

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

**DATE: May 21, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY**Open Session Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025****BOARD MEMBERS:**

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	

BOARD STAFF:

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	

LEGAL STAFF:

Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	
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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0521-01	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 B. Board Staff Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Board Investigator Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist C. Legal Staff Tiffany Johnson – Health Licensing Specialist D. Department Staff Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Relations E. Public Attendance (Please type your Name and Organization in the Webex chat) Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society Fatima Oglesby Morris – Hands-On Dental Assistant Training School John David Bing – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Alexis Bennett – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
OS-0521-02	OPEN SESSION AGENDA: Mrs. Ericka Walker proposed to add an addendum to the Open Session Meeting Agenda to discuss the CEUs based on birthday renewals. Motion: Acceptance of the May 21, 2025 , Open Session Meeting Agenda with the added addendum of the discussion of CEUs based on birthday renewals. Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.
OS-0521-03	OPEN SESSION MINUTES: Motion: Acceptance of the April 23, 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-0521-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, started her report by welcoming everyone into the meeting. She then brought everyone's attention to the dates of the upcoming Board Meetings, including June's meeting which will be in person (with the option to attend virtually for the public). She also went over the current Census and discussed the current vacancy for a consumer member on the Board. She explained MOTA and how to apply if interested. Next she went over the Incentivized Program, advising of the reason for the program and requirements to benefit from it. The Incentivized program ended on April 25, 2025. We are currently still processing Incentivized paperwork for applicants who submitted their application before April 30, 2025. Once completed, we will have a final count of those individuals who took advantage of this program that can be shared at the next meeting.

This concluded 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 (**1,291**)
Dental Hygienists (**537**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**121**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**105**)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**3**)
Dental Assistant Level 1 (**224**)
Dental Assistant Level 2 (**667**)
Dental Assistant Level 3 (**0**)
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**4**)
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**0**)

	<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: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</p> <p>5. Incentivized Program</p>																
OS-0521-05	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel, shared in her report about the final order for Nicolas Kindred, DDS that was issued since the April 23, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>This concluded Ms. Williams' report.</p> <p>The following orders have been issued since the last Board meeting:</p> <p>Nicolas Kindred, DDS</p>																
OS-0521-06	<p>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</p> <p>Michelle Latortue, DDS, Chairperson of the Board, took this time to address the question that was asked of the Board requesting clarification of the requirements for CRNAs (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists) to provide anesthesia services in dental practices within Washington, D.C. Ms. Williams confirmed to the attendees that CRNAs can practice independently (without being under the supervision of a position). It was confirmed by Ms. Williams that at this time there is no legal prohibition for CRNAs to practice in DC dental offices and clinics. However, once the regulations are implemented, then CRNAs will need to obtain the correct certification before continuing to work in these spaces.</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved to take the official position that unless and until the regulations are implemented which will require CRNAs to obtain a certification, that CRNAs are allowed to continue practicing in dental settings within the District of Columbia as they have in the past.</p> <p>Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously</p>																
OS-0521-07	<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>The following applications were approved from April 17, 2025 – May 14, 2025:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Valita</td><td>Dandridge</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chayah</td><td>Norris</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr> <td>Xinhong</td><td>Niu</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alajzah</td><td>Ortega</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marisa</td><td>Bell</td><td>DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I</td></tr> </table>	Valita	Dandridge	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Chayah	Norris	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Xinhong	Niu	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Alajzah	Ortega	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	Marisa	Bell	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I	
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Julia	Jaimes	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Gabriela	Castro-Alvarado	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Vania	Rodriguez	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Enkira	Mandzhieva	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Genet	Admasu	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Michael	Bruch	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Claudia	Machuca	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
James	Peden	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Dazjae	Mclean	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Cindy	Flores	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Cecilia	Martinez Rodriguez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Tigist	Tolera	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Merhawit	Gebresilassie	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Leslie	Posada	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Iran	Ghobadi	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Aisha	Harris	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Petal	Moses	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Kayla	Goode	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Daniyal	Sher	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Luz	Rodriguez	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
MERON	ASFAW	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Briana	Price	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
	RODRIGUEZ	
BRENDA	ALDANA	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Kassidy	Barnett	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Cynnamen	Hall	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Sam	Youssof	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Beniada	Variste	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Katherine	Wise	DENTAL HYGIENIST
Brooke	Mossaded	DENTIST
Christopher	Morin	DENTIST
Michelle	Baptiste-Choi	DENTIST
Helen	Alaei	DENTIST
Amna	Malik	DENTIST
Farah	Jiwani	DENTIST
Tiffany	Tran	DENTIST
Marvin	Thomas	DENTIST
Ida	Rose	DENTIST
Heera	Ramaswamy	DENTIST
Christopher	Shim	DENTIST
Brittney	Gant	DENTIST
Etsegenet	Molla	DENTIST
Erickson	Spurgeon Manuel	DENTIST
Katherine	Wise	LOCAL ANESTHESIA

	<p>Motion: Acceptance of the April 17, 2025 – May 14, 2025, Consent Agenda Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campell (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0521-08	<u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u>	
	<p>Mr. Matteo Lieb, Director of Government Relations, started his report by discussing the FY 26 budget. It was anticipated to move through council on May 27, 2025. So far there isn't anything concrete yet but he anticipates DC Health's Budget Oversight Hearing will take place in min-June. As done in previous years, there will more than likely be 2 hearings, one for the public and one for DC Health representatives. Next he touched on the Certificate of Need Improvement Amendment Act of 2025. This is a bill that makes changes to the certificate of need program and establishes a registration for other health facilities that have previously not been regulated (including dental practices). It has passed and is going through congressional review with a projected law date of June 14, 2025. More than likely it will have gone through congressional review by the next meeting.</p> <p>This concluded Mr. Lieb's report.</p>	
OS-0521-09	<u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u>	
	<p>1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved to recommended that the Board maintains a listing of Continuing Education organizations and make it available to applicants on the Board's website. This listing will need to be voted by the full Board and will be a living document (constantly updated). Moved by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. <u>Communications:</u> Dr. Michelle Latortue No Report</p> <p>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi.....specialities license</p> <p>Dr. Lewis discussed the specialty license in DC for oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Some of the requirements for the license are to complete a CODA accredited residency program but they would not need to be board certified. They would need to submit verification of their training if they would like to perform procedures beyond Botox that are clavicle and above. Anything below the clavicle would be required to be under their medical license. This is a discussion was to propose to have the language for oral and maxillofacial surgeons to be added to the Specialty License package.</p>	

	<p>Motion: The Board moved to have the language added to the bill. Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0521-10	<p><u>QUESTION FOR THE BOARD:</u></p> <p>The Board has received the following inquiry:</p> <p>Please clarify the requirements for CRNAs (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists) to provide anesthesia services in dental practices within Washington, D.C.</p> <p>This was covered during the Board Chairperson's report.</p>
OS-0521-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u> Please type your name and organization in the chat.</p> <p>Mr. John Bing thanked the Board for allowing him and other CRNAs to continue to provide care to the DC community. He also offered his assistance to advise the Board with any regulatory matters regarding CRNAs in the DC area.</p> <p>Ms. Fatima Oglesby Morris greeted the Board and asked if dental assistants who have completed their Dental Assistant training program are allowed to complete their externship hours in dental offices in the District. Mrs. Walker answered by advising the Credentials and Audits Committee has outlined the externship and it is in the process of being finalized. Once that is complete, we will make the recommendation to the Board for them to vote on the implementation of that. Until then, Mrs. Williams recommended that Ms. Oglesby-Morris and Ms. Walker have an offline communication for a more in-depth understanding of where we are in that process.</p> <p>Ms. Oglesby-Morris next spoke about the Dental Assistant Level III requirements. She stated she had several students who wanted to take the course but are intimidated to take it due to the requirement of completing the DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant Certification which is made up of 3 exams (Topical Fluoride, Sealants, and Coronal Polishing). She asked if the students could forego taking the DANB exam as they tend to be very hard and have tricky questions, and instead if the Board would approve the exam that Hands On Dental gives the students during their training program.</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved that this matter would be discussed by the Credentials and Audit's Subcommittee at their upcoming meeting and they will present their recommendations to the Board at the Open Session meeting. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Eric Bradshaw (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Mr. Kurt Gallagher asked the Board about the changes in license expiration dates, license term length and CEs. Mrs. Walker advised that this issue would be addressed after the Board Chairperson addresses all the comments from the public. He then asked about a letter that was sent to the Board regarding recommendations that were provided by the DC Dental Society relating to education requirements for dental assistants. He was advised by Ms. Williams that this letter will be placed on the June 18, 2025 agenda to be discussed during that meeting. Lastly he informed the Board that he received an inquiry from the American Dental Association regarding trying to organize oral screenings for children during the annual conference this year. Mrs. Walker advised to Mr. Gallagher that the Board would need to receive an email from them with this request from ADA.

ADDENDUM: NEW RENEWAL MODEL DISCUSSION

Mrs. Williams took this time to explain the changes that are being implemented to the upcoming dental renewals. Back in June of 2024, the director of DC Health revamped the framework for all DC Health renewals. This means that a licensee's expiration date for their license/registration/certification **after the complete their renewals for this cycle** will now be based on their birthday. This is based off both the month of birth as well as whether the birth year is even or odd. For example, some licenses will end at 2 years while other may end in one and a half years. Because of this, the executive directors and the attorneys for all the professional licensing boards met to determine the affects this will have on continuing education credits. **The recommendation is that an individual would have to complete at least 50% of the required CEUs by the time of their renewals based on their birthday. They would still need to meet the 10% of public health priorities as well as the LGBTQ requirements.**

Motion: The Board moved table this vote on the 50% until all board members have full clarity on the standards and methodology of the new renewal process.

Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

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OS-0521-12	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> 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).”	
	ROLL CALL VOTE Motion: The Board moved to close the Open Session Meeting Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.	
	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.	

This ends the Open Session Meeting
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 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.