

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE, 2nd FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: March 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	Excused Absence
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
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	Excused Absence
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-0315-01

INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 (**Excused Absence**)
Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (**Present**)
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (**Present**)
- **Board Staff**
Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (**Present**)
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (**Excused Absence**)
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
- **Public Attendance**
Dr. Rick Callan – SRTA; PDS
Dr. Marc Muncy - SRTA
Dr. Steven Guttenberg, Former President - DC Dental Society
Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director - DC Dental Society
Ms. Shavonne Healy, RDH
Mr. Blake Hite, Georgetown University Law
Ms. Sara Hoverter, Georgetown University Law
Ms. Toni Reeves, RDH
Dr. Cheryle Baptiste, DC Dental Society & Robert T. Freeman Society
Ms. Ioana Bettios

OS-0315-02

OPEN SESSION AGENDA:

Board Action:

Acceptance of the **March 15, 2023**, meeting agenda

Motion: The Board to accept the **March 15, 2023**, meeting agenda

Moved by: Dr Michelle Latortue; (Board Member)

Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

OS-0315-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**
Board Action:
Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **February 15, 2023**, meeting.
Motion: The Board to accept the **February 15, 2023**, meeting minutes
Moved by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member)
Seconded by: Dr. John Bailey; (Chairperson)
Ms. Dianne Smith abstained from the vote; all other Board members voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0315-04 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

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 in-person on April 19, 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, Mrs. Walker informed meeting attendees that Mr. Arian Gibson is now the confirmed Senior Deputy Director for the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration. Dr. Sharon Lewis remains the interim Director for DC Health.

This concluded Mrs. Walkers’ report.

1. **BOD Calendar**
 - 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**
2. **BOD Census**
 - Dentists (**1,262**)
 - Dental Hygienists (**524**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**98**)
 - 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 (**127**)
 - Dental Assistant Level 2 (**542**)
 - Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**1**)

	<p>Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (1)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine 4. District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox 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 	
OS-0315-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees about DC Health’s Notice of Final Rulemaking – COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements which was issued on February 24, 2023. The vaccination requirements only apply to health professionals working in healthcare facilities; additionally, vaccination exemption requests are now the responsibility of the employer, no longer DC Health. Finally, NovaVax is now acceptable as a vaccine. Ms. Williams encouraged meeting attendees to review the document which was included in the agenda materials.</p>	
OS-0315-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. John Bailey, Chairperson, informed meeting attendees that he and Board Executive Director Walker recently met with the Inter-Professional Board Chairs Collaboration which is an organization comprised of the Board Chairs from the DC Boards of Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, Medicine, Social Work and Professional Counseling which collaborates with one another to bridge the gap between clinical medicine and public health. Additionally, the group met to discuss those who are eligible to participate in the Health Professional Loan Repayment program. Currently, there is an initiative in progress to host a symposium, which is planned for the fall, of which the IBCC is interested in addressing the following topics: telehealth, interprofessional CEUs, compacts and licensure portability, and healthcare workforce.</p> <p>Mrs. Walker asked Board members to share topics they were interested in learning about during the symposium. Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton suggested mobile vans and the availability of oral care services in the District of Columbia to be added as a topic of discussion. Dr. Bailey added difficulties for patients who are eligible for care, especially those with HIV as they do not feel that they are treated fairly. As a result, many of them seek treatment in</p>	

	Montgomery County. This is a continued area of concern of which will be addressed during the next IBCC meeting.																																																																																																																					
OS-0315-07	<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 February 9 – March 8, 2023:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>DENA3000034</td><td>Larrece Holton</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA3000085</td><td>DeNae Harris</td><td>New Registration</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA3000088</td><td>Julissa Ramos</td><td>New Registration</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA3000092</td><td>JosephFelix-Marquez</td><td>New Registration</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA3000094</td><td>TyDayia Young</td><td>New Registration</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA4000028</td><td>Shubire Baderzada</td><td>New Registration</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA4000101</td><td>Tiffani Bois</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA4000056</td><td>Inika House</td><td>New Registration</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA5000044</td><td>Jasmin Garcia</td><td>New Registration</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA5000047</td><td>Andrea De La Cruz</td><td>New Registration</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA5000046</td><td>Jacqueline Vigil</td><td>New Registration</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DENA5000052</td><td>Wendy Calloway</td><td>New Registration</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001175</td><td>Jessica Cabreja</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001177</td><td>Alain Fozettiako</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001182</td><td>Prevaneh Habibi</td><td>Examination</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001185</td><td>Nataliia Sova</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001188</td><td>Karen Boulos</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001191</td><td>Ashley Brascetta</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>HYG2001193</td><td>Kaitlyn Dingle</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000227</td><td>Tumare Iqbal</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000231</td><td>Autrine Loghmanian</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000244</td><td>Garima Kala</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000243</td><td>Himanshu Mehrotra</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000247</td><td>Jennifer Franklin</td><td>Examination</td><td>2/10/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000248</td><td>Akeia Everett</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000249</td><td>AnnaTram Do</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000252</td><td>Li-Yin Chiang</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000251</td><td>Chase Whitlow</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> <tr><td>DEN2000254</td><td>Jennifer Cully</td><td>Endorsement</td><td>3/3/2023</td></tr> </table> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals. Moved by: Dianne Smith, Esq.; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>	DENA3000034	Larrece Holton	Endorsement	2/10/2023	DENA3000085	DeNae Harris	New Registration	2/10/2023	DENA3000088	Julissa Ramos	New Registration	3/3/2023	DENA3000092	JosephFelix-Marquez	New Registration	2/10/2023	DENA3000094	TyDayia Young	New Registration	2/10/2023	DENA4000028	Shubire Baderzada	New Registration	2/10/2023	DENA4000101	Tiffani Bois	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DENA4000056	Inika House	New Registration	2/10/2023	DENA5000044	Jasmin Garcia	New Registration	3/3/2023	DENA5000047	Andrea De La Cruz	New Registration	3/3/2023	DENA5000046	Jacqueline Vigil	New Registration	2/10/2023	DENA5000052	Wendy Calloway	New Registration	3/3/2023	HYG2001175	Jessica Cabreja	Endorsement	2/10/2023	HYG2001177	Alain Fozettiako	Endorsement	2/10/2023	HYG2001182	Prevaneh Habibi	Examination	3/3/2023	HYG2001185	Nataliia Sova	Endorsement	2/10/2023	HYG2001188	Karen Boulos	Endorsement	3/3/2023	HYG2001191	Ashley Brascetta	Endorsement	3/3/2023	HYG2001193	Kaitlyn Dingle	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000227	Tumare Iqbal	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000231	Autrine Loghmanian	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000244	Garima Kala	Endorsement	2/10/2023	DEN2000243	Himanshu Mehrotra	Endorsement	2/10/2023	DEN2000247	Jennifer Franklin	Examination	2/10/2023	DEN2000248	Akeia Everett	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000249	AnnaTram Do	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000252	Li-Yin Chiang	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000251	Chase Whitlow	Endorsement	3/3/2023	DEN2000254	Jennifer Cully	Endorsement	3/3/2023	
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0315-08 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Mr. Lieb informed meeting attendees that the Committee on Health hosted DC Health’s Performance Oversight hearing on Thursday, March 2, 2023. During her testimony, Interim Director Dr. Lewis discussed the role of equity in DC Health’s work, IT modernizations, response to the Monkeypox outbreak, healthcare workforce development, licensure as well as strategic planning process. DC Health’s Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2023, at 12:00pm.

Additionally, on February 28, 2023, the Committee on Health hosted a Performance Oversight hearing for the following health professional licensing boards: Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Social Work. It focused on topics including workforce shortage, board membership, education, and training. Several legislative pieces were introduced to the Committee on Health which include the *Prior Authorization Reform Amendment Act of 2023* and the *Uniform Telehealth Act of 2023*. Currently no hearings have been scheduled regarding these legislations.

OS-0315-09 **SRTA PRESENTATION**

Dr. Rick Callan of Promethean Dental Systems (PDS) and former president of SRTA, Dr. Marc Muncy, provided a presentation on the States Resources for Testing and Assessments (SRTA). They discussed SRTA’s partnership with PDS to offer modernized and on-demand dental licensure examinations. The speakers addressed SRTA’s foresight with concerns regarding the safety, efficacy and ethics of performing examinations on live patients which led SRTA to being the first in the industry to offer manikin-based exams. Additionally, Dr. Callan discussed examination eligibility, scoring, re-examination and remediation processes. Per the presentation, SRTA is currently accepted in 35 out of 50 states: with the latest being Georgia. **Drs. Callan and Muncy** formally requested that the Board accept the SRTA Dental and Dental Hygiene examination for initial licensure and endorsement.

Dr. John Bailey inquired if schools are provided statistical information regarding the success or areas of improvement of their students. Dr. Marc Muncy affirmed that schools are provided information on how their students performed collectively. **Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton** inquired about how what is performed on the simulated model/mannikin is transferred to the restoration. **Dr. Rick Callan** indicated that the preparations that are done on a mannikin are not necessarily the same teeth that are restored as essentially there are two separate procedures being completed to ensure equity in the exam.

Dr. John Bailey inquired about the possibility of a small fracture when preparing the tooth on a mannikin. Is it possible to do so on the simulator? Dr. Rick Callan responded by indicating that as one of the advantages of the simulator as there is no chipping or material failure and the tooth that the students will be preparing are the same for all.

Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton inquired about the number of times a candidate can

	<p>re-take the exam without being charged if they are unsuccessful. Dr. Rick Callan answered that SRTA allows for a free re-take of one section, sometimes immediately after receiving an evaluation of their performance. In response to Dr. Rick Callan’s comments, Dr. John Bailey asked to confirm if the candidate fails, they can re-take that section without any remediation. Per Dr. Rick Callen, that is determined by the state as many states will only allow so many failures before remediation.</p>
OS-0315-10	<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. John Bailey reported that the subcommittee is currently drafting the scope of work for the Dentist and Dental Facility Certification to Administer Sedation or General Anesthesia to submit to the Office of Contracts and Procurement for proposal request. Additionally, the subcommittee recommended that a survey be sent out to determine how many dentists and dental facilities would need this certification. <p>BOARD ACTION: Motion: The Board to accept the recommendation of awarding 1 continuing education credit hour for all who participate in the above-mentioned survey. Moved by: Dianne Smith, Esq; (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <u>Communications:</u> Vacant No report. 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. Ms. Smith/ Attorney Williams reported that the subcommittee has received comments primarily from the Mayor’s office regarding the legislation for the amendments to the scope of practice for dentists of which the subcommittee will review during its next meeting. At that time, once they are reviewed, the Board will be notified if there are any changes being made to the proposal draft.
OS-0315-11	<p><u>LETTER FROM DR. ROYA PILCHER</u></p> <p>The Board received a letter from Dr. Roya Pilcher regarding the possibility of myofunctional therapy in dental practice. Per Dr. John Bailey, all dental students are generally introduced to myofunctional therapy while in dental school, however training/courses for myofunctional therapy is provided during post-graduate pediatric programs. He also added that myofunctional therapy is out of scope for the dental hygienist and would not be appropriate, of which</p>

	<p>Attorney Williams clarified the difference between the training/education for myofunctional therapy and that more information needs to be obtained to determine what exactly Dr. Pilcher would like to do as well as if she has sufficient training for it. Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton that though myofunctional therapy is not necessarily new, there are no ADA diagnostic codes for myofunctional therapy. Also, research is still out regarding myofunctional therapy and who would benefit from it.</p> <p>BOARD ACTION: Motion: The Board to table this matter and research further, specifically to obtain more information from Dr. Roya Pilcher regarding her background and training in myofunctional therapy before making any decision in this matter. Moved by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq; (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member) Motion passes unanimously.</p>
OS-0315-12	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Blake Hite asked for clarification regarding the bill for scope of practice for dentistry being moved to the Mayor’s office. He inquired if the revisions for the Dental Hygiene scope of practice were also forwarded to the mayor’s office. Attorney Williams indicated that the bills for dentistry and dental hygiene were separate, as the dentistry/specialties license revisions were approved some months before dental hygiene and dental assistant scopes of practice were collectively approved. All bills are now in the mayor’s office.</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher indicated that he wanted to offer his assistance in promoting the survey regarding the need for sedation/general anesthesia regulations in the field, once it is available. He suggested that a representative of the Board come to share updates regarding the survey during the next DC Dental Society meeting which may help increase the number of participants in the survey. Mrs. Ericka Walker welcomed the idea and thanked Mr. Gallagher for his suggestion and offer.</p> <p>Ms. Toni Reeves asked several questions: Regarding the SRTA presentation, 1) for clarification regarding equitable grading for live patient versus mannikin 2) How adverse effects/complications from injections on a mannikin verses a live patient be determined? and 3) regarding the dental hygienist not being able to practice myofunctional therapy even after the post-graduate training. Also, who makes the diagnosis regarding myofunctional therapy, the ENT, physician, or dentist?</p> <p>Dr. John Bailey shared similar concerns with Ms. Reeves concerning her first question. He stated that as a dentist, if a tooth is fractured because of over-prepping, you must be able to rectify the situation of which was not really addressed during the SRTA presentation. He also advised Ms. Reeves that</p>

the Board could not really answer that question, as only SRTA can. **Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton** added that this was a presentation regarding the examination that would be conducted in the District if allowed, therefore the questions she has for the Board can only be answered by SRTA and its representatives.

In response to Ms. Reeves' question regarding myofunctional therapy, **Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton** addressed the fact that the duties for myofunctional therapy are not addressed in the Dental Hygiene regulations currently. The delaying of a definitive response is to ensure that the Board has ample information to have impactful discussions on this matter. As for Ms. Reeves' question regarding diagnosis, **Dr. John Bailey** indicated that only the practitioner can make a diagnosis or can concur with the referring practitioner.

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CLOSING	
OS-0315-13	<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: Dianne Smith, Esq. (Board Member)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 **April 19, 2023.**
The meeting adjourned at 10:29 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.