

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Date: November 15, 2023**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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## BOARD OF DENTISTRY

### Open Session Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

##### OS-1115-01 INTRODUCTIONS:

###### A. Board Members

Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Chairperson (Present)  
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice Chairperson (Present)  
Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (Present)  
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member

###### B. Board Staff

Ericka Walker, MSW – Executive Director (Present)  
Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist (Present)  
Rebecca Odrick-Austin – Investigator (Present)

###### C. Legal Staff

Carla Williams – Senior Assistant General Counsel (Present)

###### D. DC Health Staff

Matteo Lieb – DC Health Legislative Affair Specialist (Present)

###### E. Public Attendance

Kurt Gallagher – Executive Director, DC Dental Society  
Matt Rossetto – Legislative Liaison, American Dental Association  
Dr. Lucelia – DC Dental Society  
Brett Greene – DC Dental Society  
Dr. Ioana Bettios

##### OS-1115-02 OPEN SESSION AGENDA

###### Board Action:

Acceptance of the **November 15, 2023**, meeting agenda.

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

**Moved by:** Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member)

**Seconded by:** Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson)

**Motion passed unanimously.**

##### OS-1115-03 OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

###### Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **October 18, 2023**, meeting.

**Motion:** The Board to accept the **October 18, 2023**, meeting minutes

**Moved by:** Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson)

**Seconded by:** Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member)

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**OS-1115-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. **DC Health Updates:** Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and informed staff about the upcoming Board meeting dates as well as the current census numbers. Mrs. Walker advised the renewal season for the Board of Dentistry opened in October 2023. DC Health will be doing a presentation on the overview of the renewal process towards the end of the meeting as well as a virtual presentation of the renewal process on November 29<sup>th</sup>. This presentation will be more detailed and is scheduled between 12-2 pm. Additional info to come.

This concluded the report.

2. **BOD Calendar**

- November 15, 2023
- December 13, 2023 (In-person)
- January 17, 2024
- February 21, 2024
- March 20, 2024 (In-person)
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- June 19, 2024 (In-person)
- July 17, 2024
- August 2024 (Recess)
- September 18, 2024 (In-person)

3. **BOD Census**

Dentists (1350)  
Dental Hygienists (563)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (112)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (94)  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (2)  
Dental Assistant Level 1 (161)  
Dental Assistant Level 2 ( 608)  
Teaching Licenses for Dentists ( 4)  
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)

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-1115-05 BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel**

**CLARIFICATION OF INCENTIVIZED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Ms. Williams spoke regarding the incentivized program and the time period dental offices have to have their Dental Assistance come into compliance with the legal requirements to be registered in order to practice as a Dental Assistant in the District. All information is on the Board’s website and was explained at the September 2023 Board meeting. She reminded attendees that a cover letter admitting to the unregistered practice must be submitted as all applications without the attestation letter will not be considered as part of the program. These applicants will be subject to greater penalties after the Board and DC Health investigate.

**NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING**

The Director of the Department of Health, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 5(a) of the Health-Care and Community Residence Facility Hospice and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983, effective February 24, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-48; D.C. Official Code § 44-504(a) (2012 Repl. & 2019 Supp.)), as amended by the Health-Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2020, effective June 24, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-116, 67 DCR 8977; D.C. Official Code §§ 44-508, 509) (“Amendment”), and in accordance with Mayor’s Order 98-137, dated August 20, 1998, hereby gives notice of the adoption of a new Chapter 25, entitled “Health Professional Reporting Requirements”.

Ms. Williams explained that the final rulemaking was implemented in September of 2021. It previously only applied to the Board of Medicine, physicians and hospitals, but now includes all health professionals including private dental offices. Ms. Williams stated she was not aware, so she was unable to pass it along to the Board. This bill lays out reporting requirements for all health professionals in regard to any disciplinary and/or legal action taken against as well as the enforcement actions that will follow for failure to comply. Information will be added to the Department’s website to inform the public. Reports can be sent via email to Mrs. Walker, Ms. Williams, or the Department for the time being until specifications for submissions are made.

**OS-1115-06 BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

**Dr. John Bailey, Chairperson:**

- **AADB Annual Meeting**

Dr. Bailey attended the AADB Annual Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 in Hollywood, CA. The four main topics covered were:

1. Board member introductions
2. Update on compacts
3. Attorney’s Roundtable (discussed topics in the legal field for dentistry)

4. AADB State Dental Boards Forum, where Board members discussed topics happening in their states.

Dr. Bailey discussed in detail 2 of the compacts that are currently active, the AADB’s compact and the other by the Council of State Governments (CSG). Dr. Bailey conveyed his understanding of the AADB’s explanation of purpose for the CSG compact. He also discussed the AADB concerns with CSG’s compact in regards to licensing and accountability of health professionals who participate in the compact. Dr. Bailey also expresses his concerns with DC maintaining their sovereignty over who has the authority of whether professionals can work in our District.

Mr. Kurt Gallagher and Mr. Matt Rossetto both interjected that there are some inaccuracies with the AADB’s take on the CSG compact. They both then explained their take on the CSG compact as well as answered questions posed by both Dr. Bailey and Ms. Carla Williams regarding how the compact works, fees, who has authority within the compact for professionals who participate, and disciplinary action for those whom it applies. Mr. Rossetto requested that there be an opportunity in the future for him to come and do an in depth presentation about the CSG compact for further clarification purposes. The Chairman took it under advisement and stated the Board will get back to him.

**OS-1115-07 CONSENT AGENDA:**

Nazifa	Rezaee	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Sikeetheya	Richardson	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Marche	Mansfield-Knight	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Virginia	Amparo De Chavarria	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Shaquane	Hubbard	DENTAL ASSISTANT - LEVEL II
Dominique	Wentt	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Kaila	Reyes	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
seyedeh	jaferi	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Jerzel	Alvarado	DENTAL ASSISTANT- LEVEL I
Doxiades	Hill	DENTIST
Reza	Nikookar	DENTIST
Nana Yaw	Boamah-Mensah	DENTIST
Rachel	Taylor	DENTIST
Faisal	Shakir	DENTIST
Herbert	Spann	DENTIST

Brandi	Coyle	DENTIST
Muhammad	Usmani	DENTIST
Alexander	Sukys	DENTIST
Ensiyeh	Bateni	DENTIST
LEROY	SUTTON	DENTIST
Shaden	Alfaqih	DENTIST
Priya	Shah	DENTIST
Jahanzeb	Chaudhry	DENTISTRY TEACHING LICENSE
Yamen	Safadi	DENTISTRY TEACHING LICENSE
<p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals  <b>Moved by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith (Consumer Member)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Vice Chairperson)  <b>Motion passes unanimously.</b></p>		

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**OS-1115-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Matteo Lieb – DC Health Legislative Affair Specialist

- Compact Update: The Council will have hearing to discuss two compacts for the following Boards: Occupational Therapy and Professional Counseling. The Department does not have a position on either compact at this time. They are aware of pros and cons and are carefully evaluating everything. The nursing compact is also being discussed but with no hearing scheduled at the time.
- The Hearing to discuss the Occupational Therapy and Professional Licensing compacts is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistants Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023: § The Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistants Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0347) has formally been introduced in the Council at the request of the Mayor.

This bill expands the scope of practice for Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants in the District. The legislation also allows the Board of Dentistry to develop rules to vary the levels of supervision required based on the tasks performed.

- It has been referred to the Committee on Health and a hearing has been scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 was voted out of the Committee on Health during a markup on September 26th and was passed on first reading by the Committee of the Whole on October 3rd.

- The bill passed on final reading on November 7th and is awaiting Mayoral approval.
- DC Health Director Appointment: On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.

Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity. § The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on October 5th. During the roundtable, Acting Director Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize.

- Acting Director Bennett's nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and was then unanimously approved by the entire Council on November 7th.
- 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).
- A hearing is scheduled for December 7th.

#### Committee on Health Public Roundtable

- The Committee on Health will be holding a public roundtable regarding three confirmation resolutions relating to this board: Dianne Smith, Dr. Morton and Dr. Bailey for their re-nominations to the board of dentistry.
- The Roundtable is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

- Ms. Dianne Smith informed that will not be in attendance for the Roundtable due to travel and will be providing written testimony.

**OS-1115-09 BOARD OF DENTISTRY RENEWAL OVERVIEW**

**Mrs. Ericka Walker**, Executive Director, advised there will be a post symposium meeting held with the Board Chairs for all 19 Health Professional Boards. Date forthcoming. The meeting is to provide DC Health Updates and as well as discuss next steps in the development of the steering committee. **Ms. Carla Williams** also states the meeting is to make sure all board members are updated and aware of all changes taking place with the HORA. The goal is to meet with all members later in the month.

**Mrs. Ericka Walker**, Executive Director, conducted a presentation on an overview of the Renewal process. The presentation included information on the requirements to renew, expiration date for all licenses, renewal and late renewal periods, processing timeframes, fees, and where you can find answers to any frequently asked questions.

**Ms. Zaneta Batts**, Health Licensing Specialist, then presented a step-by-step walkthrough of an application using the renewal portal. Mrs. Walker stated that there will be another presentation later in the month for the public. This presentation will be more detailed and they will have the option to address any questions and concerns that public poses.

**Mr. Kurt Gallagher** asked a question regarding submitting documents for the incentivized program. Mrs. Walker and Ms. Williams answered and explained that all documents including the cover letter for the incentivized program can be uploaded with all the other documents for the renewal. The Department will then reach out to the dentist for next steps in the process. Mr. Kurt Gallagher also asked about the 90 Day Supervised Practice Letter as it is not currently on the website. Mrs. Walker explained that a new version of the letter is being released at the next meeting, but until then there is a section on the application that addresses the supervised practice that licensees can utilize.

**OS-1115-10 DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES**

1. **Credentials & Audits: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey.**  
Nothing to report
2. **Communications:**  
Dr. Bailey advises the Board is still working on getting someone to work on this committee
3. **Regulatory Affairs: Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith.**  
Ms. Dianne Smith deferred to this update to Ms. Carla Williams. Ms. Williams stated the rulemaking is still going through the review process specifically with respect from the comments that were received from the public, but that she is optimistic that we should have final rulemaking by the beginning of the year.



<b>CLOSING</b>	
<b>OS-1115-12</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p>The Board member should move as follows:</p> <p><b>“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).”</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> The Board to close the Open Session meeting.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Vice-Chairperson)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith (Board Member)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Board voted unanimously</b></p>
	<p><b>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.</b></p>

**This ends the Open Session Agenda, The next meeting is scheduled on December 15, 2023  
The meeting adjourned at 10:38 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).