

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

April 28, 2021
8:30 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)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Terrence Straub (TS)	ABSENT
Archie Rich (AR)	ABSENT
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	ABSENT
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	ABSENT
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
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	
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-21-04-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-21-04-02 ALL	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT i. FSMB Annual Meeting The FSMB Annual Meeting is this week, from April 29 to May 1. The meeting has B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT i. Licensing Updates a. COVID-19 Update The Associate Director provided a general update on the District's response to COVID-19. Dr. Iyengar then provided a much more detailed COVID-19 update, including information on the re-introduction of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, the transition of District vaccination sites from appointment only to walkup, and the new guidances issued by the CDC. b. MTL Renewals The Associate Director informed the Board that the MTL renewals are live. While applications are still paper based, online applications will be accepted once the new online application system is live, which is expected to occur this week. c. New Online Application System 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.	
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	<p>ii. Legislative Update The Executive Director will provide an update on the recent hearing held before the Committee on Health re: Certified Midwives.</p> <p>iii. Licensure Census The Executive Director was unable to provide census numbers at this time due to the ongoing rollout of the new licensure system.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT None.</p>	
<p>OS-21-04-03 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 31, 2021 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: Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-21-04-04 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. Wind to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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MOTION TO CLOSE

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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 Dr. Smith to close the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Raczynski.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

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ALL

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Board Action:

To adjourn the meeting.

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.

Motion:

Motion made by Mr. Rich to return to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Smith.

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

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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