

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

March 27, 2024 – 8:35 AM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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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)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	Arrived at 8:53 AM
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ABSENT
Asad Bandealy, MD (AB)	
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Padmaja Pavuluri, MD (PP)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga- Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callahan – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	ABSENT
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
DC HEALTH STAFF	
Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Affairs	
GUEST	
Pia Duryea, MSDC	

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¹ The order in which the following minutes items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER		
ES-24-03-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	<p>A. BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>B. BOARD STAFF</p>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT MINUTES, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
ES-24-03-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	SC
ALL	<p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair reported that the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards is coming up and will be held in Nashville, TN (April 17, 2024 – April 18, 2024). The Chair reported that Dr. Strudwick will represent the Board. - The Chair reported that the Journal of Medical Regulations was released this month and that there is a brief on state medical boards, international updates and regulations in different countries. The Chair reported that there is a publication opportunity as well for state board members and staff to disseminate the great work that is being done. The Journal of Medical Regulations is available electronically. <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. DC Health Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive Director reported that BOM is getting ready to launch the medical training licenses for residencies and fellowships on April 1, 2024. The renewal period is April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024. The Executive Director stated that the BOM is expecting 1500 to 1700 applications. All applications received after June 30, 2024, is considered late and will incur an additional fee of \$85. The Executive Director advised that the renewal period ends in August (2024). - The Executive Director reported that Board is working on automating some of our systems. <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies.</p>	

- MOTA is working to fill all physician and consumer vacancies.

iii. **Licensure Census**

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

ACUPUNCTURIST	152
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	134
ATHLETIC TRAINER	124
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	34
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1154
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	325
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	25
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	247
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	12697
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	63
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	825
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1265
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	58
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	1
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	121
TRAUMA TECHNOLOGIST	4

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- VIRGINIA-108
- MARYLAND-126
- MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA-40

MEDICAL COMPACT APPROVED - 401

- MEDICINE AND SURGERY- 325
- OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY- 76

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- Attorney Gohil reported that the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) is doing a symposium in September 2024 and that there’s an upcoming CLEAR conference in Baltimore. Attorney Gohil advised that CLEAR is an international organization that deals with licensure and regulation for all professions, not just medicine.

D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT

DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health will have its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health’s proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year. ii. There will be two hearings, one on April 1st for public witnesses and one on April 4th for representatives from DC Health. <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ii. The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). iii. This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. iv. DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up has been scheduled for March 21st, 2024. 	
<p>ES-24-03-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 28, 2024, 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 Mr. Rich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Bandyaly, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Mr. Rich, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	<p>MH/SC</p>
<p>ES-24-03-04</p>	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT MINUTES</u></p>	<p>LR</p>

<p>ALL</p>	<p>Board Action: Consideration of the current open Consent Minutes items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Consent Minutes are 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 Mr. Rich to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Bandealy, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Mr. Rich, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
<p>ES-24-03-05</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Background: To provide the public with the opportunity to comment or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>No Public Comments</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

ES-24-03-06	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u>
ALL	<p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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). <p>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Rich to close the Open Session. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Bandealy, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Mr. Rich, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>

The Open Session Minutes continues on the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'. The next meeting is in person and will be held on **April 24, 2024, at 2201 Shannon Place S.E., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

<p>ES-24-03-07</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to close Open Session and move to Executive Session. Seconded by Dr. Gorman.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Bandealy, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Mr. Rich, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Pavuluri voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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