

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

May 25, 2022  
8:30 am to 1:58 pm

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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)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	Absent
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	Absent
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
Aeva Gaymon-Doomes, MD (AGD)	Absent
Karen George, MD (KG)	
Asad Bandealy, MD (AB)	Absent
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Arian Gibson, MS – Interim Associate Director	Absent
Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	Absent
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
<b>VISITORS:</b>	
Gaurav Dhiman – Office of Government Relations	
Jeniece Montellano - DCAPA	
Joyce Campbell – CNMC GME	

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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.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
OS-22-05-01	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>	
ALL	<b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>  <b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>	

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-22-05-02	<b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b>	AN
ALL	<b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>FSMB Update</b>  The Chair gave a brief update on the FSMB annual meeting, held in New Orleans this year. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Fripp, Attorney Fenzel, and Executive Director Nixon attended.   Policies regarding misinformation, telework, and some others were adopted. The Board Chair asked that the Board review these areas with an eye towards developing similar policies that the Board can implement.</li> </ul> <b>B. INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.</b> None.  <b>C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>COVID-19 Update</b>  The Executive Director reminded all that the licensure waiver ends on August 10, 2022, and that anyone currently practicing under the waiver will need to prepare, as licensure will be required on August 11<sup>th</sup>, if they wish to continue.</li> <li>ii. <b>Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</b>  The Executive Director reported that there are currently 10 members. Dr. Simpson has resigned and Dr. George will also be leaving after the July meeting. This will leave 8 members and 7 vacancies.</li> <li>iii. <b>Licensure Census</b></li> </ul>	

The Executive Director deferred the licensure census to the minutes, and are as follows:

ACUPUNCTURIST	162
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	108
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1294
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	356
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	25
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	212
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11865
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	63
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	595
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1113
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	63
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	2
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	116
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	4

**iv. Additional Information**

The Executive Director reported that the additional staff currently assisting BOM through the MTL cycle will be leaving on 6/30/22.

The Executive Director reminded the Board members of their required annual ethics training.

**D. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**E. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION'S REPORT**

Mr. Dhiman reported on the following:

- i. On May 24, 2022, DC Council unanimously approved the FY23 budget. It now will move to Mayor Bowser's desk.
- ii. On April 18<sup>th</sup> the *Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2022* was introduced. This bill proposes to move the responsibility for licensing

	laboratory practitioners (cytotechnologists, histologic technicians, histotechnologists, medical laboratory technicians, medical technologists, and phlebotomists) from the Board of Pharmacy to the Board of Medicine.	
OS-22-05-03  ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board considered the Open Session minutes from the April 27, 2022 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 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. George, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-22-05-04  ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board considered 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 Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b></p>	

	Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. George, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
	<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeniece Montellano, PA, spoke on behalf of the DCAP and the AAPA, regarding proposed regulation changes for Physician Assistants. A specific issue raised was the matter of calling the MD/PA relationship ‘supervisory’ instead of ‘collaborative’. She explained that having to be supervised by MDs makes it almost impossible for a PA to practice in certain specialties (such as Obstetrics) as most physicians do not want the additional liability. Their proposal was submitted to the Board in 2019, and DCAPA has since updated it. The Board Chair reminded members that the matter had previously been tabled until the PA Advisory Committee could review it. The Committee is scheduled to reconvene in July.</li> </ul>	

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<b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b>		
OS-22-05-05	<b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b>	AN

<p>ALL</p>	<p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>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).</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. George to close Open Session and move to Executive Session. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. George, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-22-04-06	<b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b>	AN
ALL	<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> Motion made by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 pm. Seconded by Dr. Simpson.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. George, Dr. Fripp, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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