

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Agenda

October 28, 2020  
8:30 am

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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:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
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)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
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	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Erin Donnelly – Legal Intern	

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<sup>1</sup> 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-20-10-01 ALL	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>  <b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>  <b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>	
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-20-10-02 ALL	<b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b>  <b>A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT</b>  <b>i. FSMB Call for Nominations</b> The Board Chair will provide an update on the FSMB's most recent call for nominations.  <b>ii. COVID-19 Vaccine Scientific Advisory Committee</b> The Board Chair will provide an update on the District's COVID-19 Vaccine Scientific Advisory Committee. More information can be found online at <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/dc-health-scientific-advisory-committee-development-and-implementation-safe-effective-and">https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/dc-health-scientific-advisory-committee-development-and-implementation-safe-effective-and</a> .  <b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>  <b>i. COVID-19 Update</b> The Executive Director will provide a general update on the District's response to COVID-19.  <b>ii. Renewal Update</b> The Executive Director will provide an update on this years renewals, which went live October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2020.  <b>iii. Rescheduling of November and December Meeting</b> The November and December Board meetings are scheduled for November 25 <sup>th</sup> and December 30 <sup>th</sup> . The Board previously directed staff reschedule the meeting for November.  <b>iv. Licensure Census</b> The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.	
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	<p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Acupuncture Regulation Amendment</b> The Board Attorney will provide an update on the status of the acupuncture regulations.</p>	
OS-20-10-03 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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-20-10-04 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the current open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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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<b>MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>		
OS-20-10-05 ALL	<p><b><u>FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS – STATEMENT ON FACE COVERINGS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the statement issued by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) regarding the use of masking by healthcare providers.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> On October 6, 2020, FSMB issued a statement on wearing face coverings during patient care. This statement was in response to various comments from</p>	FM
OS-20-10-06 ALL	<p><b><u>FSMB STEP 2 CS HIATUS AND ISSUES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To determine whether to waive the requirement for passage of Step 2 – CS for MTL license applicants.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.5(i) and (j), applicants for a Medical Training License (MTL) must have passed Step 1 and “...both parts of Step 2...” of the USMLE. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USMLE indefinitely postponed the Step 2 – CS portion of the USMLE (<a href="https://covid.usmle.org/announcements/usmle-suspending-step-2-clinical-skills-examination">https://covid.usmle.org/announcements/usmle-suspending-step-2-clinical-skills-examination</a>), meaning applicants for an MTL cannot meet the Step 2 requirement. In response this matter is being presented to the Board to determine whether to waive the requirement for passage of Step 2 – CS.</p>	FM

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-20-10-07 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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 style="list-style-type: none"><li>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><li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li><li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li><li>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).</li></ol>	FM
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-20-10-08 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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
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**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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