

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

Date: May 17, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0517-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. as a quorum was maintained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (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 Ms. Deborah Vishnevsky, Community Health Administration • Public Attendance Mr. Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director - DC Dental Society Mr. Brett Greene, Consultant – DC Dental Society Ms. Fatima Oglesby Morris – Hands ON Dental Assistant Training School Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini, Director of Dental Services – Catholic Charities Dr. Roya Pilcher
OS-0517-02	<p><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the May 17, 2023, meeting agenda Motion: The Board to accept the May 17, 2023, meeting agenda Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry; (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0517-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 19, 2023, meeting. Motion: The Board to accept the April 19, 2023, meeting minutes Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry; (Board Member) Motion passes unanimously.</p>

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0517-04

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 held virtually on May 17, 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 HRLA (within the Office of Professional Licensing boards) are seeking to establish a Regional Reciprocity Agreement. On March 13, 2023, DC Health's Board of Medicine, as well as the Maryland and Virginia Boards of Medicine launched their Medicine Regional Reciprocity Agreement which will expedite the licensure process for applicants who are licensed in one of the participating jurisdictions. As a result, DC Health is exploring the possibility of a Regional Reciprocity Agreement with all health professional boards. On April 18, 2023, the Executive Directors of several health professional boards and Senior Deputy Director, Arian Gibson, met with counterparts from Maryland and Virginia to introduce the purpose of the Regional Reciprocity Agreement with the expectation of forthcoming meetings. Updates will be provided to the Board for review and discussions.

This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.

1. **BOD Calendar**

- May 17, 2023
- June 21, 2023
- July 19, 2023
- August 2023 **Recess**
- September 20, 2023, **In-Person**

2. **BOD Census**

- Dentists (**1,280**)
- Dental Hygienists (**535**)
- Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**101**)
- Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**79**)
- Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**1**)
- Dental Assistant Level 1 (**137**)
- Dental Assistant Level 2 (**560**)
- Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**2**)
- Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**1**)

	<p>3. District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>4. District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</p> <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-0517-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, informed meeting attendees about the Final Order that was issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Steele, DDS https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmnq/a/8z000000OMJ0/q8Zli3N.jC43H2fjwnU9ZSeS4eskBPGelD8Bl7dkaS0 • Dianne Whitfield-Locke, DDS https://dohenterprise.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#t0000000Cmnq/a/8z000000OjyL/kESqd6DCIZPwkZDJDLGK fKZBNwPHsZAmuQDkzNtbzw 																																													
OS-0517-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No report.</p>																																													
OS-0517-07	<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 March 9 – April 12, 2023:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>DENA5000053</td> <td>Ayda Gebregergish</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>5/10/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA4000112</td> <td>Oneida Miranda</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>4/19/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA5000066</td> <td>Maria Hernandez</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>5/10/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA001440</td> <td>Antwan Kingsbury</td> <td>Reinstatement</td> <td>5/4/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HYG2001194</td> <td>Lowreen Azin</td> <td>Examination</td> <td>4/19/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HYG2001200</td> <td>Sana Chaudhri</td> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>5/10/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEN2000242</td> <td>Lena Chehab</td> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>4/19/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEN2000263</td> <td>Shamoon Sharif</td> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>4/19/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEN2000265</td> <td>Jessica Gill</td> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>4/19/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEN2000266</td> <td>William Porzio</td> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>4/19/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEN2000269</td> <td>Sophie Moon</td> <td>Endorsement</td> <td>5/10/2023</td> </tr> </table>	DENA5000053	Ayda Gebregergish	New Registration	5/10/2023	DENA4000112	Oneida Miranda	New Registration	4/19/2023	DENA5000066	Maria Hernandez	New Registration	5/10/2023	DENA001440	Antwan Kingsbury	Reinstatement	5/4/2023	HYG2001194	Lowreen Azin	Examination	4/19/2023	HYG2001200	Sana Chaudhri	Endorsement	5/10/2023	DEN2000242	Lena Chehab	Endorsement	4/19/2023	DEN2000263	Shamoon Sharif	Endorsement	4/19/2023	DEN2000265	Jessica Gill	Endorsement	4/19/2023	DEN2000266	William Porzio	Endorsement	4/19/2023	DEN2000269	Sophie Moon	Endorsement	5/10/2023	
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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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0517-08 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Mr. Matteo Lieb updated meeting attendees regarding DC Health’s Budget Oversight hearings which were held on April 10, 2023, and April 12, 2023. The Committee on Health held its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26, 2023, which included several changes such as the provision of 2.25 additional licensing professionals within the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards. DC Council’s first reading on the FY2024 budget was held on May 16, 2023, with the second reading scheduled for May 30, 2023.

Mr. Lieb also reported that Councilmember Vincent Gray introduced two bill that would have the District join two health professional licensing compacts:

- The *Occupational Therapy Compact Approval Act of 2023*
- The *Counseling Compact Approval Act of 2023*

Currently, DC Health is evaluating both pieces of legislation.

Lastly, Mr. Lieb informed meeting attendees about legislation passed by Congress entitled the *Veterans’ Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022* which would ensure that military spouses with professional licensure in good standing in other states can practice in new states where their spouses are relocated. The Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards and the Office of the General Counsel are currently working to establish a process by which military spouses could attain privileges to practice in the District.

OS-0517-09 **DC HEALTH’S ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Ms. Deborah Vishnevsky, Oral Health Program Manager with the Community Health Administration, presented a draft of the Oral Health Needs Assessment which paints of picture of where the District is excelling and also highlight areas and opportunities to improve regarding Oral Health care. In the next few months, a follow up Assessment will be presented which dives deeper into statistics about utilization and attitudes towards oral health care across the District.

Ms. Carla Williams, Board Attorney, inquired if Ms. Vishnevsky could share more about the role of her office for clarity of what falls under the jurisdiction of the Board and what falls under her department.

Ms. Vishnevsky indicated that she works with the Healthcare Access Bureau under the DC Primary Care Office, led by Khalil Hassam. In a nutshell, her team is focused on creatively addressing any potential barriers to access to care. Her department tackles these barriers in a variety of ways such as J-1 visa programs, loan repayment programs for health care professionals and in her case, via school based oral health programs.

Dr. John Bailey, Chairperson, indicated that the Board will meet and review the draft assessment and if they have any suggestions, they will address it offline with Ms. Vishnevsky’s office. Dr. Bailey added that when the assessment has been published and ready for disbursal, it will be brought back to the open session to ensure that the public can receive a copy directly

	from the Board.
OS-0517-10	<p><u>EMAIL FROM A DENTAL HYGIENIST</u></p> <p>Motion: The Board to refer the Dental Hygienist to OSHA regulations for a definitive answer to her inquiry. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice Chairperson) Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue; (Board Member) The motion passes unanimously.</p>
OS-0517-11	<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. John Bailey indicated that the subcommittee discussed the presentations from SRTA, CRDTS, and CDCA/WREB/CITA. It was determined that new graduates/applicants applying by examination must take the ADEX (CDCA/WREB/CITA) exam. It was determined that CRDTS and SRTA gave the exact same exam meanwhile CDCA/WREB/CITA administers the ADEX exam. The subcommittee discussed their concerns with the CRDTS/SRTA exam which included accessibility and the exam candidates' ability to re-test over a section they may have failed in immediately, rather than allowing candidates to study or practice more before re-taking that portion(s) of the exam. Per the published DC Board of Dentistry regulations, the subcommittee indicated that for new graduates that are applying for initial licensure via Examination, the Board will only accept the ADEX exam. Applicants applying for licensure via endorsement can submit scores from their CRDTS, SRTA or any other state/regional board exam, in addition to demonstrating 5 years of experience practicing dentistry. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Mrs. Ericka Walker Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director, informed meeting attendees that the sedation and local anesthesia survey is ready and will be going out to licensed dentists during the week. Mrs. Walker implored stakeholders to assist with disbursing the survey to ensure the launching of the sedation and anesthesia certification for dental practices and dentists. 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. Dr. Judith Henry, Board Member, informed meeting attendees that the subcommittee received and reviewed correspondence from the DC Dental Society regarding Virginia's new regulations regarding cosmetic Botox in dentistry. The subcommittee has looked at the regulations of all states as related to the utilization of Botox for dental related procedures. However, Dr. Henry indicated that the regulation editions that have been in progress are moving forward as the Board does not want to delay any further. The subcommittee recommends moving forward, of which if the Board decides to revisit the matter at a later time, it will do so. This will also allow time for the Board to see how Virginia's law pans out as it relates to training and courses for cosmetic botox.

OS-0517-12

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mr. Kurt Gallagher expressed his appreciation for the two updates from Mrs. Walker and Dr. Henry as they addressed his two questions he had coming into the meeting. He indicated that he will be on the look-out for the link to the survey as the DC Dental Society will be happy to get that out to licensees. Mr. Gallagher indicated that the percentage of dentists who use anesthesia is fairly low so he expects that the numbers will most likely be low, however, he hopes that the Board would seek to proactively engage with the sector of specialized dentists (oral and maxillofacial surgeons) to get familiar with trends and issues in dental practices as the edited regulations are being developed. **Ms. Carla Williams**, Board Attorney, clarified that the regulations for anesthesia have been in place for several years. However, the Board is trying to implement the program by developing a process for licensees to obtain a permit.

Ms. Fatima Oglesby Morris, introduced herself and the different programs courses available through her school, Hands-On Dental Assistant Training School. She inquired if the Board has any requirements in place for an expanded functions dental assistant? **Dr. John Bailey** responded by indicating that the Board is currently developing those regulations which should be completed in the near future.

In the meeting chat box, **Mr. Brett Greene**, inquired if a copy of the draft Oral Health Assessment could be circulated to the public attendees. **Mrs. Ericka Walker** reminded Mr. Greene that per Ms. Vishnevsky's oral report, the assessment is still in draft mode and therefore not ready for distribution. However, Mrs. Walker reassured Mr. Greene that as soon as it is ready, it will be distributed to the public.

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CLOSING	
OS-0517-12	<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. Judith Henry (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 **June 21, 2023.**
The meeting adjourned at 9:48 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.