

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

July 29, 2020
8:36 am – 9:15 am

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

Join by Web

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=mb292c234c6affbcae6ef4f4d4663f846>

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Call-in Number: 1-650-479-3208

Access Code: 471 399 717

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)	
Preetha Iyengar, MD (PI)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	ABSENT
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	ABSENT
Terrence Straub (TS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	ABSENT
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	ABSENT
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ARRIVED LATE @ 8:45 AM
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – 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	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ji Young Ahn – Legal Intern	
Nija Chappel – Legal Intern	ABSENT

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¹ 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-20-07-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-20-07-02 ALL	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT i. Newsletter Update Ms. Nancy Kofie with DC Health will be taking over the drafting of the Board Newsletter. A prior email went out to all board members asking for a bio, as well as any topic ideas. Board members are encouraged to provide information as soon as possible. ii. USMLE Update Step 2 – CS has been suspended during the COVID-19 emergency. NBME is examining how Step 2 – CS may continue in the future, and will provide updates going forward. B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT i. COVID-19 Update Bill 23-0816 was recently passed by the Council and signed by the Mayor, which extends the public health emergency to October 9, 2020. This extension includes an extension of the licensure waivers. ii. August Board Meeting There will not be a board meeting in August. The Board will resume meetings in September, which will continue to be virtual. iii. Licensure Census The Executive Director will provided an update on the current licensure census in the District, as follows:	
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	Active
ACUPUNCTURIST	198
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	103
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1,118
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	336
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	16
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRAN	680
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11,500
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	61
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	496
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	914
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICI	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOL	77
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	9
POSTGRADUATE PHYSICIAN TRA	0
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	140
Total	15,649

- Trauma Technologists - 5

C. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

i. Intern Update

The Board Attorney thanked this summer's interns, Ms. Ji Young Ahn and Nija Patel, for all their work.

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting.

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.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.

	Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-20-07-04 ALL	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: 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>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. Wind to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

<p>OS-20-07-05 ALL</p>	<p><u>PRESENTATION – MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the presentation from the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC).</p> <p>Background: Dr. Pineda, President of MSDC, provided a brief presentation to the Board re: MSDC’s Healthy Physician Program. More information about the Healthy Physician Program can be found online HERE.</p> <p>Motion: MSDC re-iterated their request for data from the workforce survey. Staff is in receipt of this request, and is working to de-identify the data so it can be provided in a way that maintains the privacy of licensee responses.</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken.</p>	
<p>OS-20-07-06 ALL</p>	<p><u>LEGISLATION – PDMP MANDATORY REGISTRATION & HEALTHCARE REPORTING</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the recent notice sent to licensees re: the Health Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2020 which mandates practitioners register in the District of Columbia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).</p> <p>Background: The Health Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2020 places several requirements of healthcare providers, most notably:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Requiring both healthcare professionals and healthcare providers report to the relevant health professional licensing board any disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, or malpractice settlement within ten (10) business days of becoming aware of such action; and2. Requiring all healthcare professionals who are “...permitted to prescribe, distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, or to administer a controlled substance or other covered substance...” to register with the DC PDMP within ninety (90) days of obtaining a new license, or before renewing an existing license.	

	<p>A copy of this legislation, as well as the notice sent to all licensees is attached for the Board's review.</p> <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
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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 Dr. Wind to move into closed session. Seconded by Mr. Straub.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-20-07-08 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 Mr. Rich to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, Mr. Rich, Mr. Dawson and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson and Dr. Iyengar were absent. The motion passed.</p>	FM
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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