

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

Date: July 20, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey – Baker, RDH –Interim Vice-Chairperson	Present
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	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
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0720-01

INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. as a quorum was maintained

- **Board Members**

- Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson (**Present**)
- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH – Interim Vice-Chairperson (**Present**)
- Dr. Judith Henry, DDS – Board Member (**Present**)
- Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS – 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**)
- Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer (**Present**)
- Rebecca Odrick, Investigator (**Present**)
- Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)
- Keyana Goodwin, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)

- **Legal Staff**

- Carla Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel (**Present**)

- **DOH Staff/Presenters**

- Aisha Nixon, Executive Director, DC BOM & Chiropractic
- Khalil Hassam, Doh Primary Care Office Director
- Matteo Lieb, DOH Legislative Affair Specialist

- **Public Attendance**

- Mr. Kurt Gallagher, DC Dental Society
- Mr. Max Brown, Group360/TEND
- Ms. Tiffini Greene, DC Dental Society
- Dr. Cheryle Baptiste – DC Dental Society
- Ms. Shavonne Healy, MSDH, RDH
- Dr. Rebecca Misner, Adventure Dental
- Mr. Thomas Merritt - TEND
- Ms. Brittany Harris, BSDH, RDH – UMDSOD Course Director
- Ms. Toni Reeves, RDH – Founder, Together Helping People

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA:

Board Action:

Acceptance of the amended **July 20, 2022**, meeting agenda to include presentations from DOH staff, Ms. Aisha Nixon regarding the Licensure Process and Mr. Khalil Hassam regarding the Work Force Survey.

Motion: The Board to accept the July 20, 2022, Meeting Agenda

Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member)

Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member)

Motion passed unanimously

OS-0720-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**
Board Action:
 Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **June 15, 2022**, meeting.
Motion: The Board to accept the June 15, 2022, meeting minutes.
Moved by: Dr. Judith Henry, (Board Member)
Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member)
Motion passed unanimously

STAFF REPORTS

OS-0720-04 **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 about upcoming Board meeting dates and current census reports which are located on the Open Session Agenda. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>, the District of Columbia's primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations within the District. This concluded Mrs. Walkers' report.

1. **BOD Calendar**
 - July 20, 2022
 - August 2022 (Recess)
 - September 21, 2022
2. **BOD Census**
 - Dentists (**1,163**)
 - Dental Hygienists (**466**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (**92**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (**54**)
 - Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (**1**)
 - Dental Assistant Level 1 (**94**)
 - Dental Assistant Level 2 (**455**)
 - Teaching Licenses for Dentists (**2**)
 - Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (**1**)
3. **District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates**
<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>

Ms. Aisha Nixon, Executive Director of the DC BOM & Chiropractic, presented on the Licensure Process and provided insight on improvements that are underway.

	<p>Mr. Khalil Hassam, Primary Care Office Director, presented on the importance of healthcare professionals/ licensees completing the Work Force Surveys during the renewal period. The survey provides information from the Work Force regarding fund allotment, work burnout, programs available for career advancement, and need for providers throughout the District.</p>	
OS-0720-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>NONE</p>	
OS-0720-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>NONE</p>	
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0720-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>	
OS-0720-08	<p><u>LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Mr. Kurt Gallagher gave a brief introduction regarding DC Dental Society's recommendations for updates to the Scopes of Practice for Dental/Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistant license types.</p> <p>No Board action at this time, as the Board will refer the recommendations to the appropriate subcommittee for further review.</p>	
OS-0720-09	<p><u>DENTAL ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>No Board action at this time, as the Board will refer the recommendations to the appropriate subcommittee for further review.</p>	
OS-0720-10	<p><u>(TEMPORARY) LICENSURE PROCESS INQUIRY</u></p> <p>Mr. Thomas Merritt gave a summary of his concerns regarding the delays with the processing of Temporary License applications and requested for more transparency by the Board regarding the volume of pending applications.</p> <p>Mrs. Walker addressed Mr. Merritt's concerns by discussing the importance of applicants submitting all required information for temporary licensure before the Health Licensing Specialist review. She also explained that some requirements such as the Criminal Background Check can often take 1-3 days before they are received by DC Health which also affects the 3-to-4-day turnaround.</p>	

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DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

1. **Credentials & Audits:**

Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey/Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH
Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director requested for this subcommittee to develop a process which addresses the requirements to open a Dental Assistant school in the District per several inquiries that have come from the public.

Dr. John Bailey indicated that the subcommittee would discuss the matter and provide feedback.

2. **Communications:**

Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH
No report.

3. **Regulatory Affairs:**

Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH
-Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice
-Dental Assistant Scope of Practice

Board Attorney, Ms. Carla Williams, presented on the proposed updates to the Scopes of Practice for both Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistant license types.

Board Action 1:

For the Dental Assistant license type, the Board to delegate the following recommendations to the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee for review and consideration: Pit and Fissure sealants, Coronal Polishing, Radiology course/DANB RHS Exam requirements for the Level II license, creating a new category of registration for expanded function Dental Assistants.

Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; **(Board Member)**

Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq. **(Board Member)**

The motion passes unanimously.

Board Action 2:

For the Dental Hygiene license type, the Board to delegate the following recommendations to the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee for review and consideration: Creation of a new category for an advanced dental hygienist.

Moved by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker; **(Board Member)**

Seconded by: Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; **(Board Member)**

The motion passes unanimously.

Board Action 3:

The Board to delegate the following recommendation to the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee for review and consideration: Botox (in relation to the Dental Treatment Plan)

Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; **(Board Member)**

Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker; **(Board Member)**

The motion passes unanimously.

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COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

- **Kurt Gallagher: Mr. Gallagher thanked the Board for considering the recommendations for the Scope of Practice updates and was hopeful that the subcommittee would incorporate the recommendations into the proposed regulations.**

This concludes the Comments from the Public Section

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CLOSING	
OS-0720-13	<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, (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 **September 21, 2022.**
The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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