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Health Systems & Preparedness Administration

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

June 24, 2026
8:32 AM-10:16 AM
1:34 PM-1:35 PM

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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)	PRESENT
Bernard Arons, MD (BA)	Left at 9:04AM
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	PRESENT
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ABSENT
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	PRESENT
Daanish Jones (DJ)	PRESENT
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	PRESENT
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	PRESENT
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	PRESENT
Kristin Raphel, MD (DOH Designee)	PRESENT
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	ABSENT
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Assistant Member)	
VACANT (Physician Assistant Member)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Emilia Moran – Interim Executive Director	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammad - Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart – Health Licensing Specialist	
Whitney Moore – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Warner Dixon, Office of Government Affairs	
Terri Thompson, SHPDA	
Walter Adams, Esq.	
Edward Rich, Esq.	
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:	
Barbara Harrision, Certified Genetic Counselor	
Katie Forster, Certified Genetic Counselor	
Andrew Freiman, Certified Genetic Counselor	
Kamilah Martin Proctor, DC Commission for Persons with Disabilities	
Denise Moran- AMI	
Vin DiCianni- AMI	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-26-06-01 ALL	**INTRODUCTIONS** **A. BOARD MEMBERS** **B. BOARD STAFF**	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-26-06-02 ALL	**BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT** A. **BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT** i. On June 23, 2026, USMLE announced that the number of available examination dates will be reduced. Previously, students were able to schedule their exams continuously throughout the year. Moving forward, only a limited number of testing days will be available annually. The change is driven primarily by the need to protect exam integrity. ii. Successful presentation was delivered at Saint Elizabeth during the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship, covering Board functions and responsibilities. The Board Chair also reminded the public that the Board will host community engagements with stakeholders. B. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** i. **DC Health Updates** a) Senior Deputy Sam Hurley and Associate Director Aisha Nixon, expressing appreciation to the Board members for their service and dedication to the profession. b) The Board's summer newsletter has been finalized and will be published on the Board's webpage in the coming days. The newsletter will also be disseminated via email to all active licensees. c) The 2026 MTL/MTR renewal season will conclude on June 30, 2026. We extend our appreciation to all GME programs and to the Board of Medicine staff for their contribution to a successful season. d) All licensees were reminded of DC Health's transition to a birth-month renewal cycle.	EM

Additional information can be found on the Board's webpage.

ii. **Advisory Committees**

The Maternal Healthcare and Medical Radiation Advisory Committees continue to meet on a monthly basis to advance the development of regulatory standards for newly licensed professionals. These committees are actively engaged in drafting regulatory language that aligns with statutory requirements and best practices in the field.

iii. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

DC Health is working with the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) staff to help fill vacancies: one consumer member position, two physician assistant positions, and one physician vacancy. For more information, visit https://mota.dc.gov/join

iv. **Licensure Census**

ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	147
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1409
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	435
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	25
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	334
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	14097
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	1116
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1585
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	2
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	67
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	4
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	121

ATHLETIC TRAINER	178
TRAUMA TECHNOLOGIST	4
TOTAL	**19520**

C. **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

i. Publication of proposed amendments to 17 DCMR 4611. Comments are due by June 29, 2026. The amendments will:

a. Revise the MTLs to permit a licensing period of up to 13 months for the first year and up to 3 years for subsequent applications.

b. Specify that Canadian medical school graduates who graduate after July 1, 2025, are considered Foreign Medical Graduates.

ii. DC Health has submitted its response to Dr. Henok Araya's appeal to the Board's Final Order.

D. **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION'S REPORT**

i. **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update**

- On May 20, the Committee on Health held a mark-up to vote on the budgets for the agencies under its purview, including DC Health. Some investments in DC Health programs and initiatives listed in the Committee Report include:

  - Restoring $168,000 in one-time funds for the Chronic Illness Initiative grants to provide sickle cell treatment, cervical cancer screenings, and mammograms to uninsured residents.
  - Extending and expanding the Grocery Access Pilot Program to enable over 1,000 low-income residents to purchase groceries online without delivery fees.

- On May 27, the Council held the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Work Session as the next step in the budget process. During that session,

	Councilmembers discussed the capital budget, committee reports, and the overall budget. ▪ On June 9, the Committee of the Whole held a legislative meeting to discuss and vote on the Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026 and the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026. Both pieces of legislation passed on First Reading and will be put on the agenda for the next legislative meeting on June 23 for Final Reading. ii. **Council Recess** Council's summer recess is scheduled to begin on July 15th and run through September 15th, 2026.	
OS-26-06-03 ALL	**OPEN SESSION MINUTES** **Board Action:** Consideration of the Open Session minutes from May 27, 2026, 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. **Motion:** Dr. Pavuluri motioned to approve the minutes from May 27, 2026, open session meeting. Dr. Raphel seconded the motion. **Vote:** Dr. Anderson, Dr. Arons, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Raphel, and Ms. Jones, all voted in favor of the motion.	EM/KQ

OS-26-06-04 ALL	**OPEN CONSENT AGENDA** **Board Action:** Consideration of the current 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. **Motion:** Dr. Pavuluri motioned to approve the open consent agenda. Dr. Raphel seconded the motion. **Vote:** Dr. Anderson, Dr. Arons, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Raphel, and Ms. Jones, all voted in favor of the motion.	EM
OS-26-06-05 ALL	**GENETIC COUNSELORS REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A LICENSURE PATHWAY** **Board Action** Consideration of whether to recommend DC Health establish a licensure pathway for genetic counselors in the District of Columbia. **Background** On February 10, 2026, genetic counselors practicing in the DC area contacted the DC Board of Medicine to request a meeting to discuss the potential licensure of genetic counselors in the District of Columbia. On March 12, 2026, representatives of the DC Board of Medicine staff met with them virtually to discuss this request. The genetic counselors practicing in the DC area believe that licensure would: • Improve public protection; • Standardize professional qualifications in the District of Columbia; and • Enhance consumer confidence and transparency. Based on data provided during the meeting, there are currently 37 jurisdictions, including Maryland and Virginia, that license Genetic	EM

	Counselors. In addition, nine (9) other jurisdictions have introduced legislation to regulate Genetic Counselors. They are requesting that the profession fall under the authority of the Board of Medicine. **Motion:** Dr. Madkour motioned to recommend establishment of a licensure pathway for Genetic Counselors. Dr. Gorman seconded the motion. **Vote:** Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Raphel, and Ms. Jones, all voted in favor of the motion.	
OS-26-06-06 ALL	**BOARD POLICIES & REGULATORY REVISIONS** **FSMB POSITION STATEMENT: TREATMENT OF SELF, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS** **Board Action** Determine whether to reconvene a subcommittee to discuss the FSMB policy and potentially develop a Board position. **Background** In May 2022, FSMB issued a position statement that sets expectations related to the provision of treatment of oneself, one's family members, and close personal relations. To date the Board has not adopted a position on this issue. **Motion:** Dr. Madkour motioned to reconvene a subcommittee to consider the Board's position. Dr. Michael seconded the motion. **Vote:** Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Raphel, and Ms. Jones, all voted in favor of the motion. **Subcommittee members:** Dr. Anderson, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Raphel.	EM
OS-26-06-07	**CON REQUIREMENTS** **Board Action** To opine on the standard of patient care for sterility for certain minor surgical procedures. **Background**	

	The State Health Planning & Development Agency (SHPDA) has requested the Board to opine on the sterility requirements for certain procedures, to inform its decisions on Certificate of Need (CON) requirements. **Motion:** The Board convened a subcommittee for further discussion prior to issuance of a Board opinion. **Subcommittee members:** Dr. Dawson, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Pavuluri.	
OS-26-06-08 ALL	**AFFILIATED MONITORS, INC (AMI)** **Board Action** To listen to a short presentation from AMI regarding their current services. **Background** AMI provides a number of services to include, but not limited to: • Practice-based independent monitoring • Oversight of prescription and dispensing practices • Billing and coding audits • Boundaries oversight • Clinical competence assessments	EM
OS-26-06-09 ALL	**PUBLIC COMMENTS** **Background** To provide the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board. No public comments were received.	

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MOTION TO CLOSE		
OS-26-06-10 ALL	**MOTION TO CLOSE** **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 move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following: 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. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9). 3. 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). **Motion:** Dr. Gorman motioned to move into close session. Dr. Barbee second the motion. **Vote:** Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Raphel, and Ms. Jones, all voted in favor of the motion.	

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The next Board meeting is HYBRID and will be held on July 29, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT		
OS-26-06-11 ALL	**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT** **Board Action:** To report final actions taken by the Board during the Executive Session. **Background:** At the end of every meeting, the Board will provide a report of all final actions taken during the Executive Session. • Number of approved applications: **8** • Number of closed complaints: **3** • Number of interviews: **1**	

MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-26-06-12 ALL	**MOTION TO ADJOURN** **Board Action:** To adjourn the meeting. **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. **Motion:** Dr. Arons motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Pavuluri second the motion. **Vote:** All voted in favor of the motion.	

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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