

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

December 10, 2025

8:33 AM- 3:48PM

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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)	
Bernard Arons, MD (BA)	
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	Absent
Bethany Fosu, MD (BF) – DOH Designee	
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	Absent
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Assistant Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Aisha Nixon – Associate Director	Absent
Vito DelVento- Executive Director	
Emilia Moran – Interim Executive Director	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammad - Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Lisa Robinson – Compliance Coordinator	Absent
Whitney Moore – Investigator	Absent
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Warner Dixon, Office of Government Affairs	
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	
Kristen Raphel	DOH
Danny Clifford	American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT)
Meredith Check	Director of Government Relations, ASRT
Doug Burchichter	Senior Manager for Health Policies and Regulatory Affairs, SMMI

Alex Denstman	Ashley Treatment
Missy August	Ashley Treatment
JR Clark	Squire Patton Boggs Law Firm

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-25-12-01	<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-25-12-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	VD
ALL	<p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Board and staff were thanked for their hard work and dedication. • Dr. Anderson advised of a new edition of the Journal of Medical Regulation, highlighting key articles on dual loyalty, telehealth policies, and corporatization of the healthcare profession. Board and staff members were encouraged to review and contribute to the Journal of Medical Regulation. • The Massachusetts Board of Medicine consulted the Board regarding their experience with establishing the existing reciprocity agreement between Maryland and Virginia. <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. DC Health Updates</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Executive Director provided an update on the District of Columbia responses to public health issues/concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was announced that the position of Executive Director for the DC Board of Medicine has been posted and is being actively recruited. • Ms. Moran thanked the members of the Board and staff for the impact they have had during the past calendar year. • New projects and initiatives are coming in the year 2026, and the Board will be asked for their collaboration. • Dr. DelVento reported that DC Health hosted an open house that allowed all the departments within DC Health to highlight the work they do and have an interactive 	

dialogue on how each area contributes to DC Health.

ii. **Advisory Committees**

The Executive Director will provide an update on the advisory committees.

- Maternal Healthcare Advisory Committee met on December 2, 2025, to continue the review and revision of doula regulations and CPM guidelines. The next scheduled meeting for the Maternal Healthcare Advisory Committee is in January. Monthly meetings are planned until the revision of the doula regulations are completed.
- Medical Radiation Technologists Advisory Committee has selected 4 of the 5 members for the committee. The first meeting is tentatively planned for January 2026.

iii. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director will provide an update on current Board vacancies.

- The Board currently has vacancies and is working with MOTA to have the vacancies filled.

iv. **Licensure Census**

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

License Type	Count
Anesthesiologist Assistant	150
Medical Training License I(A)	1,153
Medical Training License I(B)	343
Medical Training License II	25
Medical Training Registrant	215
Medicine and Surgery (MD/DO)	13,526
Osteopathy and Surgery	1017
Physician Assistant	1,446
Polysomnographic Technician	2
Polysomnographic Technologist	65
Polysomnographic Trainee	5
Surgical Assistant	121
Athletic Trainer	169
Trauma Technologist	4
Total Active Licenses	18,242

	<p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney Fenzel recognized Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, and Dr. Madkour for being named as top doctors in the November 2025 issue of Washingtonian Magazine. • The FSMB annual conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from April 30- May 2, 2026. • FSMB’s Board Attorney workshops was held. Attorney Fenzel was on the design team and presented during the workshop. <p>D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 20th, Councilmember Henderson introduced the Medical Debt Mitigation Amendment Act of 2025 (B26-0438). 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 protection to mitigate the burden of medical debt, update medical debt collection practices, and establish legal enforcement and oversight. <p>The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health. A hearing has been scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2025, at 12:00pm.</p> <p>The hearing can be watched at this link: https://m.youtube.com/@cmchenderson</p>	
<p>OS-25-12-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Considered the Open Session minutes from the October 29, 2025, 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>VD/RM</p>

	<p>Motion: Dr. Arons motioned to approve the open session minutes from the October 29, 2025, meeting and Dr. Barbee seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Arons, Dr. Fosu, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Gorman and Dr. Strudwick all voted in favor of the motion.</p>	
OS-25-12-04 ALL	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Considered the 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: Dr. Arons motioned to approve the open Consent Agenda minutes from the October 29, 2025, meeting and Dr. Barbee seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Arons, Dr. Fosu, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Gorman and Dr. Strudwick all voted in favor of the motion.</p>	VD/RM
OS-25-12-05 ALL	<p><u>PHYSICIAN WELLNESS LANGUAGE IN LICENSURE APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Board Action: Board members were asked to review the information and provide feedback or comments for consideration in future discussions.</p> <p>Background: DC Health has been approached by the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC) regarding efforts to align DC’s licensure language with national best practices promoted by the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes’ Foundation and the American Medical Association (AMA). These practices aim to reduce stigma and barriers for physicians seeking mental health care by ensuring licensure questions do not discourage help-seeking behavior.</p> <p>Currently, 40 states have adopted similar languages. MSDC is seeking collaboration with DC Health, the Council, and the healthcare community to implement this in the District.</p> <p>While no formal motion was made, the Board decided to form a subcommittee of Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, and Dr. Pavuluri to work</p>	

	on new physician wellness proposed language and present at the next Board meeting on January 28, 2025.	
OS-25-12-06	<p><u>ASHLEY ADDICTION TREATMENT PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Background: Melissa August, Clinical Outreach Representative and Alex Denstman, Co-CEO/President for Ashley Addiction Treatment, provided a brief overview of their inpatient substance use treatment program.</p> <p>After the presentation, the Board answered questions and shared information on how the Board works with PHP programs to ensure physician wellness and public protection.</p>	
OS-25-12-07	<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

<p>OS-25-12-7</p> <p>ALL</p>	<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. 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>Motion: Dr. Gorman motioned to close the meeting seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Arons, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Fosu, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion.</p>
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The next Board meeting is **IN PERSON and will be held on **January 28, 2026**.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-25-12-8	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u>	
ALL	<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: Dr. Gorman motioned to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 3:48 PM, seconded by Dr. Madkour.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Arons, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Fosu, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Strudwick and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Anderson was absent from the vote.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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