

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Open Session Minutes

January 9, 2024

1:33 pm-1:59pm

IN PERSON MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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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)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga, MD, MPH – Executive Director	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Emilia Moran - Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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CALL TO ORDER

OS-24-01-01

INTRODUCTIONS

ALL

A. BOARD MEMBERS

B. BOARD STAFF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-24-01-02

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

ALL

A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

No Report

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. DC Health Updates

The Executive Director will provide an update on the District's response to public health issues/concerns.

ii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update

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

iii. Licensure Census

The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.

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ANCILLARY PROCEDURES - PT-83

ANCILLARY PROCEDURES - ACUPUNCTURE-4

C. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Board Attorney mentioned that the FCLB Annual Conference will be in Phoenix from may 1-5, 2024. The FCLB District meeting will be held in Asheville from September 12-14, 2024, he also stated that the board needs to review and update its current regulations and policies in the coming year.

D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION'S

Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:

- 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 *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023* ([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. This bill will likely be marked up in Committee in March, before which DC Health will work closely with the Council on any potential changes.

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 and was signed by the Mayor on November 21st. It is now undergoing Congressional Review and is expected to become law in early February of 2024.

Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act

- Councilmember McDuffie introduced the *Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0619](#)) on December 16, 2023.
 - This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.
- This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.

DC Health Performance Oversight Hearing

- DC Health is scheduled to have its performance oversight hearing on January 22nd, 2024. During that hearing, DC Health will provide an overview of its achievements from Fiscal Year 2023.
- Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony during a hearing on January 18th, 2024. at 9:30am.

	<p style="text-align: center;">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 has been approved by the Mayor and has been introduced to the council as the Health Occupation Revision General Amended Act of 2023 (Bill 25-545). 	
<p>OS-24-01-03 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 14, 2023, 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. Second by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Johnson and Ms. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	<p>CS/CB</p>

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-24-01-04

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 may 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 Ms. Johnson to go into executive session at 1:45pm. Second by Dr. Johnson.

Vote:

Dr. Johnson and Ms. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-24-01-05	<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: Motion made by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 1:59pm. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Johnson and Ms. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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