

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

**Date: November 16, 2022**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**

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

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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Open Session Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Dr. John R. Bailey, DDS – Chairperson	Present
Ms. Yolanda Josey – Baker, RDH –Interim Vice-Chairperson	Excused Absence
Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton, DDS- Board Member	Present
Dr. Judith Henry, DMD - Board Member	Present
0Ms. Dianne Smith, ESQ - Consumer Member	Present
Dr. Michelle Latortue, DDS-Board Member	Present
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW – Executive Director	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator	Present
Kathleen Ibeh, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Carla M. Williams, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Present

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1116-01

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. as a quorum was maintained

- **Board Members**

- Dr. John Bailey, DDS – Interim Chairperson (**Present**)
- Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH – Interim Vice-Chairperson (**Absent**)
- Dr. Judith Henry, DMD – 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**)
- Zaneta Batts, Health Licensing Specialist (**Present**)

- **Legal Staff**

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

- **DOH Staff**

- Matteo Lieb, DOH Legislative Affair Specialist

- **Public Attendance**

- Mr. Kurt Gallagher, DC Dental Society
- Mr. Max Brown, Group360/TEND
- Ms. Shavonne Healy, RDH
- Ms. Brittany Harris, RDH; UMDSOD
- Mr. Adam Block, DANB
- Ms. Tiffini Greene, American Mgmt. Corporation
- Mr. Thomas Merritt, TEND
- Ms. Toni Reeves, RDH
- Ms. Sara Hoverton, Georgetown Law
- Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini, Catholic Charities
- Mr. Blake Hite, Georgetown University

OS-1116-02

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA:**

**Board Action:**

Acceptance of the **November 16, 2022**, meeting agenda

**Motion:** The Board to accept the November 16, 2022, Meeting Agenda

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

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

**Motion passed unanimously**

OS-1116-03 **OPEN SESSION MINUTES:**  
**Board Action:**  
Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the **October 19, 2022**, meeting.  
**Motion:** The Board to accept the October 19, 2022, meeting minutes.  
**Moved by:** Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; (Board Member)  
**Seconded by:** Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Board Member)  
**Motion passed unanimously**

**STAFF REPORTS**

OS-1116-04 **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 the Health Professional Licensing Boards adopting a hybrid Board meeting schedule in FY2023 of which the public is welcomed to join during in-person meetings. Additionally, the link to join the meetings virtually will also be provided. Mrs. Walker also reminded attendees about <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine> and <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox>, the District of Columbia’s primary and up-to-date source for all information regarding COVID-19 and Monkeypox within the District. Also, Mrs. Walker provided the link to the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments website and encouraged attendees to visit for more information regarding Board vacancies within the District. Mrs. Walker also discussed the Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking that went into effect on November 8, 2022, regarding the vaccination of healthcare professionals/licensees and the vaccination exemption request process. The rulemaking will be posted on the website and also sent out to all licensees and stakeholders.

This concluded Mrs. Walkers’ report.

1. **BOD Calendar**
  - November 16, 2022
  - December 21, 2022
  - January 18, 2023, **In-person**
  - February 15, 2023
  - March 15, 2023
  - April 19, 2023, **In-person**
  - May 17, 2023
  - June 21, 2023
  - July 19, 2023
  - August 2023 **Recess**
  - September 20, 2023, **In-Person**
2. **BOD Census**  
Dentists **(1,226)**  
Dental Hygienists **(498)**  
Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Local Anesthesia **(96)**  
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	<p>Nitrous Oxide (64) Dental Hygienists with the authority to administer Nitrous Oxide (1) Dental Assistant Level 1 (107) Dental Assistant Level 2 (502) Teaching Licenses for Dentists (1) Teaching Licenses for Dental Hygienist (1)</p> <p>3. <b>District of Columbia COVID-19 Updates</b> <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</a></p> <p>4. <b>District of Columbia Monkeypox</b> <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox">https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</a></p> <p>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: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats</a></p>																																	
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OS-1116-06	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Dr. John Bailey discussed his concerns per the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB)'s report, of which 52% of dentists that were polled reported that their patients presented for treatment under the influence of marijuana. Dr. Bailey stressed the importance of healthcare providers being mindful of administering anesthesia when patients are in an altered state. Dr. Bailey also shared that there is an expansion of medically necessary procedures covered by Medicare and Medicaid which are forthcoming.</p> <p>This concluded Dr. Bailey's report.</p>																																	
OS-1116-07	<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p> <p>These applications were reviewed by Dr. John Bailey (Interim Chairperson), Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton (Board Member), or Mrs. Ericka Walker (Executive Director), from <b>October 12, 2022 – November 9, 2022:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>DENA2000075</td> <td>Wagdi Elgosbi</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/28/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA3000035</td> <td>Janile Lemus</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/13/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA3000082</td> <td>Siomara Santos</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/28/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA3000084</td> <td>Deemah Tarabichi</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>11/7/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA2000017</td> <td>Ziad Said</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/20/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA2000041</td> <td>Kemony Thompson</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/19/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA3000028</td> <td>Lydie Tchatchoua</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/17/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DENA4000041</td> <td>Dainese Smothers</td> <td>New Registration</td> <td>10/17/2022</td> </tr> </table>	DENA2000075	Wagdi Elgosbi	New Registration	10/28/2022	DENA3000035	Janile Lemus	New Registration	10/13/2022	DENA3000082	Siomara Santos	New Registration	10/28/2022	DENA3000084	Deemah Tarabichi	New Registration	11/7/2022	DENA2000017	Ziad Said	New Registration	10/20/2022	DENA2000041	Kemony Thompson	New Registration	10/19/2022	DENA3000028	Lydie Tchatchoua	New Registration	10/17/2022	DENA4000041	Dainese Smothers	New Registration	10/17/2022	
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DENA3000037	Adriana Pena	Endorsement	10/28/2022
DENA3000038	Lauren Terry	New Registration	11/4/2022
DENA4000032	Lemlem Abay	New Registration	10/24/2022
DENA3000080	Jasmine Hawkins	New Registration	10/13/2022
DENA4000036	Madison Powell	New Registration	10/28/2022
DENA4000038	Veronica Costello	New Registration	10/28/2022
HYG2001122	Jilna Raichura	Endorsement	10/28/2022
HYG2001146	Olga Leite	Endorsement	10/28/2022
HYG2001147	Madeline Rivera	Endorsement	10/13/2022
HYG2001149	Stephany Daniels	Endorsement	10/28/2022
HYG2001152	Deidre Mathelier	Endorsement	11/7/2022
HYG2001154	IVY JOHNSON	Endorsement	11/7/2022
HYG2001158	Jubril Nichols	Endorsement	10/28/2022
HYG2001161	Perla Cedeno	Endorsement	10/13/2022
HYG2001164	Ping Li	Examination	10/19/2022
HYG2001172	Shardae Gibbs	Endorsement	10/13/2022
DEN2000004	Nekia Staley-Neither	Endorsement	10/13/2022
DEN2000116	Dorian Solomon	Endorsement	10/28/2022
DEN2000171	Michelle Katz	Endorsement	11/5/2022
DEN2000218	Ahad Soleymanzadeh	Examination	11/7/2022
DEN2000221	Ekpa Eyoma	Endorsement	10/28/2022
DEN2000222	Virginia Perez-Torrealba	Endorsement	10/28/2022
DEN2000224	Taha Azimaie	Endorsement	10/28/2022
DEN2000223	Nika Nikookar	Endorsement	11/7/2022
DEN2000225	Shawn Kim	Endorsement	10/28/2022

**Motion:** The Board to accept the Consent Agenda application approvals.

**Moved by:** Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq; Board Member

**Seconded by:** Dr. Michelle Latortue; Board Member

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-1116-08

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist

DC Council’s Committee on Health will be hosting a mark-up next week where several pieces of legislation related to DC Health and health professionals will be presented such as the expansion of the Health Professional Loan Repayment program and High Need Healthcare Scholarship program. Additionally, Protecting Health Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Amendment is another piece of legislation that will be included. Any piece of legislation not addressed during this term will be reintroduced during DC Council’s new term. Secondly, as a result of the election that was held on November 8, 2022, there will be new Council members which means that the Committee on Health will also have a change in members.

OS-1116-09

**DENTAL BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES**

1. **Credentials & Audits:**

**Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton/Dr. John Bailey/Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH**

Dr. Jeffries-Morton indicated that though there was no official report at this time, however, the committee has been meeting regularly and more information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, the subcommittee wanted to encourage meeting attendees to provide the application checklist to potential employees of interest to ensure that they have all the requirements to speed up the licensing process.

2. **Communications:**

**Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH**

No report.

3. **Regulatory Affairs:**

**Dr. Judith Henry/Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq./Ms. Yolanda Josey-Baker RDH**

**Dr. Judith Henry**, (Board Member) precluded that the Dental Assistant Scope of Practice has been in place for over 10 years. Although they have been monitoring the scope of practice in sister states Maryland and Virginia, the subcommittee acknowledges that the two states have diverse needs in comparison to the district which is a small city wedged between them both. The subcommittee has taken into consideration the feedback and comments which have been received by the public during the October board meeting and re-reviewed the Scope of Practice and made editions, especially regarding direct, indirect and general supervision and the functions of the dental assistants thereof.

Board Attorney, **Ms. Carla Williams**, presented on the proposed updates to the Scopes of Practice for the Dental Assistant license type.

**Mr. Adam Block** inquired if the editions to the Dental Assistant Scope of Practice was posted online. **Ms. Kathleen Ibeh** indicated that the document was included in the Open Session Agenda materials and posted via the WebEx chat box.

**Mr. Kurt Gallagher** requested for clarity regarding the delegation of the whitening/bleaching function of a Dental Assistant. **Ms. Carla Williams** responded that there is a difference in the delegation of this function based on the mode of the procedure.

**Ms. Shavonne Healy** discussed her intention to draft a letter (in partnership with Ms. Brittany Harris and Georgetown University to provide an evidence-based approach to the suggestions provided regarding the functions of a dental hygienist, their ability to supervise dental assistants and advocacy for the ability to practice in long term care facilities. She requested that the Board postpone voting on the matter during this meeting and for more time to complete the project and have it ready for presentation during the next

Board meeting.

In response to **Dr. Michelle Latortue's** (Board Member) question to Ms. Healy about what was to be voted on, **Ms. Carla Williams** indicated that per the Board's decision during the previous month's meeting, the Board was ready to vote on the proposed changes to move it forward. However, there have been delays in doing so as the subcommittee has had to re-visit the documents based on the suggestions and feedback provided by the public. Additionally, this delays the addressing of other matters on the subcommittee's table. **Dr. John Bailey**, (Board Chair), also supported this and added that the drafts have been worked on for over a year and therefore is ready to move forward with the drafts.

**Ms. Toni Reeves** inquired about the application of the fluoride varnish and how the Board informs the public of their meetings and what takes place in those meetings as she has been unable to locate the information regarding that. **Ms. Carla Williams** acknowledged that Ms. Reeves first question was a practice concern, not regulatory. Additionally, she reminded Ms. Reeves that the Board meets every third Wednesday of the month which has been so for many years. **Mrs. Ericka Walker** (Board Executive Director) reiterated that the Board agenda and materials are posted on the DC Board of Dentistry website at least 2 business days prior to the meeting and the minutes are posted within 3 business days after the Board meeting holds. She also ensured that the DC Board of Dentistry website link was added to the chat.

**Ms. Brittany Harris** inquired if the Subcommittee meetings were covered under the Open Meetings Act and if members of the public were able to participate and comment on the Subcommittee meetings. **Ms. Carla Williams** informed Ms. Harris that the subcommittee meetings were not covered under the Open Meetings Act.

**Ms. Sara Hoverton** raised a question about the changes to the DC codes regarding the dental assistant and direct supervision. **Ms. Carla Williams** indicated that legislation is being prepared to update the codes.

**Mr. Blake Hite** asked for clarity regarding the process of moving such legislation. **Mr. Matteo Lieb** informed Mr. Hite that he does not work under DC Council but DC Health. However, there are many voices involved in the legislative process and his role is to ensure that the voice of the department is heard by DC Council. **Ms. Dianne Smith** reiterated that there is a public comment component before legislation is moved forward. **Ms. Carla Williams** briefly explained the legislative process.

**Ms. Shavonne Healy** discussed the need for more communication and expressed difficulty in navigating through the DC Health website. She requested for the Board to consider sending emails or communication to licensees should there be any updates. Ms. Healy reiterated her request for the Board to postpone voting on the drafted documents until she can provide her detailed report/letter in partnership with Georgetown University. This led to dialogue between the public and Board members regarding Ms. Healy's request for one more month to present her findings during the December Board meeting.

	<p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to receive Ms. Healy’s report by December 1, 2022 to provide the subcommittee time to review the document before the December board meeting and to vote on it at that time.  <b>Moved by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; Board Member  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; Board Member  <b>Motion passes unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Carla Williams</b>, Board Attorney, presented the Scope of Practice for the Dental and Specialty Licenses and addressed <b>Mr. Max Brown’s</b> inquiry regarding the language of dental practice ownership under a dentist who is licensed in DC and clarification on the office space lease.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board to accept the Dental Scope of Practice and Specialties with the amendments and corrections.  <b>Moved by:</b> Ms. Dianne Smith, Esq.; Board Member  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; Board Member  <b>Motion passes unanimously.</b></p> <p>In response to Ms. Shavonne Healy’s request for more communication from the board, <b>Mrs. Ericka Walker</b> stressed the importance of the meeting attendees sharing information via their own webpages and communities.</p> <p><b>Ms. Carla Williams</b> addressed Ms. Shavonne Healy’s inquiry regarding dental practices being owned by a dentist who may have residency outside of the DC area. Ms. Williams reiterated that residency is not the concern, rather, the owner must be licensed in DC.</p>
OS-1116-10	<p><b><u>COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>None</p>

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

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<b>CLOSING</b>	
OS-1116-11	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></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><b>Motion:</b> The Board to close the Open Session meeting.  <b>Moved by:</b> Dr. Iris Jeffries-Morton; (Board Member)  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Michelle Latortue(Board Member)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b></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 **December 21, 2022.**  
The meeting adjourned at 10:16 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).*