

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

March 25, 2026
8:35 AM – 10:07 AM
2:05 PM – 2:07 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)	LEFT AT 9:27 AM
Bernard Arons, MD (BA)	
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ABSENT
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	ABSENT (SCHEDULED)
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	ABSENT
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
VACANT (DOH Designee)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Assistant Member)	
VACANT (Physician Assistant Member)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Emilia Moran – Interim Executive Director	
Charles Annor – Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammad - Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart – Health Licensing Specialist	
Whitney Moore – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Warner Dixon, Office of Government Affairs	ABSENT
Sylvia Luna Lopez, DC Vital Records	
VISITORS:	
Robert Hay, Jr.	Medical Society of DC
Julie Wolf	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Jackie Heinz	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-26-03-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	<p>A. BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>B. BOARD STAFF</p>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-26-03-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	EM
ALL	<p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT The Board Chair provided an update on the District of Columbia responses to public health issues/concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board Chair, Dr. Anderson attended the Trauma Informed Care Symposium with Associate Director, Aisha Nixon. 2. The FSMB Annual Meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD April 30, 2026—May 2, 2026. 3. On March 16th, 2026 attended the presentation to discuss the incoming residents (approximately 1515) with Interim Director and GME directors/program staff. <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health Updates The Interim Director Emilia Moran provided an update on DC Health: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Provided the 2025 FSMB Member Board Survey Findings to Executive Directors. B. On March 16, 2026, the interim director delivered a presentation to the GME directors and program staff to discuss the incoming class of approximately 1,515 residents and the medical training license process. C. The Board of Medicine Newsletter will be published soon on the DC Health website. ii. Advisory Committees The Executive Director provided an update on the advisory committees. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. <u>Maternal Care Professionals Advisory Committee</u> 	

- i. Previously appointed doula member resigned from the committee. A new doula member has been appointed to the committee.
 - ii. The committee is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis.
 - iii. The new doula regulations should be finalized this calendar year.
- B. Medical Radiation Technologists Advisory Committee**
- iv. The committee is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis.
 - v. The committee plans to finalize regulations within the next 12-18 months.

iii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update

The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies. The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is responsible for identifying and appointing qualified candidates. Currently the Board has the following vacancies:

- One (1) Physician member
- Two (2) Physician assistant members
- One (1) DOH Designee
- One (1) Consumer member

iv. Licensure Census

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District of Columbia.

LICENSE TYPE	COUNT
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	148
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1134
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	343
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	26
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	329
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	13841
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	1063

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1541
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	2
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	68
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	5
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	122
ATHLETIC TRAINER	180
TRAUMA TECHNOLOGIST	4
TOTAL	18806

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- Ajay Gohil, Esq., Board Attorney Advisor, announced that this meeting will be his last with the Board of Medicine, as he will be relocating out of state.

D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT

Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026

- On February 2nd, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the *Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Act of 2026* ([B26-0593](#)).
 - The legislation allows DC Health, on behalf of the Mayor, to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with a prescription drug discount program (ArrayRX) for the explicit purpose of lowering the cost of prescription medications for all District residents, regardless of insurance status.
- The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health. A hearing has been scheduled for March 25th.

Streamlining Medicaid Credentialing Amendment Act of 2025

- On December 1st, Councilmember Christina Henderson introduced the *Streamlining Medicaid Credentialing Amendment Act of 2025* ([B26-0523](#)).
 - The legislation creates a centralized and standardized credentialing system for Medicaid

	<p>providers in the District, easing the burden on qualified healthcare providers, and allowing them to deliver care to patients and be compensated for care more quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and received a hearing on March 25th. The Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking testified on the legislation. <p>Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ On October 20th, Councilmember Henderson introduced the <i>Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act of 2025</i> (B26-0438).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This legislation aims to prevent and mitigate the burden of unpaid medical debt bills on District families, while increasing transparency in medical billing and ensuring fair debt collection. The high-level summary of the bill would be to strengthen large health care facilities financial assistance policies, create protections to mitigate the burden of medical debt, update medical debt collection practices, and establish legal enforcement and oversight.▪ This bill was referred to the Committee on Health and received a hearing on December 15th. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the intent of the legislation, emphasizing the public health impacts of medical debt and urging clarifications to ensure consistent implementation, alignment with existing healthcare and Medicaid policies, appropriate facility scope, and protections that reduce financial harm while maintaining the sustainability of the District’s healthcare system. A markup will be held in April.	
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<p>OS-26-03-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from February 25, 2026, 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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Pavuluri to approve Open Session minutes from February 25, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Madkour and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Jones abstained. The motion passed.</p>	<p>EM/SG</p>
<p>OS-26-03-04</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>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.</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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Pavuluri to approve Open Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Madkour and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Jones abstained. The motion passed.</p>	<p>EM/JS</p>
<p>OS-26-03-05</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>INQUIRY REGARDING WHETHER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PERMITS SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS TO VIRTUALLY SUPERVISE A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST ADMINISTERING CONTRAST DURING A LEVEL 2 TEST</u></p>	

	<p>Board Action: To provide guidance on physicians supervising Radiologic Technologists administering contrast.</p> <p>Background: During the January 28, 2026, Board meeting, the Board voted to refer the matter to the Advisory Committee for review and an opinion. The Advisory Committee concluded that each case would need to be evaluated individually to determine whether the Standard of Care would permit it, noting that there are too many variables to issue a blanket opinion that it would be permissible.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to accept the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, that there can be no blanket approval as appropriateness would have to be considered on a case-by-case basis given the number of possible variables. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p>Note: Dr. Anderson suggested the topic of supervision for the Board of Medicine newsletter.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour and Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-26-03-06</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>PRIVATE LETTERS OF CONCERN – POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEDICAL BOARD ROUNDTABLE</u></p> <p>Board Action: This information is provided for informational purposes only; no action is required.</p> <p>Background: The Medical Board Roundtable (MBR), through Patient Safety Action Network (PSAN), has shared a policy report highlighting transparency concerns around non-disciplinary letters of concern and recommending increased public disclosure, reporting to oversight bodies, clearer issuance processes, and further research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion occurred. 	
<p>OS-26-03-07</p>	<p><u>PEDIATRIC NEURO-ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM RENEWAL APPLICATION</u></p>	<p>CA/EM</p>

<p>ALL</p>	<p>Board Action: To review an application for a renewal of a non-ACGME Pediatric Neuro-oncology Fellowship at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Pediatric Neuro-oncology Fellowship program will be hosted within the division of Oncology, Neuro-Oncology at Children’s National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 1 year with up to one fellow per year. The general goal of the Neuro-oncology fellowship is to obtain a level of knowledge and clinical experience, which will enable the graduate to become an expert in the field and provide the best care for children with neuro-oncologic diseases.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to renew the fellowship. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barbee.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Barbee, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-26-03-08</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>PEDIATRIC BODY IMAGING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TRAINING RENEWAL APPLICATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review an application for renewal of a non-ACGME Pediatric Body Imaging Fellowship at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Pediatric Body Imaging Fellowship program will be hosted at Children’s National Hospital within the Department of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology with full support from the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 1 year with up to two fellows per year. The general goal of the Pediatric Body Imaging fellowship is to obtain a level of knowledge and clinical experience, which will enable the graduate to become an expert in the field and provide the best care in pediatric radiology.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to renew the fellowship. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barbee.</p>	

	<p>Vote: Dr. Barbee, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-26-03-09 ALL</p>	<p><u>PEDIATRIC URGENT/ACUTE CARE FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM RENEWAL APPLICATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review an application for a renewal of a non-ACGME Pediatric Urgent/Acute Care Medicine Fellowship at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Pediatric Urgent/Acute Care Medicine Fellowship program will be hosted within the department of Emergency Medicine at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 1 year with up to two fellows per year. The general goal of the Pediatric Urgent/Acute Care Medicine fellowship is to obtain a level of knowledge and clinical experience, which will prepare pediatric residency graduates for the diverse scope of pediatric problems seen by urgent care physicians in urban, suburban and rural clinical settings.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Barbee to renew the fellowship. Seconded by Dr. Madkour.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Barbee, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-26-03-10 ALL</p>	<p><u>OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: This information is provided for informational purposes only; no action is required.</p> <p>Background: The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) will present on the criteria for reportable deaths and signing death certificates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Wolf, investigator at OCME, and Sylvia Luna Lopez, DC Vital Records, provided an overview of the death certificate process and answered questions. 	

<p>OS-26-03-11</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Background: To provide the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments from the public. 	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-26-03-12 ALL	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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). <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Arons to close open session. Seconded by Dr. Barbee.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Arons, Dr. Barbee, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
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EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

OS-26-03-13 ALL	<p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT</u></p> <p>Board Action: To report final actions taken by the Board during the Executive Session.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, the Board will provide a report of all final actions taken during the Executive Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of approved applications: 6• Number of closed complaints: 4• Number of interviews: 0	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-26-03-14 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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Barbee to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p>Vote: All voted in favor.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Minutes. The next Board meeting is **IN PERSON and will be held on **April 29, 2026.****

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