

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Open Session Minutes

March 12, 2024
1:33 pm- 2:06 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

“To **serve** and **protect** the public and ensure high standards of chiropractic care and professionalism through best practices in regulation, education, and outreach.”

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Keita Vanterpool, DC (KV)	Absent
Marsha Johnson, (MJ)	
Stephanie Johnson, DC (SJ)	
Khalil Hassam, (KH)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga, MD, MPH – Executive Director	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Emilia Moran - Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
GUEST:	
Nicholas Weil – Office of Open Government	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-24-03-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	<p>A. BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>B. BOARD STAFF</p>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-24-03-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	
ALL	<p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT Dr. Johnson announced she had no report while acting as Board Chair on Dr. Vanderpool’s behalf.</p> <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>i. DC Health Updates The Executive Director advised the following:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">DC Health FY 23 Performance Oversight Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health recently had its performance oversight hearing in the Committee on Health for Fiscal Year 2023. ▪ The first part of the hearing was held on January 18th, 2024. The hearing featured public witnesses and included representatives from advocacy organizations, healthcare systems, and non-profit providers. The hearing can be watched at the following link. ▪ Representatives from DC Health testified to the Committee on January 22nd, 2024. Testimony was provided by Director Bennett and other members of leadership and subject matter experts. Councilmembers asked questions of DC Health on a variety of topics including health professional licensing, DC Health’s recent move, maternal health, food access, opioid abatement, and school health. That hearing can be watched at the following link. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Board Performance Oversight Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On February 14th, the Committee on Health held a Performance Oversight for the following health professional licensing boards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board of Dietetics and Nutrition ○ Board of Massage Therapy ○ Board of Nursing ○ Board of Veterinary Medicine 	

- The hearing featured testimony from public witnesses as well as from Chairpersons and Executive Directors of the boards. You can watch the hearing at the following [link](#).

Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0312)* on June 2, 2023.
 - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
 - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It then passed on final reading on November 7th, was signed by the Mayor on November 21st, and became official law on January 23, 2024.

ii. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director introduced new board member Khalil Hassam.

iii. **Licensure Census**

The Executive Director stated currently there are

- Chiropractor - 107
- Ancillary Procedures – Physiotherapy - 83
- Ancillary Procedures – Acupuncture - 4

C. **BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

HORA updates regarding the possible elimination of the Board of Chiropractic and placing it under the Board of Medicine. No updates have been provided on the decision. The next update will possibly occur when the Counsel Health Committee has its next markup hearing which may take place within the next sixty days.

HORA updates concerning the scope of practice definition of chiropractic has not received many comments about the changes the Board requested to make about the definition of chiropractic and dry needling being added to the scope of practice.

<p>OS-24-03-03 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 9, 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 Ms. Johnson to approve the open session minutes. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Johnson, and Ms. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Hassam abstained from the vote.</p>	<p>AMC</p>
<p>OS-24-03-04 ALL</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Background: To provide the public with the opportunity to comment or provide feedback to the Board. Mr. Weil from the Office of Open Government observed but reframed from making comments.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-24-03-05	MOTION TO CLOSE
ALL	<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 may 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 Mr. Hassam to go into executive session at 1:48 PM. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Johnson, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Hassam voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-24-03-04	<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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Hassam to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 PM. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Voted: Dr. Johnson, Mr. Hassam and Ms. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov. 3 DCMR § 10409.2