

BOARD OF NURSING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

January 6, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

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Board of Nursing Mission Statement:

“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	
RN vacant	
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
LPN vacant	
BOARD STAFF:	
Tonoah Hampton MSN, RN, Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	
Joanne Drozdoski, Investigator	
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	

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Board of Nursing

Agenda

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
9:00 a.m.

OS-21-01-01	CALL TO ORDER	
OS-21-01-02	ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF	
OS-21-01-03	Agenda Approval	Decision
OS-21-01-04	MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting.	Decision
OS-21-01-05	A. Board Chair Report B. Executive Director Report C. Board Attorney Report D. Education Subcommittee Report E. Discipline Subcommittee Report	Informational
OS-21-01-06	Interprofessional Telehealth Omnibus The Board was informed of the Interprofessional Collaboration and it desire to develop a Telehealth Omnibus. The topic was open for discussion. The Board and the public offered no comments about the topic.	Discussion
OS-21-01-07	Nursing Education Program Waivers Board Action: To consider extending the current waivers to the existing Nursing School regulations for RN and LPN programs to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow simulations to replace 50% of clinicals instead of 30% during COVID-19 public health emergency 	Informational

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow simulations with screen-based or virtual simulations during COVID-19 public health emergency • Allow the use of simulations in the areas of community health, and foundations during COVID-19 public health emergency <p>Background: On June 3, 2020, the Board issued waivers to the current Nursing School regulations for registered nurses and licensed practical programs. The programs are continuing to place students in clinical; however, there have not been enough clinical sites to open up for student placements.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-08</p>	<p>NAP TRAINING PROGRAM WAIVERS</p> <p>Board Action: To consider extending the current waiver to the existing Nursing Assistive Personnel Training programs regulations to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waive the clinical rotations requirement for the CNA and HHA training program and accept virtual simulation in lieu of the clinical experiences requirement during the public health emergency • To allow additional clinical laboratory time to the curriculum to assist with the completion of the program and graduation, in lieu of the clinical experiences during the public health emergency <p>Also, DC Home Health Association requested additional items for consideration to address home health aide staffing challenges experienced by home health agencies during the public health emergency as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Provisional License category for HHA who have completed their school but have not yet completed the skills exam. Upon successful completion of the school program, an HHA can immediately apply to the Board of Nursing for a license. Assuming the HHA has passed the criminal background check, the HHA would be 	<p>Decision</p>

	<p>issued a Provision HHA license. The provisional license would be valid for the entire period of the PHE and for 180 days afterward to ensure that the HHAs have the time to complete the additional requirements. At the time that they complete the requirements and submit proof to the Board of Nursing, their HHA license would convert to a regular license.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit DC CNAs to work as HHAs <p>Background: The Board issued waivers to the current Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) training program regulations for nursing assistants and home health aide. Some programs are continuing to place students in clinical; however, there have not been enough clinical sites to open up for student placements; especially in nursing facilities.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-09</p>	<p>FACULTY QUALIFICATION WAIVER</p> <p>Board Action: To consider request to allow Georgetown University to hire a Baccalaureate-prepared nurse as clinical instructor- maternal/newborn for Spring and Fall 2021 semesters.</p> <p>Background: Georgetown University has had trouble hiring a maternal/newborn clinical instructor, which impedes the program’s ability to provide a clinical rotation at one of the mother-baby clinical sites.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-10</p>	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</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>	<p>Decision</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. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. 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). 	
<p>OS-21-01-11</p>	<p>MOTION TO ADJOURN</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>Decision</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda.