

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes.

May 29, 2024 - 8:36AM to 3:15PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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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)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	Absent
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Padmaja Pavuluri, MD (PP)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
VACANT (Director Designee)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga- Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callahan – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart- Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
Whitney Moore -Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Jim Kelly-Legal Intern	
Ryan Vulpis-Legal Intern	
DC HEALTH STAFF	
Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Relations- Interim Director	
Khalil Hassam- Director of Primary Care Office	

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items are discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER		
OS-24-05-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-24-05-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	SC
ALL	A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair reported that Federation of State Medical Boards, the ACGME, and Intel will hold a meeting on alternative licensure pathways on June 18, 2024 in the District. The Chair will be in attendance as well as representatives for the District. This meeting is intended to provide guidance and discuss the current trends in alternative licensure pathways. - The Chair reported that the Board held a successful training for the residents and psychiatry fellows at Saint Elizabeth. The Chair and the Executive Director presented and discussed state board regulations. - The Chair shared the Federation of State Medical Board’s Advocacy Newsletter. B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive Director reported that after June 15, 2024 we will be transitioning from the initial two year license renewal period to expiring the birth month. This will affect all health professionals licensing boards in the District. - The Executive Director reported that the Medical Training License cycle will end on June 30, 2024, with the late renewals ending August 31, 2024. - The Executive Director reported that we are preparing for the major renewal cycle to begin in October. In preparation, subsequent meetings will be used to revise the health workforce survey administered with the renewals. ii. Advisory Committees 	

- The Executive Director reported that the Advisory Committees meetings will resume the first and second week of June.

iii. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director reported Dr. Konrad Dawson and Dr. Asad Bandealy are no longer with the Board. Dr. Konrad Dawson relocated from the District and Dr. Asad Bandealy has transitioned to federal Government. There are currently eight vacancies for new Board Members.

iv. **Licensure Census**

ACUPUNCTURIST	157	
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	136	
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1259	
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	367	
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	25	
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	271	
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	13052	
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	63	
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	864	
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1295	
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	1	
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	60	
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	1	
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	121	
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	34	
ATHLETIC TRAINER	132	
TRAUMA TECHNOLOGIST	4	

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Medical Records Fees

D.C. Official Code § 3–1210.12 establishes cost parameters for what a healthcare entity can charge for personal medical records. The District of Columbia Department of Health is responsible for publishing adjusted fees each year. The adjusted fees were calculated using the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Washington, DC metropolitan area between January 2023 and 2024 (3.6%), and published in the DC Register on April 19, 2024.

D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DC Health Fiscal year 2025 Budget Oversight is continuing through the process. The budget hearing was on April 11 and marked up on May 9 and voted unanimously out of the committee. The first vote was held on May 29, 2024, the final vote will be held in two weeks, and sent to the mayor for final approval. - DC Health worked on a significant revision of the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) which passed unanimously on the second reading May 7th. The revised HORA is with the Mayor awaiting approval signature with anticipation of it becoming law in September 2024. 	
OS-24-05-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 24, 2024, 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. Anderson to approve the minutes. Second by Dr. Smith.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Ms. Jones, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pavuluri, and Mr. Rich voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	CA/SC
OS-24-05-04 ALL	<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:</p>	CA/SC

	<p>Motion made by Dr. Anderson to approve the open consent agenda. Second by Dr. Smith.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Ms. Jones, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pavuluri, and Mr. Rich voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
OS-24-05-05 ALL	<p><u>WORKFORCE SURVERY PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Mr. Hassam, Director of the Primary Care Office, presented the findings of the workforce survey and outline future analysis plans. Copies of the workforce documents are attached to the minutes.</p>	
OS-24-05-06 ALL	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>No public comments provided.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-24-05-07

MOTION TO CLOSE

ALL

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. 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).

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Anderson to close the Open Session. Second by Dr. Smith.

Vote:

Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pavuluri, and Mr. Rich voted in favor of the motion.

Motion passed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-24-05-08

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ALL

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 made by Dr. Anderson to close the Open Session. Second by Dr. Smith.

Vote:

Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pavuluri, and Mr. Rich voted in favor of the motion.

Motion passed.

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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