

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

January 27, 2021
8:30 am – 9:53 am

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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:

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)	ABSENT
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	ABSENT
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ABSENT
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	
Michael Cumbo – Intern	
Chidoziri Ogbonna – Intern	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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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-21-01-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-21-01-02 ALL	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT i. Sexual Boundaries Committee Dr. Anderson provided an update on the Sexual Boundaries Committee, which met on December 17, 2020. The Sub-Committee reviewed the FSMB report on sexual misconduct, and will be reviewing how other states address similar issues. Dr. Anderson also informed the Board that she reached out to other boards in DC Health, as well as Dr. Watson, regarding how the various professions can jointly address this important issue. ii. Interprofessional Board Chair Committee (IBCC) Update The IBCC is planning to host an all board member meeting later this year. In preparation for this meeting, each board is being asked to submit the name of one board member to serve on the planning committee. Dr. Wind has been appointed as the representative for the DC board. iii. Suspension of Step 2 – CS Portion of USMLE The USMLE announced this week the premanent suspension of Step 2 – CS of the USMLE. B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT i. Renewal Update The Executive Director provided an update on this years renewals, which went live October 13 th , 2020. As of today's date, 11,474 licensees have renewed their license.	
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	<p>ii. Licensure Census The Executive Director was unable to provide an updated licensure census during the meeting due to technical issues. Once a census report is obtained, it will be shared with the Board members.</p> <p>iii. Update from Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, MD Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, MD, Director of DC Health, was present at the meeting to thank the Board members for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as encourage the Board to share their vaccination stories with the public.</p> <p>iv. Update from Dr. Sharon Lewis Dr. Sharon Lewis, Senior Deputy Director for the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) was present at the meeting to thank the Board members for their time and commitment to he Board during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis also informed the Board that effective January 20th, CMS has asked state agencies to forgo doing federal certification inspections for at least thirty (30) days. This does not preclude investigations of immediate jeopardy matters.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Dr. Lewis informed the Board that HRLA is working with our hospitals to ensure they are able to provide monoclonal antibody treatments as needed.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT None.</p>	
<p>OS-21-12-03 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 17, 2020 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:</p>	<p>FM</p>

	<p>Motion made by Dr. Fripp to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-04 ALL</p>	<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. Fripp to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub 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-21-01-05 ALL	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request from George Washington University Hospital to approve their non-ACGME accredited Advanced Neuroradiology Fellowship training program.</p> <p>Background: 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 program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve the program. Seconded by Dr. Wessel.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
OS-21-01-06 ALL	<p><u>FSMB REQUEST FOR COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request for comments to FSMB’s draft updated “Guidelines for the Structure and Function of a State Medical and Osteopathic Board”.</p> <p>Background: FSMB established a workgroup over the past two (2) years to review and provide feedback on FSMBs Guidelines for the Structure and Function of a State Medical and Osteopathic Board. These guidelines are meant to provide a framework for best practices in establishing and implementing a medical board. FSMB has requested comments by February 15, 2021.</p> <p>Motion: This item was for information purposes only, so no formal action was required. If any members do have feedback, they were asked to submit it directly to the FSMB.</p>	FM

<p>OS-21-01-07 ALL</p>	<p><u>COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the most recent update from the Mayor and DC Health regarding the District’s COVID-19 vaccination plan.</p> <p>Background: On January 21, 2021, the Mayor of the District of Columbia provided a situational update on the the status of the District’s COVID-19 vaccination plan. A copy of that presentation is being provided to the Board for review.</p> <p>Motion: Dr. Raczynski raised some questions as to whether child care workers are included in the 1B group, as he is getting conflicting information from members of the DC Council. Dr. Simpson and Dr. Iyengar clarified that child care workers are in group 1B at this time, however there are still shortages in doses leading to further prioritization within groups and delays in scheduling vaccinations.</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	<p>FM</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 go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Wessel.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-21-01-09 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 Dr. Simpson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Strudwick was absent. The motion passed.</p>	FM
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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