

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Date: June 15, 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	Absent
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-0615-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. as a quorum was maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Public Attendance Mr. Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director, DC Dental Society Mr. Max Brown – TEND; Group360 Ms. Janelle Schumaker – Adventure Dental Ms. Shavonne Healy, MSDH, RDH Dr. Rebecca Misner, Regional Dental Director, HERO Practices Mr. Thomas Merritt - TEND Ms. Brittany Harris, BSDH, RDH – UMDSOD Course Director Ms. Yanique Griffin, RDH – Director of Hygiene, TEND Mr. Brette Greene – DC Dental Society Ms. Jill Grassmick, RDH – DCDHA Ms. Toni Reeves, RDH – Founder, Together Helping People
OS-0615-02	<p><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the June 15, 2022, meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: The Board to accept the June 15, 2022, Meeting Agenda Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-0615-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 18, 2022, meeting.</p>

	<p>Motion: The Board to accept the May 18, 2022, meeting minutes. Moved by: Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, (Board Member) Seconded by: Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, (Board Member) Motion passed unanimously</p>
STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0615-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>BOD Calendar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 15, 2022 - July 20, 2022 - August 2022 (Recess) - September 21, 2022 2. <u>BOD Census</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dentists (1,144) Dental Hygienists (452) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia (92) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia & Nitrous Oxide (52) Dental Assistant Level 1 (90) Dental Assistant Level 2 (448) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (2) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (1) 3. <u>District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates</u> https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine
OS-0615-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>NONE</p>
OS-0615-06	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>NONE</p>

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-0615-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS- FYI Only</u></p> <p>http://dccouncil.us/events/list</p>
OS-0615-08	<p><u>DENTAL CHAIRSIDE DIABETES SCREENING</u></p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the email received by the Board regarding Dental Chairside Diabetes Screening. Ms. Shavonne Healy and Mr. Kurt Gallagher expressed their support for possibly adding Diabetes screening into DC Regulations/expansion of the Scope of Practice as a vital part of dental and medical health intergration. Ms. Brittany Harris indicated that the blood glucose screening is utilized to provide the patient with an overall view of their health of which they are referred to their physician as appropriate. Ms. Jill Grassmick and Dr. Judith Henry confirmed that there is indeed a code (D0411) for Diabetes Screening which could be applied should the practice or practitioner choose to bill for that service.</p> <p>The Board to refer the matter to the appropriate subcommittee for further review and discussion.</p>
OS-0615-09	<p><u>DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Credentials & Audits:</u> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey/Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH No report. 2. <u>Communications:</u> Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH No report. 3. <u>Regulatory Affairs:</u> Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH No report.
OS-0615-10	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt Gallagher submitted a letter of recommendations on behalf of the DC Dental Society on June 11, 2022, regarding the expansion of the Scope of Practice for the dental license types. Dr. Bailey confirmed receipt of the letter and indicated that the Board will review the letter and provide feedback. • Shavonne Healy also indicated that she submitted documentation to the Board on behalf of herself and several educators/practitioners in support of the ongoing conversation regarding Dental Assistants performing coronal polishing. Dr. Bailey shared his concerns with Dental Assistants performing such a task without formal training. Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton added that there is a possibility for some of the expanded functions could be incorporated into the Dental Assistant training programs. • Brett Greene inquired about the timeline and steps to follow regarding the

review and implementation of recommendations provided by the DC Dental Society & Ms. Healy. Attorney Williams addressed Mr. Greene's question by reminding him that because of the letter being sent late, the Board had not yet reviewed the recommendations, therefore no real action could take place until next month's meeting. At that time, the Board could vote to refer the recommendations to the appropriate Subcommittee to move any of the items. However, if any of the items require a law or regulation to be enacted, practitioners can not act upon that item until the law or regulation has been set in place. Ms. Williams also indicated that this process could take months or years.

- **Dr. Rebecca Misner** supported Dr. Bailey's position of Dental Assistants having formal training before using a high-speed hand piece to polish composite restoration. However, to alleviate the access to care issue and shortage of dental hygienists, she requested for the Board to consider expanding the functions of the Dental Assistants to include performing coronal polishing and applying fluoride varnish.
- **Ms. Jill Grassmick** agreed with Dr. Bailey about formal training for coronal polishing as she has witnessed as a dental hygienist for over 50 years several people with damage to their gingiva after the polishing. Ms. Grassmick added that she felt that Dental Hygienists were well qualified to teach such a course as this is a procedure that they perform quite often.
- **Toni Reeves** voiced her position that more emphasis and attention should be directed towards oral healthcare, especially with oral cancer being on the rise and often diagnosed in later stages. She indicated that while coronal polishing and other duties to be added to the Scope of Practice is important, she believes that oral healthcare should be at the forefront.
- **Brittany Harris** agreed with Dr. Bailey that coronal polishing should require formal training and added that she too was in support of Ms. Grassmick's suggestion that Dental Hygienists should teach the course.
- **Thomas Merritt** also provided his (and TEND's) full support of what the other organizations and groups are advocating for.
- **Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton** discussed that a 6 -week course was not sufficient and that she did not recommend dental assistants moving to this level of practice without enough formal training just because there is a need.
- **Ms. Ericka Walker** expressed the Board's intention of staying abreast of what is taking place within the district and therefore requested that communication should be sent to the Board at least two weeks in advance to ensure the Board has an ample amount of time to review and be prepared for feedback.
- **Dr. Rebecca Misner** requested for the Board to consider the possibility of having Dental Hygienists who are already in the office practicing, to train the Dental Assistants in coronal polishing as having them go to an offsite training may not be helpful due to the shortage of dental hygienists.

- **Thomas Merritt** inquired about three persons who submitted documents for temporary licensure and were awaiting updates; he also requested more information regarding the vaccination exemption request process as he had an applicant who received documentation from DC Health that their request was still pending. Mrs. Walker addressed Mr. Merritt's initial question by having the three applicants waiting for temporary licensure to email Kathleen Ibeh regarding an update, and to copy her as well. Ms. Williams addressed the Vaccination Exemption request matter by indicating that if she was applying as a new registration, the exemption decision is made by that department within DC Health, not the Board of Dentistry. She also added that if the applicant was renewing their license and submitted an exemption request six months after the license had expired, it would require further conversation offline.
- **Jill Grassmick** voiced her opinion that Dental Hygienists can teach the Coronal Polishing course to Dental Assistants, however felt it would be better to have an instructor from one of the schools to teach the course to newly hired Dental Assistants perhaps on a rotating basis since there is a high turnover rate of assistants who work and leave practices. Teaching all new hires this way would ensure a consistent quality standard of care.

This concludes the Comments from the Public Section

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CLOSING	
OS-0615-11	<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;">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 **July 20, 2022.**
The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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