

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Agenda

April 29, 2020
8:30 am

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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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)	
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)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
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-20-04-01
ALL

INTRODUCTIONS

- A. BOARD MEMBERS**

- B. BOARD STAFF**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-20-04-02
ALL

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT**A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT****i. Medical Reserve Corps**

The Board Chair will give an update on the Medical Reserve Corps.

ii. Interdisciplinary Chair Meeting

The Board Chair will provide an update on the recent meeting of the various chairpersons on the DC Health's interdisciplinary committee.

iii. USMLE Testing Update

The Board Chair will provide an update on the status of USMLE testing.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**i. Certified Professional Midwives Legislation**

The Executive Director will provide an update on the status of the Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) legislation.

ii. COVID-19 Response

The Executive Director will provide an update on the District's responses to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- a. Licensure Waivers
- b. Request for Volunteers
- c. Best Practices

For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, go to <https://coronavirus.dc.gov>.

	<p>iii. Licensure Census The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>i. Regulation Updates The Board Attorney will provide an update on the status of various regulations impacting the Board of Medicine, specifically that the 10% CE regulations have all been enacted. Additionally, the AT regulations will be presented to the Board for review at a future meeting.</p>	
OS-20-04-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 26, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>	FM
OS-20-04-04 ALL	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the current April 29, 2020, Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>	FM

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
OS-20-04-05 ALL	<p><u>KAISER PERMANENTE RESIDENCY PROGRAM REQUEST</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request from Kaiser Permanente to be granted MTL licenses for their new residency program.</p> <p>Background: Kaiser Permanente has submitted a request to be approved for MTL licenses, as their DC location is an approved remote site for their recently ACGME approved residency program.</p>	FM
OS-20-04-06 ALL	<p><u>ACUPUNCTURE REGULATIONS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review feedback from physician stakeholders regarding the recently enacted regulations governing the practice of acupuncture by physicians.</p> <p>Background: The Board previously approved regulations for acupuncture, which added several updates to the profession including modifying the licensure requirements for physician applicants to include the requirement they obtain certification with the American Association of Medical Acupuncturists (AAMA). Staff has received feedback that this requirement is too excessive and unrealistic for any new applicants, as AAMA certification requires practicum hours, which some advocates argue can only be obtained after licensure. This information is being provided to the Board for guidance on how to proceed.</p>	FM
OS-20-04-07 ALL	<p><u>LABORATORY TECHNICIAN LICENSURE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review proposed legislation moving the licensure of laboratory technicians and other professions under the Board of Medicine.</p> <p>Background: Under DC Official Code 3-1201.08, laboratory technicians, cytotechnologists, histologic technicians, histotechnologists, medical laboratory technicians, medical technologists and phlebotomists are licensed by the Board of Pharmacy. During implementation of these professions, a decision was made to shift their licensure to the Board of Medicine, and therefore draft legislation is being presented to the Board for review and feedback.</p>	FM

OS-20-04-08 ALL	<p><u>VOLUNTEER LICENSE FEES</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request for modifying licensure fees for licensees who are applying for a license to provide volunteer services.</p> <p>Background: Recently staff was contacted by Catholic Charities asking if licensure fees could be waived for physicians who were coming to provide volunteer health services. Under current law there is no “volunteer” licensure or waiver mechanism for full time volunteers. Additionally, the HORA requires a minimum fee for Board of Medicine applications, however existing fees are higher than the minimum.</p> <p>The request and written “testimony” from Catholic Charities are being provided to the Board for review.</p>	FM
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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-20-04-09 ALL	<p data-bbox="378 180 639 214"><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p data-bbox="378 258 570 291">Board Action:</p> <p data-bbox="378 296 1312 369">To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p data-bbox="378 413 553 447">Background:</p> <p data-bbox="378 451 1312 562">Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol data-bbox="435 609 1312 1184" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="435 609 1312 758">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);<li data-bbox="435 802 1312 875">2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);<li data-bbox="435 919 1312 993">3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);<li data-bbox="435 1037 1312 1184">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).	FM
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MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-20-04-10 ALL	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	FM

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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