

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

March 31, 2021  
8:43 am – 9:23 am

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### VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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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:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
Preetha Iyengar, MD (PI)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Terrence Straub (TS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank Meyers, JD – Associate Director	
Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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<sup>1</sup> The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

OS-21-03-01 ALL	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>	
	<b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
	<b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-21-03-02 ALL	<b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b>	
	<b>A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT</b>	
	<b>i. Dr. Simpson Award Recipient</b>	
	Dr. Simpson received the "Washington Women of Excellence Award" from the mayor for her work in responding to COVID-19.	
	<b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>	
	<b>i. New Executive Director Update</b>	
	A new Executive Director for the Board of Medicine has been hired - Ms. Aisha Nixon. Ms. Nixon has an extensive history with DC Health, and starts immediately.	
	<b>ii. Licensing Updates</b>	
	<b>a. MTL Renewals</b>	
	Staff recently met with the various GME program in the District to discuss the process for this years renewals. Currently applications will still need to be submitted via paper, however online applications will be accepted once the new online application system is live.	
	<b>b. New Online Application System</b>	
	The new online application system is scheduled to go live for most professions licensed by HRLA in mid April. More information will be released once final testing is completed.	
	<b>iii. Licensure Census</b>	
	The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District, as follows:	

	Active
ACUPUNCTURIST	152
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	94
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1,122
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	347
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	20
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRAN	861
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	10,409
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	58
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	441
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	870
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICI	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOL	55
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	1
POSTGRADUATE PHYSICIAN TRA	0
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,533</b>

- Trauma Technologists - 5

**C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**i. Potential Scam Alert**

Legal staff was recently contacted by a licensee who stated they had been contacted by a person claiming to be a investigator with the Board of Medicine.

Staff will send out a communication to licensees informing them of this issue.

<p>OS-21-03-03 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 24, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-21-03-04 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> 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><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-21-03-04a	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION – DR. ANNETA ARNO</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the presentation from Dr. Anneta Arno with DC Health’s Office of Health Equity.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Dr. Arno previously presented to the Interprofessional Board Collaboration Committee (IBCC) on the topic of health equity, and has been asked to provide the same presentation to the member of the Board.</p> <p>This item is for information purposes only, so no formal action is needed.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only. No formal action was taken at this time.</p>
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**MISC. ITEMS**

OS-21-03-05 ALL	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from CNMC to approve their non-ACGME accredited Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.2(c), applicants for an MTL II license must be participating in an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training fellowship program. As the requesting program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The various requests for non-acgme approval were all taken together. No questions or comments were raised on any of the programs.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve all non-ACGME requests. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
OS-21-03-06 ALL	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from MedStar GUH to approve their non-ACGME accredited Body Imaging Fellowship Program.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.2(c), applicants for an MTL II license must be participating in an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training fellowship program. As the requesting program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The various requests for non-acgme approval were all taken together. No questions or comments were raised on any of the programs.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve all non-ACGME requests. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr.</p>	



	<p>Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-03-07 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from CNMC to approve their non-ACGME accredited Pediatric Plastic Surgery Fellowship Program.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.2(c), applicants for an MTL II license must be participating in an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training fellowship program. As the requesting program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The various requests for non-acgme approval were all taken together. No questions or comments were raised on any of the programs.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve all non-ACGME requests. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-03-08 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from CNMC to approve their non-ACGME accredited Neuroradiology Fellowship Program.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.2(c), applicants for an MTL II license must be participating in an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training fellowship program. As the requesting program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The various requests for non-acgme approval were all taken together. No questions or comments were raised on any of the programs.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve all non-ACGME requests. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-03-09 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from GW to approve their non-ACGME accredited Breast Imaging Fellowship Program.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.2(c), applicants for an MTL II license must be participating in an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training fellowship program. As the requesting program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The various requests for non-acgme approval were all taken together. No questions or comments were raised on any of the programs.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve all non-ACGME requests. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-21-03-10  
ALL

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

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**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 Mr. Straub to go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.

Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-21-03-11 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Rich to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Fripp.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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