

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

November 2, 2023 8:44 am-9:17 am

### 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 be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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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)	<b>Absent</b>
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	Present from 8:57am
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
Asad Bandealy, MD (AB)	<b>Absent</b>
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Sithembile Chithenga- Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	<b>Absent</b>
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
<b>DC HEALTH STAFF</b>	
Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Affairs	
<b>GUESTS</b>	
Pia Duryea-MSDC	

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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-23-11-01  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-23-11-02  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 provided an update on the DC Health Boards Symposium held on September 27, 2023.</li> <li>ii. The Board Chair also informed the Board of her participation in the International Medical Education Leaders Forum in Halifax, Nova Scotia as a representative of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).</li> <li>iii. The Board Chair also informed the Board of a screening hosted by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) of a documentary called “Birthing Justice” produced by Denise Pines, the former Chair of the Medical Board of California.</li> </ul> <b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>DC Health Updates</b> The Executive Director provided an update on the District of Columbia responses to public health issues/concerns.</li> <li>ii. <b>License Type/Pathway</b> The Executive Director provided an update on the IMLCC, which went live on June 12, 2023 and DMV Reciprocity. Currently the Board has approved 178 DMV reciprocity applications. The Executive Director also informed the Board that there has been deliberations with the Maryland Board to explore a reciprocity licensure pathway for Physician Assistant.</li> <li>iii. <b>Advisory Committees</b> The Executive Director provided an update on the advisory committees. She informed the Board that</li> </ul>	SC
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Staff has resumed scheduling committees and the first meeting will be for the Maternal Professions Advisory group.

iv. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies. She informed the Board that three new Board members have been confirmed but not yet appointed.

v. **Licensure Census**

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

Acupuncturist	146
Anesthesiologist Assistant	131
Medical Training License I(A)	1166
Medical Training License I(B)	329
Medical Training License II	23
Medical Training Registrant	154
Medicine and Surgery	12115
Naturopath Physician	62
Osteopathy And Surgery	745
Physician Assistant	1187
Polysomnographic Technician	1
Polysomnographic Technologist	58
Polysomnographic Trainee	1
Surgical Assistant	116
Chinese Herbology	30
Athletic Trainer	48
Trauma Technologist	4

C. **BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No Report

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

**Board Confirmation Roundtable:**

- The DC Council confirmed the following nominees to the Board of Medicine.
  - Dr. Carolyn Gorman, Danish Jones, and Dr. Padmaja Pavuluri to the Board of Medicine.

	<p><b>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0312</a>) was passed by the council and has been forwarded to the Mayor for signature. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.</li> <li>○ There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DC Health Director Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Bowser <a href="#">announced</a> the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.</li> <li>▪ Acting Director Bennett’s nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and now awaits a vote by the entire Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.</li> <li>▪ The revised HORA has been approved by the Mayor and has been introduced to the council as the Health Occupation Revision General Amended Act of 2023 (Bill 25-545).</li> </ul>	
<p>OS-23-11-03</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 September 27, 2023, 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. Dawson to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Raczynski.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b></p>	<p>SG/SC</p>

	Dr. Anderson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Dawson and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.	
OS-23-11-04  ALL	<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. Dawson to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Raczynski.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Anderson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Dawson and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	CB
OS-23-11-05  All	<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> To provide the public with the opportunity to comment or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC) Update</u></b> Pia Duryea, Director of Engagement at the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC) provided an update on the MSDC Annual Meeting and Gala. DC Acting Director of Health, Ayanna Bennett was a guest speaker. Ms. Duryea thanked the Department for being a partner with the Physician community.</p>	

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-23-11-06	<b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b>
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 Dr. Raczynski to close the Open session at 9:17am and move into Executive Session. Second by Dr. Strudwick</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Anderson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Dawson and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>

**The Open Session Minutes continues on the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'. The next meeting is virtual and will be held on **December 13, 2023**.**



**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-23-11-07	<b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b>	
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. Raczynski to adjourn. Second by Dr. Strudwick</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Anderson, Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Dawson and Dr. Strudwick voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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