

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

**DATE: June 18, 2025  
TIME: 9:15 AM**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY****Open Session Meeting Minutes June 18, 2025**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson	
Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Dental Hygienist Board Member	
Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Imani Lewis, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Dentist Board Member	
Vacant – Consumer Member	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Aisha Nixon, Acting Compliance Officer	
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator	
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist	
Tiffany Johnson, Health Licensing Specialist	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Open Session Meeting Minutes June 18, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**OS-0618-01**

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**A. Board Members**

Michelle Latortue, DDS – Chairperson  
Chanelle Roberts, DDS – Board Member  
Imani Lewis, DDS – Board Member  
Eric Bradshaw, DDS – Board Member  
Brittany Campbell, RDH, MSDH – Board Member  
Jonelle Anamelechi, DDS – Board Member

**B. Board Staff**

Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director  
Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Board Investigator  
Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist

**C. Legal Staff**

Carla M. Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel

**D. Department Staff**

Kera Johnson – Legislative Affairs Specialist, Office of Government Relations  
Danyelle Gowie – Public Health Analyst, Health Care Access Bureau

**E. Public Attendance (Please type your Name and Organization in the Webex chat)**

Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director, DC Dental Society  
Lucciola Lambruschini – DC Dental Society  
Adreinne Brown  
Averi Ramsey  
Dr. Hillary Abel – President, DC Dental Society  
Nereen Hassan, DDS  
Karishma Patel, DDS  
Matt Gialanella, DMD  
Steve Guttenberg, DDS – DC Dental Society  
Reese need last name Dental Hygienist  
Salim Reissaty, DDS

**OS-0618-02**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA:**

**Motion:** The Board moved to accept the **June 18, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Agenda.  
**Moved by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)  
**Seconded by:** Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**OS-0618-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**

**Motion:** The Board moved to accept the **May 21, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Minutes.  
**Moved by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)  
**Seconded by:** Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**STAFF REPORTS:****OS-0618-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Mrs. Ericka Walker**, Executive Director of the Board, started her report by welcoming all the attendees to the meeting. She then continued by advising there were no DC Health updates at this time, then went over the upcoming meeting dates as well as the current Board of Dentistry Census. She brought attention to MOTA (Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments) and the Consumer Member vacancy that we currently have for the Board of Dentistry. This position requires you to be a resident in the District of Columbia, a non-health professional, and to not live with a health professional. She pointed out the MOTA website if anyone would like to apply or pass it along to someone else. Lastly, the Board of Dentistry is planning a Board retreat which is designed to strengthen teamwork and collaboration amongst the Board. It will be an opportunity to strategize collectively, review Robert's Rules of Order, and discuss key topics including a presentation from BEGA (Board or Ethics and Government Accountability). We will also discuss the roles and responsibilities of board members and staff, as well as the development of future initiatives. Once a date has been finalized we will share with the public.

This ended Mrs. Walker's report.

1. **DC Health Updates**
2. **BOD Calendar**
  - October 16, 2024 (Virtual)
  - November 13, 2024 (Virtual)
  - December 11, 2024 (**Virtual**)
  - January 15, 2025 (Virtual)
  - February 19, 2025 (Virtual)
  - March 19, 2025 (**In Person & Virtual**)
  - April 23, 2025 (Virtual)
  - May 21, 2025 (Virtual)
  - June 18, 2025 (**In Person & Virtual**)
  - July 16, 2025 (Virtual)
  - August (Recess)
  - September 17, 2025 (**In Person & Virtual**)
3. **BOD Census**
  - Dentists (**1,310**)
  - Dental Hygienists (**541**)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**121**)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**107**)
  - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous

	<p>Oxide (3)  Dental Assistant Level 1 (231)  Dental Assistant Level 2 (671)  Dental Assistant Level 3 (0) Teaching  Licenses for Dentists (4)  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: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</a></p>																																																
<p><b>OS-0618-05</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Carla Williams</b>, Senior Assistant General Counsel, reported on the public Denial Order for Sydney Stewart. You can access the order by clicking on this link: <a href="#">Sydney Stewart</a></p> <p>This ended Ms. Williams’ report.</p>																																																
<p><b>OS-0618-06</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</b></p> <p><b>Michelle Latortue, DDS</b>, Chairperson of the Board, did not have a report for this meeting.</p>																																																
<p><b>OS-0618-07</b></p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b></p> <p>The following applications were approved from <b>May 15, 2025 – June 9, 2025:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="292 1260 1347 1875"> <tr><td>Precious</td><td>Moody</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Ashley</td><td>Chinchilla</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Hilary</td><td>Ramirez Palacio</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Kya</td><td>Greene</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Giselle</td><td>Casarrubias Crespo</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Magdalene</td><td>Cartwright</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Rewina</td><td>Tesfay</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr><td>Basira</td><td>Mohmand</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Amara</td><td>Pearl</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Vilia</td><td>Kouvoukinina</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Dominique</td><td>Wentt</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Nolvia</td><td>Cubas</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Janelle</td><td>McNeil</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>John Helton</td><td>Sanchez</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Santiago</td><td>Betancourt</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II</td></tr> <tr><td>Rachelle</td><td>Nedd-Jones</td><td>DENTAL HYGIENIST</td></tr> </table>	Precious	Moody	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Ashley	Chinchilla	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Hilary	Ramirez Palacio	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Kya	Greene	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Giselle	Casarrubias Crespo	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Magdalene	Cartwright	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Rewina	Tesfay	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Basira	Mohmand	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Amara	Pearl	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Vilia	Kouvoukinina	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Dominique	Wentt	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Nolvia	Cubas	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Janelle	McNeil	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	John Helton	Sanchez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Santiago	Betancourt	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II	Rachelle	Nedd-Jones	DENTAL HYGIENIST
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John	Treherne	DENTIST
Nneka	Atupulazi	DENTIST
Swathi	Narayan	DENTIST
Shutian	Dong	DENTIST
Syeda	Mahbub	DENTIST
Shawn	Na	DENTIST
Gaston	Perry	DENTIST
Kim	St Amant	DENTIST
Rand	Hossain	DENTIST
Ayushi	Mangukiya	DENTIST
Arti	Patel	DENTIST
Naeem	Motlagh	DENTIST
Romina	Yaraei Shahmirzadi	DENTIST
Kishori	Patel	DENTIST
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Zomorrod	Rouhi	DENTIST
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Dikshitha	Shankar	DENTIST
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**Motion:** The Board moved to accept the **May 15, 2025 – June 9, 2025**, Consent Agenda  
**Moved by:** Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)  
**Seconded by:** Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**OS-0618-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**Ms. Kera Johnson**, Legislative Affairs Specialist, started her report by discussing the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Oversight Hearing. The Committee first heard from witnesses from the public on June 6, 2025, before Dr. Ayana Bennett and other members from DC Health Leadership team testified on June 16, 2025. They highlighted our accomplishments in FY25, outlined our priorities for FY26, and responded to questions from council and committee members. Some key topics discussed were the reprogramming of school health services, health systems changes that are being implemented, the new animal control contract and building, and anticipated federal cuts.

The second update she discussed is the new FIFA legislation. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Mendelson introduced the *Health Occupations Revision Exemption Emergency Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0250](#)) and the *Health Occupations Revision Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26- 0251](#)) for the upcoming FIFA’s Club World Cup 2025 competition. This legislation exempts the healthcare professionals who are not licensed in the United States but are licensed in good standing in foreign countries, to be able provide continued care to the members of their teams and staff while in the District. The emergency bill was enacted on June 12, 2025. The temporary bill passed its final reading in the Committee of the Whole on June 17, 2025, and is now going to Mayor for approval.

This ended Ms. Johnson’s report.

**OS-0618-09 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  
No report

<p><b>OS-0618-10</b></p>	<p><b><u>WORKFORCE SURVEY for Board of Dentistry Renewal</u></b></p> <p><b>Ms. Danyelle Gowie</b>, Public Health Analyst, began her presentation by advising that the purpose of the Workforce Survey is to conduct a census of providers to identify their license status, available services, provider capacity at each location worked, and recruitment and retention strategies. She discussed how from the survey, the Health Care Access Bureau develops fact sheets that are distributed to all the Health Professional Boards and Resource maps for the workforce capacity that can lead to federal funding. The Boards can utilize the workforce supplement to gather anticipatory feedback from the workforce on any planned changes or updates. The Health Care Access Bureau is requesting any feedback from the Boards on what insights they would like to know about the District’s workforce by July 18, 2025.</p>
<p><b>OS-0618-11</b></p>	<p><b><u>LETTER FROM DC DENTAL SOCIETY</u></b></p> <p>The DC Dental Society has submitted, for Board consideration, a list of recommended changes to the scope of practice and registration process for dental assistants and dentists. The letter can be found on the Board of Dentistry Board Agenda page. After a discussion between Board members and addressing questions and concerns from the public, the Board made the following motions:</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board moved to have a discussion amongst the legislative committee to discuss some of the recommended changes for general assisting in registration, scope of practice, registration fees, and application period.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)  <b>Amendment:</b> The Board moved to amend this motion to say that both the Regulatory Affairs Committee and the Credentials and Audits Committee will have a discussion to discuss these recommended changes.  <b>Moved by:</b> D. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board moved to review in committee foreign trained dentists practicing dental hygiene in the District of Columbia.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Board Member)  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>OS-0618-12</b></p>	<p><b><u>DENTAL HYGIENIST QUESTION</u></b></p> <p>The Board has received the following inquiry from a Dental Hygienist:</p> <p>“In the District of Columbia if I am a temporary hygienist working at an office for the very first time does a dentist have to be on site or in the dental office? Also no previous establishment of direct supervision with the office. If you can please clear this up and let me know what the annotated code of DC is for this matter?”</p>

	<p>The Board agreed that if the patient is an established patient who has had an exam within a year by the dentist, they can be treated by a dental hygienist without the dentist being present. However, this does exclude the administering of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide.</p>
<b>OS-0618-13</b>	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b> <b>Please type your name and organization in the chat.</b></p> <p>An attendee from the public asked about asked a question about the possibility of foreign trained dentist being able to obtain a Dental Hygiene license in the District. Dr. Latortue informed her that the Board will need to discuss it first before making a formal proposal to the DC Health.</p>

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**Open Session Meeting Minutes June 18, 2025**

<b>CLOSING</b>	
<b>OS-0618-14</b>	<b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b>  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).”
	<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>  <b>Motion:</b> The Board moved to close the Open Session Meeting <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>
	<b>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.</b>

**This ends the Open Session Meeting**  
**The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM**  
**The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025**

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).