

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

May 26, 2021
8:30 am – 9:50 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=m35ac54804587c65b368e60835ad0fb81>

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+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in number (US/Canada)

Access Code:

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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)	
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	
Allison Bock – Legal Intern	

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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-21-05-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-21-05-02 ALL	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT i. COVID-19 Update The Board Chair asked Dr. Iyengar from DC Health to provide an update on the District's response to COVID-19. Dr. Iyengar gave updates on recent studies regarding the efficacy of vaccines and changes to restrictions in the District such as capacity limites and wearing of masks. More information about the District's response to COVID-19 can be found online at https://coronavirus.dc.gov . ii. FSMB Annual Meeting The Board Chair gave an update on the recent annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). This annual meeting was held virtually this year. Dr. Anderson was elected to the FSMB Board of Directors. iii. Physician Assistant Name Change Physician Assistants have voted to change their name to "Physician Associate". The Board chair asked for this item to be placed on a future agenda for discussion and review by the Board. MSDC stated they were happy to provide comments on this topic for future discussion by the Board. iv. Preliminary Recommendations for UME to GME	
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The Board Chair informed everyone that today is the last day for responses to be submitted to the Undergraduate Medical Education to Graduate Medical Education Review Committee (UGRC).

v. Taskforce on Health Equity

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has formed a task force on health equity.

vi. Last Meeting of Mr. Smith

Dr. Anderson informed the Board that this was Mr. Smith's last meeting. Dr. Anderson acknowledged Mr. Smith's contributions to both the District and the Board, and thanked him for all of his service.

vii. Passing of Dr. Robyn Macsata

Dr. Macsata was a prior member of the Board of Medicine, and sadly passed away this weekend.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. COVID-19 Update

Staff provided an update on the District's operational response to COVID-19, including the most recent mayoral order and status of licensure waivers.

Currently the public health emergency has been extended to July 25th, which includes the licensure waivers. Additionally the District government is planning on opening offices by July 12th.

ii. MTL Renewals

The Executive Director provided a brief update on the status of the MTL renewals, which are still ongoing.

iii. New Online Application System

The new online application system is now LIVE! Individuals wanting to submit an application must now do so via the online application portal at <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page>.

iv. Future Board Meetings

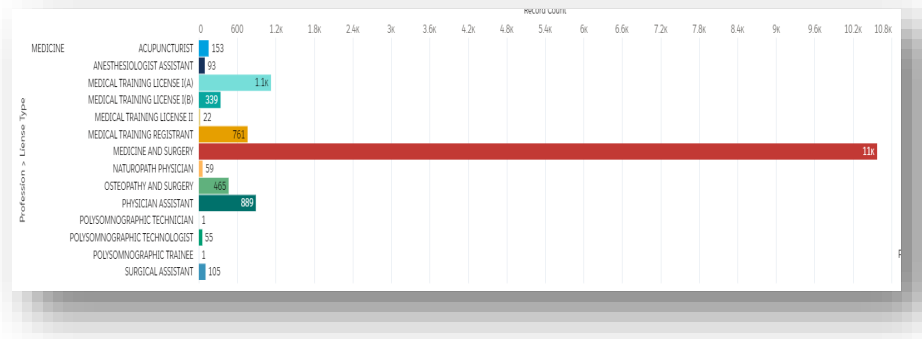
The Associate Director previously sent an email to the Board members asking for their input on whether future board meetings should return to "in-person", continue

as “virtual”, or be a “hybrid” of the two. The Associate Director informed the Board that the vote was split between a preference for all virtual meetings and a hybrid meeting setup.

For the time being meetings will continue to be virtual until further notice.

v. Licensure Census

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



C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

i. Legal Intern

Ms. Allison Bock is the newest intern with the Office of General Counsel at DC Health.

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 28, 2021 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. Strudwick to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Wind.

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

OS-21-05-04 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. Strudwick to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Dawson, Mr. Straub and Dr. Dawson were absent. The motion passed.</p>	
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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

<p>OS-21-05-05 ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR EXTENDED DURATION MTR</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the proposal from NIH asking for an extended duration MTR license.</p> <p>Background: Previously the Board approved extended duration MTRs for individuals rotating from residency programs that are part of the National Capitol Consortium (NCC) with the United States government. NIH is now requesting a similar approval for their rotators.</p> <p>Motion: The Board members inquired as to exactly how this process worked, specifically regarding enforcement of compliance with the MTR? Staff informed the Board members that NIH would be informed of the requirements, and that if information isn't provided of all rotation dates the waiver may be revoked.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Smith to grant the request. Seconded by Dr. Raczynski.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson and Mr. Dawson were absent. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-21-05-06 ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request from MedStar Washington Hospital Center (WHC) to approve their non-ACGME accredited Mechanical Circulatory Support and Heart Transplantation Surgical Fellowship 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 requesting program is not ACGME accredited, they are requesting Board approval.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve the request. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p>	

	Dr. Wind, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Dawson, and Mr. Dawson were absent. The motion passed.	
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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. Wind to go into closed session. Seconded by Mr. Straub.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-21-05-08 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. Dawson to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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