



BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Agenda

June 27, 2018 8:30 am to 10:00 am

BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

"To **protect** and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by **promoting** evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that **prevent** adverse events."

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BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
Preetha Iyengar, MD (PI)	ABSENT
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Terrence Straub (TS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
Diane Moorer – IT Support	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER	
OS-18-06-	INTRODUCTIONS
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ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS
	B. BOARD STAFF

	OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-18-06- 02	BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT	
ALL	A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT	
	B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	
	i. Newsletter Update The Newsletter was sent out on June 13, 2018, to all licensees of the Board.	
	ii. PA Subocmmittee Meeting The Executive Director will provide an update on the status of the PA Subcommittee Meeting that was requested at the last Board meeting to review the issue regarding the number of PAs that can be supervised at one time.	
	iii. MTL Renewals The Executive Director will provide an update on the status of this year's MTL renewals.	
	iv. Licensure Census The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.	
	C. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT	
OS-18-06- 03	OPEN SESSION MINUTES	FM
ALL	Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 30, 2018 meeting.	
	Background: The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board's past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.	

OS-18-06- 04	OPEN CONSENT AGENDA	FM
ALL	Board Action: Consideration of the current June 27, 2018, Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.	
	Background: The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.	

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OS-18-06-	REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE	SF
09 ALL	Board Action: To review the request for guidance from Dr. Bridgeman-Shah regarding the use of lasers bgy non-physicians.	
	Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 3-1204.08(9), the Board has the authority to "[i]ssue advisory opinions regarding compliance with acceptable standards of practice." If a request is received for guidance that is not already covered by existing law, regulations or Board policy, it is forwarded to the Board for guidance.	
OS-18-06-	REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE	FM
10 ALL	Board Action: To review the request for guidance from Dr. Daniel Gold regarding telemedince services being provided at Sibley Memorial Hospital.	
	Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 3-1204.08(9), the Board has the authority to "[i]ssue advisory opinions regarding compliance with acceptable standards of practice." If a request is received for guidance that is not already covered by existing law, regulations or Board policy, it is forwarded to the Board for guidance.	
OS-18-06-	PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HORA - EMERITUS STATUS	SF
11 ALL	Board Action: To review a proposed amendment to the HORA, which would establish a new "Emeritus" licensure status.	
	Background: A status of "Emeritus" would enable those licensees with a history of successful practice in the District who retire but want to retain a license with some standing. Contrary to "inactive" status, which any practitioner can apply for, an Emeritus status is valid for those practitioners with over ten (10) years of practice in the District and no restrictions on their license.	
OS-18-06-	PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HORA - STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS:	SF
12 ALL	Board Action: To review a proposed amendment to the HORA, which would establish a statute of limitations for complaints.	
	Background: A statute of limitations on complaints to be considered by the Board of Medicine would primarily serve to eliminate the burden on the Board of considering cases that they cannot hope to pursue. Since Washington, DC requires patient records to be maintained for only three years,	

	pursuing cases much older than three years distracts the Board from the pursuit of more timely claims that are substantially more likely to lead to resolution other than dismissal for lack of evidence. Most other states do not have a statute of limitations, although the larger population states do.	
OS-18-06- 13 ALL	PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HORA – MALPRACTICE INSURANCE Board Action: To review a proposed amendment to the HORA, which would establish notification guidelines to patients if a physician does not hold malpractice insurance. Background: Currently there is no requirement in the District that health care professionals maintain malpractice insurance. This amendment would not require the practitioner to have malpractice insurance but if he or she doesn't, it does require that the patient be notified.	SF

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MOTION TO	CLOSE
OS-18-06-	MOTION TO CLOSE
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ALL	Board Action:
	To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).
	Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will may move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:
	 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);
	 Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);
	 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).

This ends the Open Session Agenda.