

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

**DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2025
TIME: 9:02 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY**Open Session Meeting Minutes November 19, 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	

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1119-01

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

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C. Legal Staff Carla

Carla Williams - Senior Assistant General Counsel

D. Department Staff

Kera Johnson. MPH, CPH – Legislative Affairs Specialist

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

Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director, DC Dental Society
J. R. Clark – Squire, Patton, & Boggs/American Association of Dental Boards
Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD – American Association of Dental Boards
Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD – President, American Association of Dental Boards
Kimber Cobb – Executive Director, American Association of Dental Boards
Norah Molnar
Avia Paul – Dental Assistant Level III

OS-1119-02

OPEN SESSION AGENDA:

Motion: The Board moved to accept the **November 19, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Agenda.

Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

OS-1119-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

Motion: The Board moved to approve the **October 15, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Robert (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Williams proposed that the minutes be amended to include the attendance where Board members and staff are marked with who was present and who was absent.

Motion: The Board moved to approve the **October 15, 2025**, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the amendment as stated.

Moved by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)

Seconded by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:**OS-1119-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, began her report by informing the attendees about the AADA (American Association of Dental Administrators) Conference that took place in October. Some topics that were discussed at the conference were:

- the elimination of the CDC's Division of Oral Health on April 1, 2025
- the Association for Dental Safety continued oversight over infection control guidelines, and
- the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons guidance of the process of conducting anesthesia evaluations, and the significance of the protocols established in the Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual.

There was a state board roundtable to discuss updates taking place in other jurisdictions regarding licensing, discipline, legislation and policies. Some common denominators amongst the different jurisdictions that were represented at the AADA meeting were:

- Foreign-trained Dentists seeking licensure as a Dental Hygienist,
- Consideration to make unlicensed practice of dentists a felony versus a misdemeanor, and
- AI (artificial intelligence) in dentistry.

Mrs. Walker also attended the Dental Testing & Regulatory Summit and Educator Conference that took place after the AADA meeting. She participated in the State Board Presidents and Executive Directors forum. This was a special forum of 29 jurisdiction dedicated to issues facing the Boards of Dentistry like licensure of internationally trained providers, practice of non-licensed dentistry, and the dental and dental hygiene licensure compacts. The discussion included opportunities for each state to appoint a dentist and a dental hygienist to serve on the ADEX Council on Examinations. During the general assembly, an annual update was provided, highlighting the recent merger of CDCA, WREB, CITA, and ADEX. This merger aims to strengthen relationships with state boards, candidates, and dental education programs, while reinforcing fairness, reliability, and board oversight in the examination process. Notably, Dr. Wesley Thomas, a former Board member, past Board Chair, and practicing dentist in Washington, DC,

was nominated as Treasurer of the ADEX Board. Additionally, Dr. Renee McCoy Collins, also from DC, continues to serve as a member of ADEX.

Ms. Brittany Campbell also attended the meeting as an educator. She's a new examiner due to being a Board member and attended the general meeting. Mrs. Campbell shared that she learned a lot about the importance of being an examiner, best practices and the process. She remarked that her fellow board members should consider joining as well, and she looks forward to her 1st Board exam in March 2026.

Ericka remarked that it was great to make connections with other Executive Directors across different jurisdictions. She has already started to offer insight to the other jurisdictions about how we regulate dentistry in the District, especially relative to Dental Assistants I, II, and III. Mrs. Walker moved on to highlight the calendar with the upcoming Board meetings, advising that the next meeting is December 17, 2025. This will be an in-person meeting so members of the public can attend in person or virtually through the WebEx link. Lastly, she reported on the current census, and pointed out that there is still an essential opening for the Consumer member on the Board, advising attendees of the MOTA website where they can find more information and apply if interested.

This concluded her report.

1. **DC Health Updates**

2. **BOD Calendar**

- October 15, 2025 (Virtual)
- November 19, 2025 (Virtual)
- December 17, 2025 (**In-Person & Virtual**)
- January 21, 2026 (Virtual)
- February 18, 2026 (Virtual)
- March 18, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- April 15, 2026 (Virtual)
- May 20, 2026 (Virtual)
- June 17, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)
- July 15, 2026 (Virtual)
- August (Recess)
- September 16, 2026 (**In Person & Virtual**)

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (**1,375**)

Dental Hygienists (**557**)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**124**)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**112**)

Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**3**)

Dental Assistant Level 1 (**249**)

Dental Assistant Level 2 (**708**)

	<p>Dental Assistant Level 3 (1) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (5) 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: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</p>																																																																											
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	<p>Motion: The Board moved to accept the October 8, 2025 – November 10, 2025, Consent Agenda. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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DISCUSSION ITEMS**OS-1119-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Ms. Kera Johnson, Legislative Affairs Specialist, started her report by informing the attendees of the hearing on October 30th for the Community Health Amendment Act. This legislation The legislation authorizes healthcare providers in the District to order and administer immunizations recommended by competent medical and public health organizations designated by the Director of the Department of Health. The legislation will also allow pharmacies to administer the COVID-19 vaccine without a doctor's prescription. The Director of DC Health testified in support of the bill expressing the importance of vaccine availability and access. The bill will possibly go into markup by December 8, 2025. Ms. Johnson then spoke on the Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act which was introduced to Council on October 20, 2025. This legislation aims to prevent and mitigate the burden of unpaid medical debt bills on District families, while increasing transparency in medical billing and ensuring fair debt collection. The purpose is to establish legal enforcement and oversight of financial assistance policies in large health care facilities, update the medical debt collection practices and create protections to alleviate the burden of medical debt. This bill is scheduled for a hearing on December 15, 2025, and DC Health will be called to testify.

Mrs. Brittany Campbell asked the following question" Does the Community Health Amendment Act include Dental Professionals as those authorized to administer vaccinations". Ms. Carla Williams answered by stating that Dental Hygienists already have this authority however the authority for dentists was included in the proposed legislation that did not succeed last year. She states another attempt will be made to get that into law for the dentists. The Community Health Amendment Act was put into place regarding concerns about ACIP (the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) and the possibility of them removing some of the recommendations for immunizations. This legislation doesn't give anyone new vaccination authority, but instead simply states professionals who already have the authority to administer vaccines are not beholden solely to ASIP recommendations.

This concluded Ms. Johnson's report.

OS-1119-09 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES**1. Credentials & Audits: Dr. Eric Bradshaw, Dr. Chanelle Roberts**

Dr. Bradshaw began his report by providing a list of schools the sub-committee recommends the full Board vote on for approval as Board Approved Programs to be listed on the Board's website:

- a) Dental Assistant National Board (DANB)
- b) Hands On Dental Assistant Training School
- c) Fortis Institute Dental Assistant Training School
- d) Northern Virginia Community College Dental Assistant Program
- e) Hagerstown Community College (CODA approved)
- f) Centura College (CODA approved)
- g) J Sergeant Reynolds Community College (CODA approved)

	<p>Motion: The Board moved to approve the inclusion of the abovementioned list of Dental Assistant Training Schools on the DC Board of Dentistry’s website as Board Approved Programs. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>This concluded Dr. Bradshaw’s report</p> <p>2. <u>Communications:</u> Dr. Michelle Latortue</p> <p>No report</p> <p>3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Mrs. Brittany Campbell, Dr. Imani Lewis, Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi</p> <p>Dr. Lewis started his report by informing that the subcommittee has been working on the collaborative practice agreement with dental hygienist. They have requested a meeting with the Community Health Administration to discuss the intent of the agreement and the logistics on how to implement it into practice. Dr. Lewis also mentioned that they worked on the changes to the Dental Assistant regulations and levels of supervision. The subcommittee plans to have a draft of the updated regulations ready to present and will further report on the collaborative agreement at the December Board meeting.</p> <p>This concluded Dr. Lewis’ report.</p>
OS-1119-10	<p><u>BOARD CONSIDERATION FOR A VICE CHAIR</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director of the Board, took this time to revisit the topic of the Board electing a Vice Chair. Mrs. Walker first clarified the responsibilities of the Vice Chair with the Board. Ms. Williams also spoke on the responsibilities, and stated she will confirm the period of service after looking at the bylaws for the Board. Dr. Chanelle Roberts nominated Dr. Imani Lewis, and Dr. Michelle Latortue nominated Mrs. Brittany Campbell. At that time, Mrs. Campbell chose to decline as she did not want to disrupt the Board if she could not fulfill the period of service. The Board completed a role call vote and elected Dr. Lewis to the Vice Chair position.</p>
OS-1119-10	<p><u>COMPACT DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>The Board recently reviewed presentations from the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) on the proposed Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The Board took this time to have a discussion focused on evaluating the potential benefits, challenges, and relevance to the District for both compacts. Mrs. Walker shared residential data of dental professionals in the District, Maryland and Virginia. Dr. Lewis raised concerns about how the compact might impact the District’s existing dental workforce, given the city’s high number of licensed dentists</p>

	<p>per capita. Dr. Roberts asked a follow-up question of how many of those professionals are actively practicing in the District. Mrs. Walker advised that she would follow up with that information. Mrs. Campbell highlighted the shortage of dental hygienists and suggested the compact could help address workforce gaps, especially in underserved wards. There were questions from the Board members about whether DC Council will say the District needs a compact and look to the Board for their input on choosing one, or whether the Council simply wants to know if the Board wants a compact at all. Mrs. Walker clarified that no formal request had been made at this time. She also advised the Board that DC Health will also conduct its own review of both compacts, including the fiscal and policy impacts of both. Dr. Lewis lastly requested to know how other health professionals are handling compacts within the District. Several Board members also expressed wanting to hear input from Board staff, local dentists, neighboring states and outside stakeholders. Mrs. Walker advised that Maryland does not support compacts and recited their formal statement listed on their website. She also advised that Virginia is currently a member of the CSG Compact but has expressed concerns about remaining a member.</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved to table this matter pending further information from Executive Director Ericka Walker.</p> <p>Moved by: Dr. Imani Lewis (Board Member)</p> <p>Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board Member)</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>OS-1119-11</p>	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Please type your name and organization in the chat.</p> <p>Mr. Gallagher inquired about the status of authorizing Dental Assistant Level I to take X-rays and authorizing Dentists to use dermal fillers. Dr. Lewis responded that the plan is to draft language for Level I to do X-rays and it is expected to be available by the December Board meeting. Ms. Williams replied that dermal fillers were not included in the current bill, but it is something that the Regulatory Affairs subcommittee will review and recommend moving forward in the future.</p> <p>The second question involved a request for clarification on whether a course on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) would generically satisfy the continuing education (CE) requirement specific to the LGBTQ+ community. Mrs. Walker affirmed that she would review the course materials in question and provide feedback.</p> <p>Dr. Renee McCoy Collins raised the question whether the emergency legislation from the COVID-19 period that allowed dentists to administer vaccines is still in effect. She also proposed that someone from the Board should be an appointee on the Committee on Health to ensure the Board has representation. Ms. Williams advised that the legislation that was passed during Covid has expired. She then clarified that the bill Ms. Johnson referenced in her report did not give anyone new authority to administer vaccinations. The bill specifically addressed the concerns about the future of ACIP Recommendations and should ACIP take the recommendations away, they could still do so in accordance with published guidelines and recommended immunization schedules</p>

from other competent medical or public health organizations. There was legislation put forth to give Dental Hygienists immunization authority and a separate bill to give dentists immunization authority. The Dental Hygienist bill proceeded and is now law but the Dental bill died. That bill also had language about Dental Specialties that was highly objected to by the dental community as well as language to give general dentists the authority to use Botox for dental procedures. Efforts to reintroduce the authority for dentists to administer vaccinations will continue.

Several members from the public including J.R. Clark, Dr. McCoy Collins, and Dr. Art Jee then spoke in detail about the benefits of the AADB compact, taking note to answer certain questions raised by Ms. Williams and Mrs. Campbell.

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CLOSING

OS-1119-12	<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).”	
	<p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>Motion: The Board moved close the Open Session Meeting. Moved by: Dr. Chanelle Roberts (Board Member) Seconded by: Mrs. Brittany Campbell (Board 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>	

This ends the Open Session Meeting
Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM
The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025

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