

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

April 26, 2023  
8:58 am – 12:35 pm

### Virtual Meeting

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#### HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.*

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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)	<b>Absent</b>
Archie Rich (AR)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	<b>Absent</b>
Aeva Gaymon-Doomes, MD (AGD)	
Asad Bandealy, MD (AB)	<b>Absent</b>
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Aisha Nixon – Associate Director	<b>Absent</b>
Sithembile Chithenga- Executive Director	<b>Absent</b>
Justin Ortique- Executive Director (Board of Pharmacy)	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	<b>Absent</b>
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callahan – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer	<b>Absent</b>
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	<b>Absent</b>
<b>DC HEALTH STAFF:</b>	
Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Relations	
<b>VISITORS:</b>	
Pia Duryea, MSDC	
Deanna Najera, PA-C	
Kelly Schutz, PA - MedStar	
Rayna Jordan, Sibley Memorial	

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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-23-04-01  ALL	<u><b>INTRODUCTIONS</b></u>  <b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>  <b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-23-04-02  ALL	<u><b>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</b></u>  <b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Board Chair informed the Board of the upcoming National Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards in Minneapolis (May 4 – May 6). The Board Chair, Andrea Anderson, will be in attendance. The Board Chair informed the Board that Christopher Raczynski will be the Delegate for the DC Board of Medicine.</li> </ul> <b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>DC Health Updates</b> No updates.</li> <li>ii. <b>License Renewals Update</b> The Executive Director informed the Board that MTL renewals are ongoing. There is a slight change to the process as renewals are no longer automatic due to CBC requirements.</li> <li>iii. <b>New License Type/Pathway</b> The Executive Director informed the Board that the DMV reciprocity pathway is ongoing and that the Athletic Trainers applications went live on April 3<sup>rd</sup> with a few applications approved so far.</li> <li>iv. <b>Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</b> The Executive Director informed the Board of current vacancies. There are seven vacancies: four physicians and three consumer members. The Executive Director informed the Board that individuals are currently being vetted, three physicians and one consumer member.</li> </ul>	JO
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**v. Licensure Census**

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District of Columbia.

**BOM CENSUS**

ACUPUNCTURIST	139
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	111
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1142
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	316
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	29
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	318
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11153
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	57
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	636
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1051
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	55
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	1
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	99
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	24

**C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

- The Board Attorney reported that amendments to the Medical Training License and Medical Training Registrant section in the Regulations were published on April 21<sup>st</sup> in DC Register. The Board Attorney reported that there are not a lot of amendments. Some of the amendments were updating the increase to the 120-day limit on Rotators, the yearlong rotations given to federal employers coming out of NIH and the National Capital Consortium and streamlining some of the requirements concerning Attestation. If there are no comments after May 21<sup>st</sup>, the amendments will be published for final rule making. If there are comments that lead to changes, there will be another proposed amendment.

**D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT**

**FY 2024 Budget:**

- The Mayor released the proposed FY 2024 budget on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and hosted a presentation about it that same day to the Council.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Committee of the Whole held a hearing on the FY 2024 budget during which Councilmembers asked the Mayor and her team detailed questions about the proposed budget.</li> <li>▪ DC Health’s had its Budget Oversight hearing on <a href="#">April 10<sup>th</sup></a> (public witnesses) and then <a href="#">April 12<sup>th</sup></a> (DC Health representatives). During the hearing there were many topics raised including professional licensing, animal services, and school nursing.</li> <li>▪ The Committee on Health will host its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.</li> <li>▪ The Council will have its first reading on the FY 2024 budget on May 16<sup>th</sup> with the second reading scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DC Health is working on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.</li> <li>▪ The revised HORA has gone through one round of revisions and will receive a final review soon before submission to the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM).</li> </ul> <p><b>FGM/C Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councilmember Pinto has reintroduced the <i>Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0247</a>) along with Councilmembers Frumin, Nadeau, Henderson, Gray, and Allen</li> <li>▪ This legislation prohibits the practice of female genital mutilation or cutting. It also requires the development of educational materials for mandated reporters and other members of the community.</li> <li>▪ This bill has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Last Council Period, a similar version of this bill (<a href="#">B24-0516</a>) received a hearing during which many organizations testified in support.</li> </ul>	
<p>OS-23-04-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 14, 2023, meeting.</p>	<p>SG/JO</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 Mr. Rich.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Gaymon-Doomes and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-23-04-04</p> <p>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 Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Rich.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Gaymon-Doomes and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	<p>LR</p>

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**PRESENTATIONS, MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FYI**

OS-23-04-05	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	
ALL	<b>Background:</b>  To provide the public with the opportunity to comment or provide feedback to the Board.  <b>No Public Comments</b>	

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-23-04-06	<b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b>	JO
ALL	<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 Mr. Rich to move into Executive Session at 9:19 am. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Anderson, Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Gaymon-Doomes voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

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<b>HEARING</b>		
OS-23-04-07	<p><b><u>HEARING</u></b></p> <p><b><u>LOKESH VUYYURU, MD</u></b></p> <p><b>Specialties/Certifications:</b> Specializes in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology.</p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To make a decision on the Board’s Notice of Intent to deny a medical license to Dr. Lokesh Vuyyuru.</p> <p>The government is represented by AAG Christopher Southcutt; Dr. Vuyyuru is represented by Mr. John Clifford and Mr. Richard Condit.</p> <p><b>The hearing started at 1:07pm and adjourned at 4:27pm. The hearing will continue on May 31, 2023, at 1:00pm.</b></p>	SF

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-23-04-08	<b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b>	JO
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 Mr. Rich to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Anderson, Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, and Dr. Gaymon-Doomes voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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