

Board Of Dentistry
2201 Shannon Place SE – 2nd Fl.
Washington, DC 20020

Date: March 20, 2024
Time: 9:18 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

*****Please be advised that Board Meetings are recorded*****

WEBEX Virtual Meeting

The Board will be utilizing a hybrid schedule of virtual and in-person meetings. Please see the Board Meeting calendar under the Executive Director's report for more information.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

This meeting is available by web:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m9f9126b61531ee2a059436115674d953>

Meeting number: 160 597 7295

Password: R6Mm8PPpmS3

This meeting is available by phone:

1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

Access code: 160 597 7295

Any submissions from the public for the Board's consideration should be received by Board Staff, tiffany.johnson1@dc.gov, no later than **10 business days before the Board Meeting. **

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Minutes March 20, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Chairperson	
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice Chairperson	
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS - Board Member	
Brittany Harris-Campbell, RDH, MSDH - Board Member	
Vacant – (Dentist) Board Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator	
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist	
Tiffany Johnson, Health Licensing Specialist	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Minutes March 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0320-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS:</u></p> <p>A. Board Members Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Chairperson Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice Chairperson Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq – Board Member Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member Mrs. Brittany Harris-Campbell – Board Member</p> <p>B. Board Staff Ericka L Walker, MSW – Executive Director Officer Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Investigator Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p>C. Legal Staff Carla Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p>D. Public Attendance Matteo Lieb – Legislative Affair Specialist Sarah Hoverter – Harrison Institute for Public Law Georgetown U Joanna LaCappola – Harrison Institute for Public Law, Georgetown U Alex Karr Amin – Harrison Institute for Public Law, Georgetown U Louann Lagana – Pine Dentistry Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society Cheryll Baptiste – RTFDS and DC Dental Society Fatima Oglesby-Morris – Hands On Dental Assistant Training School Dr. Roya Pilcher Maria</p>
OS-0320-02	<p><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the March 20, 2024, meeting agenda. Motion: The Board to accept the March 20, 2024, meeting agenda. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0320-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 17, 2024, meeting. Motion: The Board to accept the January 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue (Board Member) 3 in favor / 0 opposed / 2 abstentions. Motion carries.</p>

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0320-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry, welcomed all Board Members, Staff, and Guest to the Open Session meeting. Mrs. Walker first advised all attendees that DC Health has moved brand new building located at 2201 Shannon Place, SE. Our first In-Person meeting will not take place until June 19, 2024, to ensure our technology is working effectively. The Board meeting scheduled for April 17, 2024, will be virtual. As always, the Census is listed on the agenda along with information about Covid-19, Monkey Pox and the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointment, who is responsible for appointing new Board members. If anyone is interested in serving on any of the 19 Health Professional Boards, you can submit an application via the link listed on the agenda. Lastly, she welcomed Ms. Brittany Harris-Campbell to the DC Board of Dentistry. Ms. Harris-Campbell is a great addition to the Board, and we look forward to working with her as we protect the public.

This concluded Mrs. Walker's report.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- January 17, 2024 (Virtual)
- February 21, 2024 (Cancelled due to DC Health moving)
- March 20, 2024 (Virtual)
- April 17, 2024 (Virtual)
- May 15, 2024 (Virtual)
- June 19, 2024 (In Person & Virtual)
- July 17, 2024 (Virtual)
- August (Recess)
- September 18, 2024

2. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1,102**)
Dental Hygienists (**473**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**95**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**84**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**2**)
Dental Assistant Level 1 (**136**)
Dental Assistant Level 2 (**515**)
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**3**)
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**0**)

3. District of Columbia COVID-19
<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>

4. District of Columbia Monkeypox
<https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox>

	<p>5. 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>																																		
OS-0320-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, provided an update that the Dental Assistant Level III regulations did become effective on March 1, 2024, and were published in the DC Register. Ms. Williams reminded the public that you must have a Dental Assistant Level III registration before you can perform Level III assisting duties, and to read through the regulations thoroughly to ensure that all dental assistants are still practicing within the scope for whichever registration they hold.</p> <p>Secondly, Ms. Williams informed the public of a public order that was issued for Donald Meyer since the January 17, 2024 meeting. The link for the order is listed here: Donald Meyer – Public Consent Order</p> <p>Mrs. Walker added that the infrastructure for Level III is being finalized so the public is well informed on the steps that need to be taken to ensure applicants meet the qualifications to be licensed as a Dental Assistant Level III. If anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Walker, Ms. Batts, or Ms. Johnson.</p> <p>This concluded Ms. Williams’ report.</p>																																		
OS-0320-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No report for this meeting.</p>																																		
OS-0320-07	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p>The following applications were reviewed by Dr. John Bailey (Chairperson), Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice-Chairperson), or Mrs. Ericka Walker (Executive Director), from January 12, 2024 – March 13, 2024:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Maritza</td> <td>Benitez</td> <td>Dental Assistant- Level I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tatiana</td> <td>Thrasher</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gissel</td> <td>Argueta</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natasha</td> <td>Louison</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benjamin</td> <td>Simplice</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Biliulfo</td> <td>Gayosso Gomez</td> <td>Dental Assistant- Level I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zoporrah</td> <td>Love</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sharnae</td> <td>Via</td> <td>Dental Assistant- Level I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elizabeth</td> <td>Cohen</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christian</td> <td>Morales Perez</td> <td>Dental Assistant- Level I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allison</td> <td>Moradel</td> <td>Dental Assistant - Level II</td> </tr> </table>	Maritza	Benitez	Dental Assistant- Level I	Tatiana	Thrasher	Dental Assistant - Level II	Gissel	Argueta	Dental Assistant - Level II	Natasha	Louison	Dental Assistant - Level II	Benjamin	Simplice	Dental Assistant - Level II	Biliulfo	Gayosso Gomez	Dental Assistant- Level I	Zoporrah	Love	Dental Assistant - Level II	Sharnae	Via	Dental Assistant- Level I	Elizabeth	Cohen	Dental Assistant - Level II	Christian	Morales Perez	Dental Assistant- Level I	Allison	Moradel	Dental Assistant - Level II	
Maritza	Benitez	Dental Assistant- Level I																																	
Tatiana	Thrasher	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	
Gissel	Argueta	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	
Natasha	Louison	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	
Benjamin	Simplice	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	
Biliulfo	Gayosso Gomez	Dental Assistant- Level I																																	
Zoporrah	Love	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	
Sharnae	Via	Dental Assistant- Level I																																	
Elizabeth	Cohen	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	
Christian	Morales Perez	Dental Assistant- Level I																																	
Allison	Moradel	Dental Assistant - Level II																																	

Tomas	Barsoum	Dental Assistant - Level II
Mia	Larsen	Dental Assistant- Level I
Jade	Medina-Parada	Dental Assistant - Level II
Morgan	Cuthbert	Dental Assistant- Level I
Shan Rennan	Rondina	Dental Assistant - Level II
Jasmine	Escobar	Dental Assistant - Level II
Ahmed	Suliman	Dental Assistant- Level I
Eliy	Rodriguez	Dental Assistant- Level I
Junaiya	Young	Dental Assistant - Level II
Jeffrey	Lopez	Dental Assistant - Level II
lixcy	Martinez	Dental Assistant - Level II
Tuga	Elhaboub	Dental Assistant- Level I
Janiya	Thornton	Dental Assistant - Level II
Betelihem	Chekole	Dental Assistant - Level II
Perla	Argueta Orellana	Dental Assistant - Level II
Yoselin Guadalupe	Torres Guevara	Dental Assistant- Level I
Natalie	Calero Urbina	Dental Assistant - Level II
Ronald	Trent	Dental Assistant - Level II
Karen	Rivas De Martinez	Dental Assistant - Level II
Lisa	Pigford	Dental Assistant - Level II
Ivory	Brown	Dental Assistant - Level II
Taylor	Barnes	Dental Assistant- Level I
LaDonna	Meade	Dental Assistant- Level I
Georgina	Briceno	Dental Assistant- Level I
Mckayla	Belmar	Dental Assistant- Level I
Miranda	Stone	Local Anesthesia And Nitrous Oxide
Vanmala	Sharma	Local Anesthesia And Nitrous Oxide
Carla	Cornejo	Local Anesthesia
HeeJue	Hong	Dentist
Miranda	Stone	Dental Hygienist
Melissa	Stapley	Dental Hygienist
Sohaib	Khan	Dentist
Alexa	McArthur	Dental Hygienist
Hesham	Frag	Dentist
Maya	Vexler	Dentist
Peter	Marratto	Dentist
Tiffany	Gavin Walker	Dentist
Riley	Bontrager	Dental Hygienist
CyVanie	Ramkelawan	Dentist
Eric	Morrison	Dentist
Marim	Hanna	Dentist
Claudia	White	Local Anesthesia And Nitrous Oxide
Yasamin	Rasool	Dentist
Valencia	Washington	Dental Hygienist

	Seung Yeon Kesha	Bae Keys	Dentist Dental Hygienist
<p>Motion: The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>			

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0320-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Mr. Matteo Lieb, DC Health’s Legislative Affairs Specialist, to provide updates on the following:

Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:

- DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.
- The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0545](#)).
- This legislation received a hearing on [December 7th](#). Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council.
- DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up has been scheduled for March 21st, 2024.

Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0312](#)) on June 2, 2023.
 - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
 - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It then passed on final reading

on November 7th, was signed by the Mayor on November 21st, and became official law on January 23, 2024.

DC Health FY 23 Performance Oversight Hearing

- DC Health recently had its performance oversight hearing in the Committee on Health for Fiscal Year 2023.
- The first part of the hearing was held on January 18th, 2024. That hearing featured public witnesses and included representatives from advocacy organizations, healthcare systems, and non-profit providers. That hearing can be watched at the following [link](#).
- Representatives from DC Health then testified to the Committee on January 22nd, 2024. Testimony was provided by Director Bennett and other members of leadership and subject matter experts. Councilmembers asked questions of DC Health on a variety of topics including health professional licensing, DC Health’s upcoming move, maternal health, food access, opioid abatement, and school health. That hearing can be watched at the following [link](#).

DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight

- DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health’s proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year.
- There will be two hearings, one on April 1st for public witnesses and one on April 4th for representatives from DC Health.

OS-0320-09 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

1. **Credentials & Audits**: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey. No report
2. **Communications**: no committee yet
3. **Regulatory Affairs**: Ms. Dianne Smith. No report

OS-0320-10 “TELEDENTISTRY” QUESTIONS REGARDING RULES AND STATUTES

Ms. Carla Williams explained the process the “emailer” is proposing that a DC licensed dental hygienist will gather the patient records, the DC licensed dentist will remotely examine the records, the dental hygienist would provide services onsite and all other treatment would be referred to a local dentist. The scope of services provided by the hygienist would be limited to those allowed under general supervision under the practice act. There would also be cameras and other equipment available to enable real-time synchronous encounter between the dentist and the patient.

Dr. John Bailey commented that the request is different from what is published in the DC statutes as the treating/consulting dentist would have to be within the District of Columbia and not in another state. Also the hygienist performing the exam with the

	<p>dentist supervising via telephone conference is not the same as the dentist being present to watch over the patient and sign off if any issues arise.</p> <p>Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton inquired if the District of Columbia currently has any regulations published about teledentistry specifically? Dr. John Bailey answered it has been discussed but not to the point of being ready to create regulations. Ms. Carla Williams agreed and added there are provisions in the HORA draft bill that is currently before the council that will speak to “telehealth” as a whole. From there, the regulations will be built.</p> <p>Mrs. Brittany Harris-Campbell added that it is also important to clarify dental services and preventative services for the future so people are aware in terms of Teledentistry and performing dental hygiene at a distance.</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams will draft a formal response advising what is being asked is that it is not permissible under our current law as we do not have the regulations to govern it.</p>
<p>OS-0320-11</p>	<p><u>ANONYMOUS QUESTION</u></p> <p>The Board has received an inquiry from a Dental Hygienist Licensee regarding the possible usage of an LLC for compensation. The Dental Hygienist would like to start and use an LLC to be compensated for any services they provide as a temp hygienist. The hygienist states they normally receive a 1099 at the end of each tax year. However, due to not being classified as a W-2 employee, they usually owe a large sum of money at the end of every tax year. They hope to take advantage of the tax benefits of being an independent contractor.</p> <p>The Board agreed that this dental hygienist would not be in violation of any of the District’s laws or regulations governing the practice of dental hygiene.</p>
<p>OS-0320-12</p>	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Sarah Hoverter asked (to Mr. Mateo Lieb) if the committee print will be available before the mark-up tomorrow or not. Mr. Lieb answered more than likely it will not be available before the mark-up but he recommends she reach out to the to Ashley Strange on the Committee on Health to get an accurate answer (her email was provided in chat).</p> <p>Ms. Fatima Oglesby-Morris asked in regard to the Dental Assistant Level III registration, will applicants have to take Continuing Education credits to learn the extra duties (like placing sealants and glucose testing)? Ms. Carla Williams answered that the regulations include the requirements as well as the additional coursework that has to be completed in order to qualify for a Level III registration. The regulations can be found on the website and are available in the DC register.</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher asked looking at regulations, one requirement is applicants need to successfully pass a board approved hands-on course. Is there a list provided by the board and would that list include any courses offered by DANB (Dental Assistant National Board) for the Level III registration. Ms. Carla Williams answered the DANB course that is required is stated in the regulations.</p>

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Minutes March 20, 2024

CLOSING	
OS-0320-13	<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>ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: Motion: To vote to close the open session meeting Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson) Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer 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>

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.
This ends the Open Session Agenda
The next meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2024

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.