

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Agenda

May 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MEETING NOTICE

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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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Kami Cooper, DNP, RN (KC)	
Dr. Patricia Howard-Chittams, DNP, RN (PHC)	
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Ericka Walker, MSW, Interim Executive Director	
Teresa (Terry) Walsh, PhD, Nurse Specialist for Education	
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Mark Donatelli, Investigator	
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LEGAL STAFF:	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	

The Open Session Agenda continues with ‘Board Meeting Participants / Call to Order’.

AGENDA

OS-24-05-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Time
OS-24-05-02	<u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u>	
OS-24-05-03	<u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u> Board Action: Consideration of the Agenda for today’s meeting, May 1, 2024.	Decision
OS-24-05-04	<u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u> Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 6, 2024.	Decision
OS-24-05-05	<u>REPORTS</u> A. Board Chair Report B. Executive Director Report C. Board Attorney Report D. Legislative Report – <i>Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Relations</i> DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health’s proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can find information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget here. ▪ There were two hearings, one on April 10th for public witnesses and one on April 11th for representatives from DC Health. During the hearing, there was discussion around staffing for health professional licensing boards and investments to address healthcare workforce issues. Firearm Injury Prevention Act of 2024	Reports

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On March 20th, Councilmember R. White, along with Councilmembers Pinto Lewis Goerge, McDuffie, and Allen, introduced the <i>Firearm Injury Prevention Amendment Act of 2024</i> (B25-0751). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This legislation requires that continuing education for Physicians, Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Nursing Assistive Personnel cover firearm injury prevention. ▪ This legislation has not yet been scheduled for a hearing. <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). ▪ This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. ▪ DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd. It is scheduled for a Second Reading on May 7th. <p>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <i>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022</i> (B24-0943) established a scholarship program for certain healthcare professionals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These professionals are currently Home Health Aides, Certified Nurse Aides, Emergency Medical 	
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	<p>Technicians, Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The program would cover tuition and other program costs. ▪ DC Health is working to implement this program and hopes to start awarding scholarships in the summer of 2024. <p>Direct Care Worker Amendment Act of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmember Henderson, along with Councilmembers Allen, Frumin, Nadeau, Parker, Lewis George, Pinto, and T. White, introduced the <i>Direct Care Worker Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0565) on November 6, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This legislation would combine the existing Home Health Aide and Certified Nurse Aide certifications into a Direct Care Worker certification. Additionally, this bill establishes a minimum wage for these professionals at 120% of the living wage. ▪ A hearing in the Committee on Health was held for this legislation on March 13, 2024. The Executive Director for the Board of Nursing provided testimony alongside the Director for the Department of Health Care Finance. <p>E. Education Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ George Washington University requested clarification about the licensure of their BSN program in Virginia. They were provided feedback that the program falls under the Virginia Board of Nursing Regulations and not the District regulations. However, if a faculty member is holding a clinical in the District, they must be licensed R.N. in the District. (Informational-no decision needed) <p>F. Discipline Subcommittee Report:</p>	
<p>OS-24-05-06</p>	<p><u>POLICY DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Faculty Qualification Requirement for Graduate Programs</p> <p>Board Action:</p>	<p>Decision</p>

	<p>To determine appropriate policy direction and if a revision of the regulations is required.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>Section 5610.6(a) requires that faculty members for graduate programs be an RN licensed in DC. A request from a graduate program seeks to find out whether the education program (graduate) may have as a faculty member a person who is not an RN but has demonstrated expertise in particular areas. If the Board believes that this is appropriate policy direction, a revision to the regulation will be required.</p> <p>5610.6 The faculty shall: (a) Be registered nurses licensed and in good standing in the District of Columbia; (b) Have a minimum of a master’s degree in nursing; and (c) Meet the following additional qualification when teaching courses with associated clinical: (1) Be academically and experientially qualified in the role and population of the program offered; (2) Have a minimum of two (2) years of clinical experience as an advanced practice nurse; and (3) Have a District of Columbia advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license in good standing.</p>	
<p>OS-24-05-07</p>	<p><u>POLICY DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Immunization Records Requirements for Nursing Programs</p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>To determine appropriate policy direction and if a revision of the regulations is required.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>During recent site visits to several of the BON approved NAP programs it was observed that multiple trainee packets did not include evidence of completed vaccination history or immunity to communicable diseases prior to admission. The programs indicated that several of the trainees expressed difficulty in obtaining immunization records. Based on the challenges with acquiring records, would it be appropriate to update the regulations, particularly since the clinical training sites are in long term care facilities with vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>9628.3 Each trainee shall provide evidence of vaccination or immunity to communicable diseases prior to admission.</p>	<p>Decision</p>

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES, HEARING AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULE								
OS-24-05-08	<p>None</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Name</th> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 30%;">Date/Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name		Date/Status	N/A			N/A
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OS-24-05-09	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>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. 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); <p>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>	Decision						
OS-24-05-10	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>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>	Decision						

This ends the Open Session Agenda.