

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

June 28, 2023  
8:53 am-4:43 pm

### HYBRID MEETING

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#### HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.*

*In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002.*

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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)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich, Esq. (AR)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	Attended Hearing Only
Aeva Gaymon-Doomes, MD (AGD)	ABSENT
Asad Bandealy, MD (AB)	ABSENT
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Aisha Nixon – Associate Director	
Sithembile Chithenga MD, MPH - Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callahan – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	ABSENT
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Panavee Vongjaroenrat, Esq.– Board Attorney Advisor	Attended Hearing Only
<b>GUEST:</b>	
Pia Duryea MSDC	
Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Affairs	
Rachel Berman, Legal Intern	
Harrison Ferachi, Legal Intern	

Abby Vorhees, Legal Intern	
Rayna Jordan, Sibley	
Nicholas Weil, Board of Ethics & Government	
Kelly Schutz	

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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-23-06-01	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>	
ALL	<p><b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>B. BOARD STAFF</b></p>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-23-06-02	<b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b>	SC
ALL	<p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Board Chair provided an update on the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLCC) member Boards. She informed the Board that Hawaii is now the 40th member to join the Interstate Compact licensing after the District of Columbia. She also informed the Board that Alabama had introduced legislation to allow licensure for non-residency-trained physicians when they did not complete a residency or did not match a residency program. The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is monitoring this type of licensure pathway as the goal is to address the physician shortage but also to ensure that the best-trained physicians are serving the most vulnerable populations. The Board Chair also informed the Board that FSMB, under the leadership of the new Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Carter, has commissioned a workgroup on physicians in training to determine best practices for licensing residents and how each Medical Board is approaching the matter. The Board Chair will lead the workgroup and provide a report at the end of the year about the landscape of resident licensing in the country.</p> <p><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>i. DC Health Updates</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Executive Director provided an update on the District of Columbia responses to public health issues/concerns. She informed the Board that Keith Fletcher was appointed acting director of DC Health. She also informed the Board that the DC Mayor appointed Dr. Ayanna Bennet as the new director of DC Health. She is set to start in July.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>ii. License Renewals Update</b></p>	

The Executive Director provided an update on the MTL renewal cycle. She informed the Board that the MTL cycle will end on 6/30/2023 and with fewer than 20 applications left to process. She thanked the Board staff for their efforts during the renewal cycle.

iii. **New License Type/Pathway**

The Executive Director provided an update on the IMLCC, which went live on June 12, 2023. She informed the Board that 32 compact applications had been received, with 30 already approved. The approval time for the IMLCC is within one week of receipt. She also informed the Board of her meeting with the executive directors of the Maryland and Virginia Medical Boards to discuss the implementation of the compact and various reciprocity processes. Currently, with the DMV reciprocity pathway, the DC Board has received over 120 applications, with 68 applications approved and 54 applications currently pending. The discussions with the executive directors also involved expanding the Reciprocity pathway to include various licensure types.

iv. **Advisory Committees**

The Executive Director provided an update on the advisory committees. The Board informed the various committee members of their selection and will provide correspondence regarding meeting dates. The DC Health Director's designees have not been appointed yet.

v. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies. MOTA is working with the Board to fill the current vacancies. The Board has 7 vacancies.

vi. **Licensure Census**

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

ACUPUNCTURIST 142  
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT 120  
ATHLETIC TRAINER 12  
CHINESE HERBOLOGY 28

MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A) 1456  
 MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B) 1420  
 MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II 31  
 MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT 313  
 MEDICINE AND SURGERY 11500  
 NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN 59  
 OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY 677  
 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT 1082  
 POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN 1  
 POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST 57  
 POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE 1  
 SURGICAL ASSISTANT 102  
 TRAUMA TECHNOLOGISTS 4

**C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

The Board Attorney mentioned recently attending the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Conference where it was recommended that Professional Licensing Boards should have an annual strategic planning meeting or retreat to discuss and review goals, policies and procedures.

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

**Board Confirmation Roundtable:**

- The Committee on Health hosted a roundtable on Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss two nominations to the Board of Massage Therapy.
  - Those nominees are Johanna Brooks and Maisha Goss-Johns
  - Johanna Brooks already serves on the Board, but Maisha Goss-Johns would be a new board member
- The hearing can be viewed at the following [link](#).
- OGR anticipates that the Committee on Health will host more meetings like this one to discuss health professional board nominations.

**Board Membership Legislation:**

- 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.
- DC Health is reviewing this legislation and does not have a formal position at this time. This bill is scheduled for a hearing on July 13, 2023.

**DC Health Director Appointment:**

- On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Bowser [announced](#) the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.
  - Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity.
- The Council will therefore consider the *Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023* ([PR25-0290](#)). The Committee on Health will hold a hearing to discuss this resolution.

**School Nursing & Immunization Hearing:**

- The Committee of the Whole hosted a hearing on school nursing and the *School Student Vaccination Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0278](#)).
  - The hearing featured testimony from Community Health Administration (CHA) Senior Deputy Director, Dr. Thomas Farley. Other government witnesses were Paul Kihn, Deputy Mayor for Education, and Tia Brumsted, Assistant Superintendent of Health and Wellness with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education. They were also joined by Dr. Andrea Boudreaux, Executive Director of Children’s School Services at



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's National Hospital.</li> <li>○ Councilmembers asked government witnesses about the new school nursing staffing model, vaccine compliance enforcement, and data sharing. You can watch the hearing at the following <a href="#">link</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Opioid Epidemic Hearing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Committee on Health and the Committee on Hospital &amp; Health Equity are hosting a joint public roundtable on June 28 at 10:30am to discuss the District’s opioid and fentanyl crisis.</li> <li>○ DC Health will provide testimony during this hearing alongside the Department of Behavioral Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.</li> <li>○ You can learn more at the following <a href="#">link</a> and watch the hearing on the <a href="#">Council website</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>FGM/C Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Councilmember Pinto has reintroduced the <i>Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0247</a>) along with Councilmembers Frumin, Nadeau, Henderson, Gray, and Allen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This legislation prohibits the practice of female genital mutilation or cutting. It also requires the development of educational materials for mandated reporters and other members of the community by DC Health.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ This bill has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Last Council Period, a similar version of this bill (<a href="#">B24-0516</a>) received a hearing during which many organizations testified in support. This bill received a hearing on June 27, 2023.</li> </ul>	
<p>OS-23-06-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 31, 2023, 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</p>	

	<p>the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Smith to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-23-06-04  ALL	<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 Dr. Smith to approve Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-23-06-05  All	<p><b><u>Parliamentary Procedure (Robert’s Rules) Training Portal</u></b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Office of Open Government is reporting to the Board that it has launched its training portal on parliamentary procedure (Robert’s Rules of Order). The Chair, the Secretary, and all other interested members of this public body who wish to improve their ability to run meetings fairly and efficiently, are invited to email <a href="mailto:nicholas.weil@dc.gov">nicholas.weil@dc.gov</a> with the request: “Please enroll me in The District of Columbia Robert’s Rules of Order Training Portal.”</p>	AG
OS-23-06-06	<b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b>	

All	<p><b>Background:</b> To provide the public with the opportunity to comment or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>No public comments</p>	
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<b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b>		
OS-23-06-07	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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"> <li>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).</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</li> </ol>	
ALL		

	<p>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).</p> <p>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> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Smith to close the Open Session at 9:26 am and move to Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
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<b>HEARING</b>		
OS-23-06-08	<b><u>HEARING</u></b>	PV
ALL	<p><b><u>LOKESH VUYYURU, MD</u></b></p> <p><b>Specialties/Certifications:</b> Specializes in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology.</p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board will deliberate and review material on the Board’s Notice of Intent to deny a medical license to Dr. Lokesh Vuyyuru.</p> <p>AAG Christopher Southcutt represented the government while Mr. John Clifford and Mr. Richard Condit represented Dr. Vuyyuru.</p>	

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MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-23-06-09	<b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b>	
ALL	<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>	

**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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov). 3 DCMR § 10409.2*