

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

**Date: October 18, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

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BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Attendance on October 18, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Chairperson	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – Vice Chairperson	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DMD - Board Member	Present
Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS - Board Member	Present
Vacant – (Dentist) Board Member	
Vacant – (Dental Hygienist) Board Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Absent
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Board Investigator	Absent
Geoffrey Calloway, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Open Session Minutes October 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1018-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:00am 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 (Present) Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. – Consumer Member (Present) Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS – Board Member (Present)• Board Staff Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director (Present) Geoffrey Calloway, Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist (Present)• Legal Staff Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel (Present)• DC Health Staff Matteo Lieb, DC Health Legislative Affair Specialist• Public Attendance Ronnie Coleman Kurt Gallagher Dr. Chad Jones Lou Ann Lagana Guy Rohling
OS-1018-02	<p><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the October 18, 2023, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to approve the minutes Moved by: Dr. Iris Morton Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue Motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1018-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 20, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to approve the minutes Moved by: Diane Smith Seconded by: Dr. Michelle Latortue</p>

Abstained by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton
Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

OS-1018-04 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ericka Walker informed the Board members and public that the renewal portal opened on October 16, 2023, for dentist, dental assistants and dental hygienist. Renewal training dates are coming soon and will be conducted via WebEx.

DC Health held the inaugural Interprofessional Board Collaborative (IBC) Symposium on September 27, 2023, bringing together the mayoral appointed health professionals from across 19 health professional boards to discuss how best to design of our healthcare workforce of the future and the important role team-based care will play. The symposium allowed members to network, hear from key members of the DC Health team, and meet the new Acting Director of DC Health, Dr. Ayanna Bennett. The goal is to take the necessary steps to close the chasm between clinical medicine and public health and improve population health in the District of Columbia. The next step is to establish an 11 to 13 member IBC Steering Committee that will serve to help facilitate continued engagement and future programming throughout the year.

BOD Calendar

- October 18, 2023
- 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)

BOD Census

Dentists (1344)
Dental Hygienists (559)
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (109)
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Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (0)
Dental Assistant Level 1 (159)
Dental Assistant Level 2 (599)
Teaching Licenses for Dentists (3)
Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (0)

	<p>District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</p> <p>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-1018-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel</p> <p>The final rule making package has been prepared and is moving forward in the review process.</p>																																											
OS-1018-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. John Bailey, Chairperson:</p> <p>Dr. Bailey will be attending the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) Annual Meeting in California, October 19 – 22, 2023. The AADB drafted a compact that will be compared to another compact that is being considered by other states.</p>																																											
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LEROY	SUTTON	DENTIST
Shaden	Alfaqih	DENTIST
Priya	Shah	DENTIST
Jahanzeb	Chaudhry	DENTISTRY TEACHING LICENSE
Yamen	Safadi	DENTISTRY TEACHING LICENSE

Motion: The Board to approve the consent agenda
Moved by: Dr. Iris Morton
Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1018-08 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
 Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Board Confirmation Roundtable:

- The Committee on Health hosted a [roundtable](#) on September 25th to discuss the nominees to the Board of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Medicine.
 - Those nominees are Rayan Hagona-Wordie, Nicholas Caylor, and Ana Quiñones, to the Boards of Physical Therapy; Charles Bond to the Board of Occupational Therapy; and Dr. Carolyn Gorman, Daanish Jones, and Dr. Padmaja Pavuluri to the Board of Medicine.
- These nominees were approved during a legislative meeting on October 3rd. OGR anticipates that the Committee on Health will host more meetings like these ones to discuss health professional board nominations.

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

	<p>first reading by the Committee of the Whole on October 3rd.</p> <p>DC Health Director Appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 now awaits a vote by the entire Council. <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA is currently going through Mayoral approval.
<p>OS-1018-09</p>	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton and Dr. John Bailey. No report 2. <u>Communications:</u> 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry and Ms. Dianne Smith. No report.
<p>OS-1018-10</p>	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Guy Rohling: Spencer Dental is interested in the timing of the regulation of level 3 dental assistants in order to make personnel plans.</p> <p>Ericka Walker: It is currently under review by DC Health</p> <p>Carla Williams: It is undergoing the review process, and we are unable to provide an estimate. It is my hope that we will have it in place by the November meeting.</p> <p>Kurt Gallagher: Could you share the date of the training of the licensing registration training?</p> <p>Ericka Walker: Once the dates are finalized, we’ll communicate with the public.</p>

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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Open Session Agenda October 18, 2023**

CLOSING

OS-1018-11	<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 style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL VOTE</p> <p>Motion: The Board to close session Moved by: Dr. Iris Morton Seconded by: Dr. Judith Henry 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 Agenda
The next meeting is scheduled on November 15, 2023**

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