

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

December 17, 2020  
8:46 am – 9:50 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)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Terrence Straub (TS)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
David Wessel, MD (DW)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank Meyers, JD – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	<b>ABSENT</b>
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-20-12-01 ALL	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>B. BOARD STAFF</b></p>
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-20-12-02 ALL	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Interprofessional Board Chair Committee (IBCC) Update</b> The Board Chair provided an update on the recent IBCC meeting that took place on December 10, 2020. The meeting included discussion of the IBCC Full Board Summit, scheduled for June 2021.</p> <p>As follow up to the IBCC, each licensing board has been asked to submit the name of at least one (1) board member to participate in the Planning Committee, as well as another member to serve on the Technology Subcommittee. More information will be provided once it becomes available.</p> <p><b>ii. FSMB Presentation on Implicit Bias</b> The Board Chair informed the Board about the recent presentation from FSMB regarding implicit bias in medical regulation. Dr. Anderson encouraged all members to review the presentation, which is available online at the FSMB website.</p> <p><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Renewal Update</b> The Executive Director provided an update on this years renewals, which went live October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Normal renewals will end on December 31, 2020, with late renewals going until February 28, 2021.</p> <p><b>ii. Vaccination Communication Campaign</b> DC Health previously sent an email blast asking for individuals to submit videos of them stating why they’ll</p>
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be taking the vaccine. The Executive Director requested Board members submit videos, as well as share the link with any healthcare providers that did not receive the original email.

**iii. Executive Director Role**

Mr. Meyers provided an update on the search for a new Executive Director. Currently several applications have been received, and interviews will be scheduled for early January 2021.

**iv. Licensure Census**

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District, as follows:

	Active
ACUPUNCTURIST	201
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	105
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1,129
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	349
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	18
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRAN	792
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11,732
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	65
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	516
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	980
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICI	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOL	79
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	8
POSTGRADUATE PHYSICIAN TRA	0
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,122</b>

**C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

None.

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Board Action:**

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 28, 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.

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	<p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Iyengar to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dawson and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-20-12-04 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 Dr. Iyengar to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dawson and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>FM</p>

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**MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

OS-20-12-05 ALL	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR CE APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request for CE approval from DC Health.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board received a request from Dr. Ankoor Shah, Interim Senior Deputy Director for the Community Health Administration (CHA), asking for CE approval for a recent webinar that took place regarding the COVID-19 vaccines. The webinar was sponsored by DC Health, and is posted on the Board of Medicine website at <a href="https://dcnet.webex.com/recording/service/sites/dcnet/recording/449b29cc3de745a7a473b0533bc37a58/playback">https://dcnet.webex.com/recording/service/sites/dcnet/recording/449b29cc3de745a7a473b0533bc37a58/playback</a>, The webinar was also disseminated to all licensees via email.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve for one (1) hour of CME. Seconded by Dr. Fripp.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dawson and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
OS-20-12-06 ALL	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from Sibley Hospital to approve their non-ACGME accredited Advanced Therapeutics 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 Sibley program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Representatives from Sibley Memorial Hospital gave a brief overview of their program and the reason for their request.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve. Seconded by Dr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dawson and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM

<p>OS-20-12-07 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>COVID-19 UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the recent updates regarding the District’s response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The District continues to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Below are a list of the most recent updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report of Scientific Advisory Committee; and</li> <li>2. Approval of the COVID-19 webinar by Dr. Siegel.</li> </ol> <p>If schedule permits, Dr. Shah will present to the Board on the District’s vaccination efforts.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This section was for information purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Shah presented on the District’s COVID-19 vaccine reponse efforts, including the amount of vaccines being provided to the District, the current distribution process, and what the near future rollout may look like.</p> <p>As part of the above, Dr. Shah provided the following pieces of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Shah confirmed that both Maryland and Virginia have agreed to give a number of their next vaccine shipments to the District.</li> <li>• Dr. Shah also stated that once the Moderna vaccine comes, those doses will be used for their long term care partnership with Walgreens and CVS.</li> <li>• Dr. Shah stated that sometime in early January the District plans on opening vaccines to private practice providers, including dentists and others, dependent on the amount of vaccine doses made available to the District (Dr. Shah stated there are issues with estimated doses vs. confirmed doses, which is what is causing delays in providing details re: vaccination numbers and locations).</li> <li>• Dr. Shah confirmed that the second shipment from Pfizer for the District is actually smaller than the first shipment.</li> <li>• Dr. Shah also informed that the federal government is looking at how much states are actually using the vaccine to determine</li> </ul>	<p>AA</p>
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	<p>if more should be sent. So if a jurisdiction isn't using up its storage of the vaccine, they won't get more.</p> <p>Lastly, Dr. Shah requested the Board's assistance in combating "vaccine hesitancy" by communicating to their licensees the need to take the vaccines, and how safe they are. Dr. Shah requested the Board's help in addressing expectations, mainly informing private practice physicians and other similar providers that we're looking at early January for vaccinating that population.</p>	
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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

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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. Fripp to go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Wind.

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

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-20-12-09 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> The Board lost quorum, and therefore was unable to return to open session to formally adjourn the meeting.</p>	FM
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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