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BOARD OF NURSING
Open Session Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2026
09:30 AM

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"The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public's health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel."

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BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS	
Patricia Howard-Chittams, DNP, AGPCNP-BC RN (PHC)-Board Chair	**Present**
Laverne Plater, BSN, RN-BC (LP)- Vice Chair	**Present**
Rick Garcia, Ph.D., RN, CCM, FAAOHN, FAADN, FAAN (RG)	**Present**
Kami Cooper, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CWP, FAAN (KC)	**Present**
Tiffany Simmons, MSN-Ed, RN (TS)	**Present**
Anne Ford, LPN (AF)	**Present**
Judith Brinckerhoff, MSN, RN (JB)	**Present**
Tyris Ford, DNP, NP-C, FNP-BC, AAHIVS, Registered Nurse (RN)	**Present**
Brianna Jones, MHA, MS, QCP, LNHA	**Present**
Consumer Member	**VACANT**
Consumer Member	**VACANT**
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	**VACANT**
Nurse Assistive Personnel (NAP)	**VACANT**
BOARD STAFF	
Cathy Borris-Hale, MHA, RN, CPH- Interim Executive Director	**Present**
Stephen A. Ortiz, Esq., Assistant General Counsel	**Present**
Tamara Freeman, MSN, RN- Nurse Specialist	**Present**
Mark Donatelli, Interim Compliance Officer	Absent
Tanee Atwell, MS Health Licensing Specialist	**Present**
Myra Barnes, Health Licensing Specialist	**Present**
Kera Johnson MPH, CPH, Legislative Affairs Specialist	**Absent**
Tiguist Zerihun, Health Licensing Specialist	**Present**
Ashley Callaham, Health Licensing Specialist	**Present**

The Open Session Agenda continues with a Call to Order

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AGENDA

OS-26-11-01	**CALL TO ORDER**	**09:37 AM**
OS-26-11-02	**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**	
OS-26-11-03	**AGENDA APPROVAL** **Board Action:** Consideration of the Agenda for today's meeting, November 4, 2026. Motion to approve November 9, 2026, agenda was made by Dr. Garcia and second by Ms. Simmons; approved by unanimous vote.	**Decision**
OS-26-11-04	**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL** **Board Action:** Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 2, 2026, meetings. Motion to approve September 2, 2026 agenda was made by Dr. Garcia and second by Dr. Cooper; approved by unanimous vote.	**Decision**
OS-26-11-05	**REPORTS** • **Board Chair Report** • **Executive Director Report** **- Telehealth Nurse Practitioners** ○ **CENSUS**	**Informational**

BOARD MEETING DATES	
November 4, 2026	**Virtual**
ACTIVE LICENSEE CENSUS	
Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)	3392
Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)	147
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	162
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	36
Home Health Aide (HHA)	9,630
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	1,905
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	5,358
Nursing Home Administrator (NHA)	60
Registered Nurse (RN)	37,111
Trained Medication Employee (TME)	1678
TOTAL	59,479

	• **Board Attorney Report** ○ Assisted Living Administrator Regulations ○ CNA/HHA Regulation Update • **Legislative Report** ○ Vaccine Administration Protection Amendment Act of 2026 ○ Student Health Care Amendment Act of 2026 ○ School Health Certificate Modernization Amendment Act of 2026 ○ Healthcare Facilities Regulation Amendment Act of 2026 ○ Health-Care Decisions Amendment Act of 2026 ○ Certified Nurse Aides Roundtable ○ Health Occupations and Emergency Medical Services Amendment Act of 2026 ○ Saint Elizabeths Hospital Independence and Governance Amendment Act of 2026 ○ Dementia Readiness and Awareness in Continuing Education Amendment Act of 2026 • **Education Subcommittee Report** a. Nursing Assistive Personnel Updates • **Discipline Subcommittee Report:** a. Number of complaints received since Sept - Oct: Not Avaiable b. Summary Suspensions: 0 c. NSA's: 12 d. Number of Interviews conducted by Discipline Committee: 5 e. Number of COIN Participants: 6	
OS-26-11-06	**Board Matter: CNA/HHA Regulation Update** **Background**: On August 27, 2026, the proposed regulation creating a combined CNA and HHA certification (amending Title 17; Chapters 35, 93, 96) received certification from the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs (OPLA) and is approved for publication. We anticipate publication in either September 11 *D.C. Register*. Once published, members of the public had 30 days to submit their comments for review. The comments received were from different associations/organization. See attachment OS-26-11-06 FW__CNA_HHA_ Comments	**Informational**

OS-26-11-08	**Determine the Percentage of Continuing Education Credits** Motion to take the "Percentage of Continued Education" determination back to the Education Subcommittee was made by Dr. Garcia and second by Dr. Cooper; approved by unanimous vote.	**Decision**
OS-26-11-09	**Nursing Assistive Personnel Updates:** • Headmaster Nurse Aide Test Vendor • Medication Aide – Certified (MA-C) 17 DCMR § 95 • Patient Care Technician (PCT) 17 DCMR § 97 • DC Certified Nurse Aide Skills Portfolio	**Informational**
OS-26-11-10	**LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATOR** **Board Action**: N/A **Background: Assisted** Living Administrator (ALA) Application Update. The user acceptance testing (UAT) has been completed. The jurisprudence attestation form is completed.	**Informational**
OS-26-11-11	**MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** **Board Action:** To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b) **Background:** 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 outlined in the motion. 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(A); 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).	**Decision**

	Motion to move into Executive Session made by Dr. Garcia and second by Dr. Cooper; approved by unanimous vote.	**Time 10:29 AM**
OS-26-11-12	**EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY** The board reconvened to approve licensure and program applications, deny a waiver, and review CNA-related corrective actions and institutional testing issues. • Board returned to open session; executive session summary provided by Stephen Ortiz, Esq. • Board approved two licensure applications, approved an MA-C program application, and denied a waiver request. • Board discussed CNA skills portfolio reviewed a CNA corrective action plan, and reviewed institutional test score corrective actions.	**Informational**
OS-26-11-13	**MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION** Motion to adjourn Open Session made by Dr. Garcia and second by Dr. Cooper; approved by unanimous vote.	**Decision** **Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 PM**

THIS ENDS THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA