

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

July 28, 2021  
8:30 am – 1:36 pm

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### 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:*

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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)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	<b>ARRIVED LATE</b>
Terrence Straub (TS)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Archie Rich (AR)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	<b>LEFT EARLY</b>
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (DC Health Designee)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
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	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Allison Bock – Legal Intern	
Neelam Patel – Legal Intern	

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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-21-07-01  
ALL**INTRODUCTIONS****A. BOARD MEMBERS****B. BOARD STAFF****APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**OS-21-07-02  
ALL**BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT****A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT****i. COVID-19 Update**

The Board Chair provided an update on the District's response to COVID-19.

The District is seeing an uptick in COVID numbers, primarily driven by unvaccinated individuals. The District continues to monitor the situation and will take actions as needed.

**ii. FSMB Updates**

The Board Chair informed the board that the FSMB's Committees on Health Equity and Ethics & Professionalism recently met, and that the work of these committees will be of interest to the board. Information from these committees will be shared as it becomes available.

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****i. COVID-19 Update**

The Executive Director provided an update on the recent administrative orders regarding COVID-19.

**ii. August Meeting Update**

Traditionally the Board takes the August meeting as a break. The Executive Director will provide an update on future board meetings following the August break.

**iii. Licensure Census**

The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.

**C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**i. Introduction of New Intern(s)**

The Board Attorney introduced Ms. Elise Anderson, legal intern working with Mr. Phil Husband, General Counsel for DC Health.

**ii. Reporting Requirements**

The Board Attorney reminded the Board of the updated reporting requirements which now apply to all licensed healthcare providers.

**iii. End of Public Health Emergency**

The Board Attorney informed the Board of the recent Emergency Order issued by DC Health, effective July 23, 2021, which is meant to allow the District to continue utilizing certain authorities that expired with the end of the public health emergency.

Two (2) important items for licensees:

*a. Vaccination Authority*

Unlicensed individuals can still administer vaccines.

*b. New CE Requirements*

Licensees will be required to complete two (2) hours fo CE related to COVID-19. More information from DC Health will be shared to licensees and stakeholders in the near future.

<p>OS-21-07-03 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 30, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Simpson.</p> <p>Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson was absent. The motion passed.</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-21-07-04 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. Strudwick to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Simpson.</p> <p>Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson was absent. The motion passed.</p>	

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-21-07-05  
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. Strudwick to move into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Raczynski.

Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Dawson was absent. The motion passed.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-21-06-06 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> <b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Smith to return to open session. Seconded by Dr. Fripp.</p> <p>Dr. Fripp, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski 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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