

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

January 29, 2025

8:42AM – 10:05AM

IN-PERSON MEETING NOTICE

The Board meeting was held at 2201 Shannon Place SE Washington, DC in Room 611.

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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)	Absent
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	Present from 9:48AM
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	Absent
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
Bernard Arons, MD (BA)	
Anasia Phillips (AP)	
VACANT (Department of Health DOH Designee)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (PA Assistant Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga MD MPH- Executive Director	
Camesha Thompson, Executive Director- Board of Nursing	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Cynymon Colebrook-Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammad- Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Emilia Moran- Investigator	Absent
Lisa Robinson – Compliance Specialist	Absent
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Jonah Canterbury-Paisley-Legal Intern	Absent
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Matteo Lieb, Director of Office of Government Affairs	
PUBLIC MEMBERS	
Jennifer Rheeling, Athletic Trainer	
Bradley Guye, Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS)	
Jackie Heins, Associate Attorney-GMP LLC	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-25-01-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF 	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-25-01-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	SC
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT No Report B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health Updates The Executive Director, Dr. Sithembile Chithenga provided an update on license renewals. The late license renewal period began on 01/01/2025 and will end on 2/28/2025. The Board of Medicine has renewed 98% of all eligible license applications. She also informed the Board that the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) annual meeting will take place in Seattle, Washington from 4/24/2025 to 4/26/2025. The Board will vote for Board members who can represent the Board and vote on behalf of the DC Board of Medicine. The Executive Director also informed the Board that the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLCC) has 4 new member states. The new member states are Florida, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. She informed the Board that the structure of the Medical Licensure Compact is different from the Nursing Compact because of the regulatory authorities the Board retains over the professions. The IMLCC helps to expedite the license process and so she urged Board members and the public to reach out to Board staff if they were interested in joining the IMLCC. ii. Advisory Committees The Executive Director provided an update on the advisory committees. She informed the Board that the Department is reviving the advisory committee meetings. There has been a change in the structure of the committees with the addition 	

of new committees. The Physician Assistant (PAs) committee has also been eliminated as PAs now have two slots on the Board.

iii. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director provided an update on the current Board vacancies. Currently there are three vacancies on the Board. One vacancy for a Physician member and two vacancies for a Physician Assistant member. She urged Board members and the public to reach out to Board staff if they knew anyone interested in joining the Board.

iv. **Licensure Census**

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

BOARD OF MEDICINE	16,211
ACUPUNCTURIST	134
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	137
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1148
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	330
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	24
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	262
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11816
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	62
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	822
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1151
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	54
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	96
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	30
ATHLETIC TRAINER	143
TRAUMA TECHNOLOGIST	3

C. **BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No Report

D. **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT**

The Director of the Office of Government Affairs, Matteo Lieb informed the Board of the new council period which began on 1/2/2025. There has also been a change in the council board members. Council member Vincent Gray has

	<p>been replaced by Council member Wendell Felder on the Committee on Health. Council member Christina Henderson continues to service as Chair on the Council on Health.</p> <p>The Director of the Office of Government Affairs also informed the Board of the Performance Oversight Hearings which begins this year. The Council hosts hearings for the agencies that fall within their jurisdiction. The DC Health hearing will be on 2/26/2025 during which Dr. Ayanna Bennett, Director of DC Health, and other leadership members will testify before the council. There is also an additional hearing for the department’s Performance Oversight which will occur on 2/24/2025 which is for public witnesses. The public is allowed to testify on the performance of DC Health in FY2024 (10/01/2023 to 9/30/2024). The Committee on Health, in addition to the public hearing, will host a Performance Oversight for 4 selected Boards. These Boards are Dentistry, Psychology, Pharmacy and Medicine. The Chair of the Board of Medicine, Dr. Andrea Anderson, will be testifying on behalf of the Board and the hearing will take place on 3/5/2025.</p> <p>The Director of the Office of Government Affairs concluded his report by informing the Board of the reintroduction of the Nurse Licensure Compact Authorization Act of 2025 by the Council. This bill applies to Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and was initially introduced last year, however the department had concerns about the bill as it would have a significant impact on how the Nursing profession is regulated in the District of Columbia.</p>	
<p>OS-25-01-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board considered the Open Session minutes from the December 11, 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>KQ/SC</p>

	<p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Pavuluri to approve minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	
OS-25-01-04 ALL	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board considered 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. Madkour to approve Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p>Vote: Dr Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	CA/SC
OS-25-01-05 ALL	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR ADVANCED NEURORADIOLOGY/NEUROIMAGING FELLOWSHIP</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board reviewed the renewal request for a non-ACGME accredited Advanced Neuroradiology/Neuroimaging Fellowship at George Washington University.</p> <p>Background: The Neuroradiology/Neuroimaging Fellowship General Academic Pediatric Fellowship is hosted by George Washington University. We have offered an ACGME accredited Neuroradiology fellowship (PGY-6) since approximately 1973. The Advanced Neuroradiology fellowship (PGY-7) was initially established in 2014 and has been completed by multiple fellows. Beginning July 2025, the name of the fellowship will be changed to Neuroimaging to comply with requirements of the ACGME and the Non-Standard Training (NST) recognition that is now in place for non-ACGME accredited fellowship programs that accept trainees on the J-1 visa for these</p>	MH/SC

	<p>fellowships. The substance of the program will not change, only the official name is changing. The duration is a one-year fellowship.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Pavuluri to renew the application for the non-ACGME accredited Advanced Neuroradiology/Neuroimaging Fellowship at George Washington University. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Dr. Dawson was present but did not vote. Motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-25-01-06</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR CARDIOLOGY ADVANCED IMAGING FELLOWSHIP TRAINING</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board reviewed the renewal application for a non-ACGME Cardiology Advanced Imaging Fellowship at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Cardiology Advanced Imaging Fellowship Training program will be hosted within the Division of Cardiology 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. This fellowship training program will help contribute to the continuous need for Pediatric Cardiologist with advanced training in imaging. Th fellows will gain understanding of indications and limitations of fetal echocardiography and association of fetal heart disease with extracardiac structural abnormalities, syndromes, and chromosomal abnormalities. The mission is to become more proficient in determining fetal position, situs and cardiac anatomy and how to access cardiac function, and cardiac rhythm.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Madkour to renew the application for the non-ACGME accredited Cardiology Advanced Imaging Fellowship at Children's National Hospital. Seconded by Dr. Michael.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>

<p>OS-25-01-07</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR FETAL AND NEONATAL NEUROLOGY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board reviewed the renewal application for a non-ACGME Fetal and Neonatal Neurology fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Fellowship program will be hosted within the Division of Fetal and Transitional Medicine at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be for 2 years with 3 fellows per year. There are a limited number of Fetal-Neonatal Neurology and Neonatal Neurocritical care fellowship programs nationally and fewer with strong fetal neurology expertise. This training program seeks to fill this void by developing expertise and special diagnostic skills needed for rigorous study of the mechanisms and manifestations of neurologic disorders in the fetus and neonate, as well as the responses to such inquiry and the impact on long-term neurologic and developmental outcomes.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Madkour to renew the application for the non-ACGME Fetal and Neonatal Neurology fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital. Seconded by Dr. Michael.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>
<p>OS-25-01-08</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR CONGENITAL CARDIAC SURGERY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board reviewed the renewal application for a non-ACGME Congenital Cardiac Surgery Fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Congenital Cardiac Surgery Fellowship program will be hosted within the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 24 months with 4 fellows per year. Complex congenital cardiac surgery for neonates</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>

	<p>and infants is a relatively new surgical specialty that has only emerged over the last 25 years. There are no more than 200-300 surgeons in the US performing this surgery that is generally considered to be one of the most difficult if not the most difficult surgical specialty. The goal of the program is to have fellows begin independently operating as a cardiothoracic surgeon specializing in congenital heart disease.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Madkour to renew the application for a non-ACGME Congenital Cardiac Surgery Fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital. Seconded by Dr. Michael.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-25-01-09 ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR CRANIOFACIAL SURGERY AND PEDIATRIC PLASTIC SURGERY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board reviewed the application for a non-ACGME Craniofacial Surgery and Pediatric Plastic Surgery Fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Craniofacial Surgery and Pediatric Plastic Surgery will be hosted within the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Children's National a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the fellowship will be 1 year with only 1 fellow per year. Craniofacial Surgery and Pediatric Plastic Surgery represents a unique field within the subspecialty of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery that addresses congenital and acquired issues and needs in the pediatric population, with a special emphasis on the craniofacial skeleton and soft tissues. The mission of the fellowship is to provide the fellow with a broad clinical skill set to manage the medical and surgical needs of patients with congenital and acquired problems within the scope of craniofacial surgery and pediatric plastic surgery.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to approve the application for the non-ACGME Craniofacial Surgery and Pediatric Plastic</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>

	<p>Surgery Fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-25-01-10</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR NEURORADIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board reviewed the renewal application for a non-ACGME Neuroradiology Fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Fellowship program is hosted with the Division of Radiology at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 1 year with 2 fellows per year. The program in Pediatric Neuroradiology has a strong clinical presence and is very patient care driven. The fellows are expected to learn all aspects of the diagnostic pediatric neuroradiology, including performance of lumbar puncture. The Pediatric Neuroradiology Program provides training in diagnostic pediatric neuroradiology, to include CT and MRI of the brain, head and neck, and spine and covers a wide range of congenital and acquired conditions. The program is one of only 19 pediatric neuroradiology programs available in North America.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Madkour to renew the application for the non-ACGME Neuroradiology Fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arons and Ms. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>

<p>OS-25-01-11</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>ETHICS AND BOUNDARIES ASSESSMENT SERVICES (EBAS) PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Background: Bradley Guye provided a presentation on Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) for the Board. EBAS collaborates with regulatory bodies to provide a customized, scenario-based essay exam that evaluates a licensee's grasp of ethics and boundaries in professional contexts. This exam focuses on critical assessment areas, including fraud, boundaries, substance abuse, unprofessional conduct, and professional standards. EBAS aims to gain deeper insights into the ethical reasoning and decision-making processes of professionals, ensuring that they adhere to established ethical norms and maintain public trust.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>OS-25-01-12</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Background: The Board provided the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>Jennifer Rheeling, a certified Athletic Trainer with the District of Columbia shared her concerns about the Board's change to the renewal system to align with each licensee's month of birth. She also urged the Board to schedule an Athletic Trainer's committee meeting as the Athletic Trainer's Association would like to submit a request for the Board to accept their Board of Athletic Trainer's Certification (BOC) in lieu of reporting all their individual Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits. Ms. Rheeling also informed the Board that the Athletic Trainer's profession was not represented on the Board's verification portal. The Executive Director of the Board of Medicine thanked Ms. Rheeling for sharing her concerns and assured her that she would investigate them and reached out to her.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

<p>OS-25-01-13</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: Motion made by Dr. Madkour to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Michael, Dr. Arons, Dr. Dawson and Ms. Phillips voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-25-01-14 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. Madkour to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 4:19PM. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr Gorman, Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Michael, Dr. Arons, Dr. Dawson and Ms. Phillips voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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