

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

June 30, 2021
8:30 am – 9:53 am

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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

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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)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	ARRIVED LATE @ 9:04 am
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ABSENT
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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	
Neelam Patel – Legal Intern	
Rujuta Nandgaonkar – Legal Intern	
Elizabeth Bellar – Legal Intern	
Ada Locke – 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-21-06-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-21-06-02 ALL	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u> A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT i. Dr. Iyengar Last Meeting This meeting will be Dr. Iyengar's last meeting, as she is leaving DC Health. ii. COVID-19 Update The Board Chair asked Dr. Iyengar to provide an update on the status of COVID-19 in the District of Columbia: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The District has hit President Biden's goal of more than 70% of the population vaccinated.• Current focus for vaccination efforts is in Wards 7 & 8.• The District is closely monitoring the variants, including the Delta variant.• Data seems to show that majority of new infections are in unvaccinated individuals. B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT i. COVID-19 Update See the report from Dr. Iyengar, above. ii. MTL Renewals The Executive Director provided an update on the status of the MTL renewals, whose licenses are set to expire on June 30, 2021. iii. Licensure Census The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District.	
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	<p align="center">C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p align="center">i. Legal Intern Update The Board Attorney introduced the newest legal intern, Ms. Neelam Patel.</p>	
OS-21-06-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 26, 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. Strudwick to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
OS-21-06-04 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 minutes. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

<p>OS-21-06-05 ALL</p>	<p><u>REGULATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To create a workgroup to develop standards for medical assistants.</p> <p>Background: Medical assistants are used throughout the healthcare system but within DC there is no definition, identified scope of practice, educational or certification requirements, or regulation. Dr. Nesbitt, Director, DC Health, has identified this as an issue to be addressed especially after noting their role during the COVID pandemic. A survey of other states' laws regarding medical assistants is attached for informational purposes.</p> <p>Motion: The Board members discussed the request, and several expressed concern that trying to define the scope of Medical Assistants was getting too much “into the weeds” and that their role was not something to regulate. Ultimately the Board agreed to form a workgroup to look into this issue, with Dr. Anderson, Dr. Raczynski and Dr. Strudwick volunteered to serve on the workgroup. No formal action was taken at this time.</p>
<p>OS-21-06-06 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 Cardiac Surgery Advanced Aortic and Valve 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. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

<p>OS-21-06-07 ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request from Children’s National Medical Center (CNMC) to approve renewal of their non-ACGME accredited Neuro-Oncology 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. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-06-08 ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request from the Judah Go Global Foundation to approve their non-ACGME accredited Program.</p> <p>Background: Staff received an inquiry from various individuals affiliated with the Judah Go Global Foundation asking whether an MTL could be granted for a program not affiliated with a medical school or hospital, or part of any ACGME or AOA training program?</p> <p>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 deny the request. Seconded by Dr. Fripp.</p> <p>Dr. Wind, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Rich and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-21-06-09
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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 Mr. Rich to go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Smith.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

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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 Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Smith.

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

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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