also thanked everyone for being able to attend today virtually as it was originally scheduled as an In-Person meeting. She went over the Board's Census and reminded everyone of the vacant position for a Consumer Member. She informed everyone that if they know of or they themselves are interested, they can find more information and apply on the MOTA website.

This concluded Mrs. Walker's report.

1. **DC Health Updates**
2. **BOD Calendar**
 - October 15, 2025 (Virtual)
 - November 19, 2025 (Virtual)
 - December 17, 2025 (**Changed to Virtual**)
 - January 21, 2026 (Virtual)
 - February 18, 2026 (Virtual)
 - March 18, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
 - April 15, 2026 (Virtual)
 - May 20, 2026 (Virtual)
 - June 17, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
 - July 15, 2026 (Virtual)
 - August (Recess)
 - September 16, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
3. **BOD Census**
 - Dentists (**1,382**)
 - Dental Hygienists (**561**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**125**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**112**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**3**)

	<p>Dental Assistant Level 1 (251) Dental Assistant Level 2 (717) Dental Assistant Level 3 (1) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (5) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)</p> <p>4. The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</p>																																																			
<p>OS-1217-05</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, notified the attendees that the Final order for Dr. Marva Herring had been issued by the Board since the November 19, 2025, Board meeting. It can be found on the Board of Dentistry’s webpage as well as by clicking on the link below.</p> <p>Marva Herring, DDS Suspension Order</p>																																																			
<p>OS-1217-06</p>	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</p> <p>Michelle Latortue, DDS, Chairperson of the Board, did not have a report for this meeting.</p>																																																			
<p>OS-1217-07</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>The following applications were approved from November 11, 2025 – December 9, 2025:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>LaTasha</td> <td>Heckstall</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jony</td> <td>Nieto</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jessica</td> <td>Marpartida Duarte</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tarandeep</td> <td>Singh</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rabia</td> <td>Mohmand</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aschalw</td> <td>Mekuanent</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ferdos</td> <td>Badenga</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hassen</td> <td>Abadiga</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nicole</td> <td>Panetti</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monica</td> <td>Morales</td> <td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sasha Lee</td> <td>McFarquhar</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batool</td> <td>Haroon</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah</td> <td>Larsen</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Megan</td> <td>Schorejs</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bianca</td> <td>Alba</td> <td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sang Yun</td> <td>Lee</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yunah</td> <td>Chun</td> <td>DENTIST</td> </tr> </table>	LaTasha	Heckstall	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Jony	Nieto	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Jessica	Marpartida Duarte	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Tarandeep	Singh	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Rabia	Mohmand	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Aschalw	Mekuanent	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Ferdos	Badenga	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Hassen	Abadiga	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Nicole	Panetti	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Monica	Morales	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Sasha Lee	McFarquhar	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Batool	Haroon	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Sarah	Larsen	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Megan	Schorejs	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Bianca	Alba	DENTAL HYGIENIST	Sang Yun	Lee	DENTIST	Yunah	Chun	DENTIST
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	<p>Motion: The Board moved to accept the November 11, 2025 – December 9, 2025, Consent Agenda.</p> <p>Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>		

DISCUSSION ITEMS**OS-1217-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Ms. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, started her report by discussing the 2 bills that went before the Council and had a hearing. First was the Community Health Amendment Act which authorizes healthcare providers to order and administer immunizations as well as allowing pharmacies to administer the COVID vaccine, received a hearing on October 30, 2025, and a markup on December 8, 2025. Now it will go to the Committee of the Whole for a reading and a second reading before going through the process of becoming a law. The PrEP DC Act of 2025, which creates safeguards for equitable and affordable access to HIV prevention treatment (aka PEP and PrEP), has also received the markup on December 8, 2025, and is now on its way to becoming a law. On December 15, 2025, the Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act received a hearing where the Senior Deputy Director testified on behalf of DC Health to express support for the intent of the legislation while also sharing recommendations to emphasize the public health impacts that medical debt has on the District residents. We also urged for clarifications to ensure there is alignment with current policies, Medicaid policies, and Certificate of Need policies, and to try to prevent any unintended consequences for facilities. Lastly, the Council will go on Winter Recess starting on December 23, 2025 until January 1, 2026. The first Legislative Meeting in the new year will be January 6, 2026.

Mr. Matteo Lieb began by expressing that the 15 Health Professional Licensure Boards of DC Health want to prioritize licensure portability both across the region and the country while maintaining appropriate oversight, quality, and safety for our providers and patients. Recent steps include adopting the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, regional reciprocity agreements, and a compact privilege pathway for RNs. Mr. Lieb then advised that the Council on Health has communicated with him that they are not anticipating a response from the Board and has confirmed there is **no deadline** for a decision. Instead, the Committee supports giving the Board time for careful evaluation and to ensure that DC Health and the Board are protecting the District's patients.

Mr. J.R. Clark sought clarification on the 'no deadline' statement by Mr. Lieb. Mr. Clark Since discussions on the Compact have been ongoing since July there is an expectation that the Board would make a decision on the matter.

In response, **Mr. Lieb** clarified that the Council's focus has been on Nursing and Social Work, not Dental professionals. While the Council has oversight authority and can request information, no timeline for a decision has been set. They understand that this matter has been under review for months and are fine with more time. Executive Director Walker is prioritizing gathering information for the Board to evaluate carefully. Any decision would require departmental and executive review since legislation originates from the Mayor, though the council can act independently. The department believes the board should take time for a deliberate decision because of significant regulatory implications for dental professionals.

Mrs. Brittany Campbell asked why the Council did not focus on Dental for the Compact. **Mr. Lieb** specified that The department’s focus is license portability, which doesn’t always require compacts. While legislation for the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) was introduced without prior input from the Board of Nursing, the department has prioritized data-driven solutions to improve access for professionals crossing state lines. Examples include expedited pathways for CNAs and HHAs from Maryland and Virginia and for RNs with NLC compact privileges. These measures were developed through collaboration with providers and the council to ensure effectiveness. The council values evidence-based approaches meaning the adopting a compact may not

Mr. Lieb closed by advising that anyone who is interested in speaking about the priorities around compacts can reach out to him to discuss.

This concluded Ms. Johnson’s and Mr. Lieb’s reports

OS-1217-09 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

1. **Credentials & Audits**: **Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts**
No Report

2. **Communications**: **Dr. Michelle Latortue**
No Report

3. **Regulatory Affairs**: **Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi**

Dr. Lewis started his report by stating that the Subcommittee met with the Community Health Administration to discuss the Dental Hygiene Collaborative Practice Agreement. They gained a better understanding of the goals of the agreement, how agreement can be utilized from using a program that is currently in existence (School Based Oral Health Program). The Subcommittee also discussed how that program can be helpful and implemented in that program. The program will be broader but will be used as a model. Dr. Lewis advised that they are also looking for funding/grants for individuals to get started utilizing the programs and they hope to have draft regulation ready for early 2026.

Carla then discussed the changes to the regulations that the subcommittee has been working on:

- **Radiography Certification Pathway**: Ms. Williams reminded the attendees that the to become a Dental Assistant Level I, you only need a high school diploma/GED and to complete a criminal background check. To avoid creating barriers, 2 pathways have been created
 - **Pathway #1**: Become a Dental Assistant Level I with your high school diploma/GED (will not have the ability to take X-rays); or
 - **Pathway #2**: Become a Dental Assistant Level I you’re your high school diploma/GED **and** complete the same radiography course as Dental Assistant Level IIs (this gives the authority to take X-rays). This Pathway allows current Dental Assistant Level Is the option to take that course and

	<p>then be able to obtain that certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be similar to the way Dental Hygienists can currently apply for additional authority to do Local Anesthesia. ● Supervision of Dental Assistants: Wording has now been changed from “Under Direct Supervision” to “Under Supervision” for Dental Assistant Duties ● Duties Dental Assistant Level 1s now do under direct supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apply fluoride, ○ Rinse and aspirate the oral cavity. ○ Construct athletic mouth guards/night guards on models (not in the mouth) ● New General Supervision Category: Dental Assistants Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 can now perform the duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cleaning and disinfecting the environmental surfaces and equipment; and ○ Sterilizing instruments. ● Radiography Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated to now include Dental Assistant Level 1s have the ability to obtain training to be able to take radiographs. ● Under Supervision of the Supervising Dentist: new language added to address the unlicensed practice in the District. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The supervising dentist and dentist owner of the dental practice shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant is registered with the Board to practice in the District of Columbia and may be subject to disciplinary action for supervising or employing an unregistered dental assistant. ● Changes to Definitions Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarified that Dental Assistants work with Dental Hygienists as well as Dentists <p>The Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee introduced the proposed changes with the plan for the Board being to discuss and vote during the January meeting.</p> <p>This concluded the subcommittee report.</p>
<p>OS-1217-10</p>	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Kurt Gallagher stated that he is looking forward that the changes to strengthen the regulations are moving forward, however he is wondering when the public will be able to see these changes in written form prior to a meeting where they will be discussed and potentially acted on by the Board. Ms. Williams addressed this by advising that this was the first time anyone other than the committee members have seen the changes. It will be on the January agenda for the Board members to provide feedback, request changes, and determine if it is ready to move forward. The public is able to provide comments to the Board during these meetings as a courtesy, but the actual public legal opportunity for the public to comment is during the 30-day comment period when the regulations are published in the register. Mr. Gallagher reiterated his request to have the document be made available to the public sooner than the meeting so the public could provide comments. Ms. Williams informed Mr. Gallagher that his request will be noted as part of the Open Session materials for the January meeting.</p>

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CLOSING

OS-1217-11	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> The Board member should move as follows: “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 style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved close the Open Session meeting. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) 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 Meeting
The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026

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