

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE, 2nd FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Chairperson	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Vice-Chairperson	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DMD - Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	(Excused Absence)
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
Vacant – (Dentist) Board Member	
Vacant – (Dental Hygiene) Board Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Zaneta Batts, 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-0215-01 **INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. as a quorum was maintained.

- **Board Members**
Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Chairperson (**Present**)
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice-Chairperson (**Present**)
Dr. Judith Henry, DMD – Board Member (**Present**)
Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (**Absent**)
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (**Present**)
- **Board Staff**
Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (**Present**)
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (**Present**)
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Investigator (**Present**)
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)
- **Legal Staff**
Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel (**Present**)
- **DOH Staff**
Matteo Lieb, DOH Legislative Affair Specialist
Dr. Gregory Talley, Program Manager
- **Public Attendance**
Ms. Richael Cobler, Executive Director - CRDTS
Dr. Mark Edwards, Director of Dental Examinations - CRDTS
Ms. Kelly Mandella, Strategic Outreach Coordinator - CRDTS
Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director - DC Dental Society
Ms. Brittany Harris, RDH; UMDSOD
Ms. Emily Schneider, Georgetown University Law
Mr. Blake Hite, Georgetown University Law
Ms. Sara Hoverter, Georgetown University Law
Ms. Tiffani Greene, American Management Corporation
Ms. Toni Reeves, RDH
Dr. Cheryle Baptiste, DC Dental Society
Ms. Alison Glascoe, Howard University College of Dentistry
Dr. Andrea Jackson, Howard University College of Dentistry
Dr. Candace Mitchell, Howard University College of Dentistry
Dr. Robert Gamble, Howard University College of Dentistry
Dr. Roya Pilcher
Dr. Crystal McIntosh
Ms. Ashley Kranz
Ms. Polina

OS-0215-02	<p><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</u></p> <p>BOARD ACTION: Acceptance of the February 15, 2023, meeting agenda Motion: The Board to accept the February 15, 2023, meeting agenda Moved by: Dr Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0215-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting. Motion: The Board to accept the January 18, 2023, meeting minutes with the correction to Dr. Candace Mitchell's name. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0215-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>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 that the next board meeting would be holding virtually on March 15, 2023. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine and https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox, the District of Columbia's primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and Monkeypox within the District. Also, Mrs. Walker provided the link to the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments website and encouraged attendees to visit for more information regarding Board vacancies and how to apply. Additionally, to ensure that all questions from the public are acknowledged and addressed, Mrs. Walker requested that attendees utilize the raised-hand feature within WebEx and hold all questions until after the Board members have discussed the item or during the Public Comments section of the agenda.</p> <p>This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 15, 2023 March 15, 2023 April 19, 2023, In-person May 17, 2023 June 21, 2023 July 19, 2023 August 2023 Recess September 20, 2023, In-Person <u>BOD Census</u> Dentists (1,253) Dental Hygienists (517) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (97) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (73) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (1) Dental Assistant Level 1 (120) Dental Assistant Level 2 (535) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (1) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (1) District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox 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 	
OS-0215-05	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u> Ms. Carla Williams , Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees about Final Orders/Disciplinary Actions that were recently issued. These orders are also posted on DOH's website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Patrick Howard: https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t00000000Cmnq/a/8z00000K73Q/MfoXn4ltod93WQooD7XpHHhWkqkOyJffYEzuyhgX_do 	
OS-0215-06	<u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</u> NONE	

OS-0215-07	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p>These applications were reviewed by Dr. John Bailey (Chairperson), Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice-Chairperson), or Mrs. Ericka Walker (Executive Director), from January 6 – February 8, 2023:</p> <table><tr><td>DENA2100088</td><td>Deborah Smetana</td><td>New Registration</td><td>1/26/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DENA3000093</td><td>Janissa Harding</td><td>New Registration</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DENA4000044</td><td>Christina Watts</td><td>New Registration</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DENA5000043</td><td>Tiffany Anderson</td><td>New Registration</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>HYG2001130</td><td>Danielle Jones</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000220</td><td>Christopher Salierno</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000234</td><td>Mohammad Rouhanian</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000239</td><td>Davina Bailey</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000240</td><td>Yun Kim</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000241</td><td>Mark Nunes</td><td>Examination</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000245</td><td>Faraz Shamsi</td><td>Examination</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr><tr><td>DEN2000246</td><td>Nathanael Dejene</td><td>Examination</td><td>1/19/2023</td></tr></table> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry; (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>	DENA2100088	Deborah Smetana	New Registration	1/26/2023	DENA3000093	Janissa Harding	New Registration	1/19/2023	DENA4000044	Christina Watts	New Registration	1/19/2023	DENA5000043	Tiffany Anderson	New Registration	1/19/2023	HYG2001130	Danielle Jones	Endorsement	1/19/2023	DEN2000220	Christopher Salierno	Endorsement	1/19/2023	DEN2000234	Mohammad Rouhanian	Endorsement	1/19/2023	DEN2000239	Davina Bailey	Endorsement	1/19/2023	DEN2000240	Yun Kim	Endorsement	1/19/2023	DEN2000241	Mark Nunes	Examination	1/19/2023	DEN2000245	Faraz Shamsi	Examination	1/19/2023	DEN2000246	Nathanael Dejene	Examination	1/19/2023
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OS-0215-08	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u> Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist</p> <p>Mr. Lieb reminded meeting attendees that the Committee on Health will be hosting DC Health’s Performance and Budget Oversight hearings within the next few weeks. The Performance Oversight hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 9:30am, whereas the Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2023, at 12:00pm.</p> <p>Additionally, on February 28, 2023, the Committee on Health will host a Performance Oversight hearing on the following health professional licensing boards: Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Social Work.</p>																																																
OS-0215-09	<p><u>CRDTS PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Dr. Mark Edwards, Director of Dental Examination, provided a presentation on the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS). He discussed the five portions of the exam, in addition to the reliability, integrity, portability, requirements and the key benefits of taking the CRDTS exam. Dr. Edwards and team formally requested that the Board accept the CRDTS Dental and Dental Hygiene examination for initial licensure and endorsement.</p> <p>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton inquired about the availability of the exam to students throughout the United States and how many states accept the exam. Dr. Mark Edwards indicated that though it is their preference to go into the</p>																																																

	<p>schools, for now, CRDTS does have independent testing sites that students travel to. He also informed meeting attendees that currently 42 out of 50 states accept the CRDTS Dental exam, whereas for the Dental Hygiene exam, 44 states accept it. California and Hawaii accept the CRDTS Dental Hygiene exam, but not the Dental exam. He also expressed the difficulty in getting into Dental schools to give students information regarding the CRDTS exam. He also shared that the CRDTS exam is about \$200.00 cheaper than the CDCA exam. Dr. Edwards also discussed another benefit of the exam is that a candidate receives a targeted critique of their deficiencies (generally a photograph and written description) and can retake that portion of the exam the next day if they choose. Ms. Michael Cobler added that this does not apply to any critical failures.</p> <p>When Dr. John Bailey inquired about the model teeth they use for the exam. Dr. Edwards indicated that candidates have the option to choose one of two restorations to perform during the exam. The tooth is manufactured by a mannequin tooth supplier located about 30 miles from CRDTS's head office. These teeth ensure that each candidate has a level standard playing field.</p> <p>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton inquired about what the requirements are to sit for the exam. Dr. Edwards replied that the Dean of the school would sign a letter indicating that the candidate is ready to sit for the exam and have successfully met all conditions/terms to do so.</p>
OS-0215-10	<p><u>LETTER FROM DR. ANDREA JACKSON</u></p> <p>Dr. Andrea Jackson, Dean of the Howard University College of Dentistry, provided a brief presentation regarding her letter to the Board about teaching licenses for foreign trained dentists to alleviate faculty shortages.</p> <p>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton addressed Dr. Jackson's concerns by stating that applicants/potential candidates should review the requirements for a teaching license. One of the main requirements for a dental teaching license is that the candidate must be a dentist. Additionally, all required forms and transcripts (transcribed in English) must be submitted to the Board for their review.</p> <p>Dr. Jackson indicated that the two potential candidates that were denied teaching licenses are dentists in their home countries as they were awarded BDS degrees and completed CODA accredited postdoctoral programs in the United States. She requested for the Board to re-evaluate/consider the candidates as a whole to determine their capabilities, knowledge-base and training not just based on their dental degrees from their country.</p> <p>Dr. John Bailey responded that as one of the members who developed the regulations for the teaching license, there were caveats placed in the regulations for foreign trained dentists, provided that could only teach at Howard University, but could not practice outside of that scope or any place else. Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, clarified that the regulations state that to qualify for a Dental teaching license, the applicant must have a DDS, DMD or if they are able to demonstrate its equivalent, which would mean that Dr. Jackson was requesting for the Board for waiver of some sort for</p>

	<p>applicants who do not meet that requirement. Additionally, Ms. Williams referred to a slide on Dr. Jackson's presentation and reiterated that a teaching license only allows the person to teach at the University, however, they are unable to practice dentistry in the community.</p> <p>Dr. Jackson indicated that she indeed would like to request that 1) foreign-trained candidates who have completed CODA accredited specialty programs within the United States to be allowed to obtain dental teaching licenses and 2) candidates with dental teaching licenses be allowed to provide care for/treat patients at the Howard University School of Dentistry and referred there for specialty services.</p> <p>Dr. Candace Mitchell asked for clarification regarding foreign-trained candidates and the equivalency of the BDS to DDS or DMD degree requirement of which Dr. John Bailey and Ms. Carla Williams reiterated the importance of (transcribed) transcripts to determine the equivalency. Dr. Mitchell added that with these specialists, they do have to sit for/passing the CDCA-type examinations to teach and be hands-on with students on the clinical floor, which is in a way, practicing. Dr. Bailey expressed that the Board acknowledges this and again would review the qualifications of each applicant to determine eligibility and if they meet the requirements, their application for a dental teaching license would be approved.</p> <p>Dr. John Bailey indicated that the matter would be taken under advisement and addressed further with the Credentialing and Auditing Subcommittee.</p>
OS-0215-11	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey Dr. Jeffries-Morton reported that the subcommittee is continuing on the information (Dental Assistant training schools, Anesthesia/Sedation regulations) that was presented during the January 2023 meeting; updates will be provided as they become available. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Vacant No report. 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. Dr. Henry reported that the subcommittee is currently working on developing regulations for mobile dental vans; more information to come.

OS-0215-12 COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Ms. Toni Reeves, RDH inquired why the Board of Dentistry was not invited/included for the mayor's funding budget; and why Dentistry was not included in the upcoming Performance Hearing.

Dr. John Bailey indicated that the Board of Dentistry has no say regarding the Mayor's budget. Mrs. Ericka Walker added that with the new Chairperson on the Committee on Health, several health professional licensing boards are being reviewed for their processes of which at this time, the Board of Dentistry was not selected and added that the Mayor does allow for the public to add input when it comes to budgeting. Also, that the workforce survey during the renewal time is actually the best opportunity to determine funds and services that are needed within the district.

In review of the regulations regarding the Dental Hygienist's ability to work under the supervision of a dentist in a treatment facility, **Mr. Blake Hite** inquired if there was a definitive definition for a treatment facility and if mobile dental vans were included in that definition.

Ms. Carla Williams indicated that at this time, there was no definition for a treatment facility, which could be added to the HORA and regulations to ensure that mobile dental vans operating in the city are registered, regulated and have the correct equipment. Ms. Williams also clarified that the practice of a dental hygienist is not necessarily limited to one particular type of facility or the other, as far as they as they are working under the supervision of a dentist. However, healthcare facilities such as hospitals and jails have their own regulations in place regarding healthcare services rendered by dentists in their facilities.

Dr. Roya Pilcher inquired about her ability to provide coaching or training for front desk managers. **Ms. Carla Williams** addressed her question by indicating that as far as the office manager is not performing any clinical duties that constitute the practice of a Dental Assistant or Hygienist or ensuring that the office manager is not the actual owner or controlling/directing the practice, they would not be under the purview of the Board.

Dr. Pilcher also inquired about the possibility of myofunctional therapy within a dental practice or in a separate space as other states. When the question was brought up about who would be performing the myofunctional therapy services, **Dr. Pilcher** indicated that her dental hygienist who is about receiving her certification in myofunctional therapy would be performing the therapy. Mrs. Ericka Walker added that she received an email from Dr. Pilcher regarding this matter the week prior of which she has consulted the Executive Director of the Audiology/ Speech Pathology board and awaiting information to ensure that Dr. Pilcher (and her dental hygienist) would not be

	operating under the scope of practice of another Board as currently, myofunctional therapy does not fall under the scope of the dentist or dental hygienist.
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CLOSING

OS-0215-13	<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 to close the Open Session meeting. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue (Board Member)</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 **March 15, 2023.**
The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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.