

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

October 30, 2024

8:49 AM – 9:28AM; 3:57PM - 3:59 PM

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

The Board meeting was held at 2201 Shannon Place SE Washington, DC in Room 611.

Information on how to access 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:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	Absent
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	Absent
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	
VACANT (Department of Health DOH Designee)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (PA Assistant Member)	
VACANT (PA Assistant Member)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga MD MPH- Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Compliance Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Cynymon Colebrook-Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammad- Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart-Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran- Investigator	Absent
Whitney Moore-Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ryan Vulpis-Intern	Absent
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Matteo Lieb, Director of Office of Government Affairs	
J. Sam Hurley, Senior Deputy Director	
PUBLIC:	
Joan Lelma, Office of Open Government, BEGA	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-24-10-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS	

	B. BOARD STAFF	
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-24-10-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	
ALL	<p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT -No report</p> <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. DC Health Updates The Executive Director informed the Board the renewal cycle began on 10/01/2024 and will remain open until 12/31/24. She also informed the Board that the renewal portal will remain open for late renewals until 2/28/25. The criminal background check required for the renewal will be a name search instead of fingerprinting. Due to the high volume of applicants, early renewal is highly encouraged. The Executive Director also informed the Board that Physician Assistants (PA’s) are now able to apply for an expedited pathway for those already licensed in either Maryland or Virginia via the DMV reciprocity application, which began on 10/01/2024.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Advisory Committees The Executive Director stated that the Maternal Care Professionals advisory committee drafted guidelines on Certified Professional Midwives. The guidelines are currently under review and should be ready to present at the December 11th meeting or subsequent meeting. Additionally, there is a physician vacancy on the Maternal Care Professionals Advisory Committee. This position would help draft regulations for midwives and doulas. If interested, please contact the DC Board of Medicine at dcbomed@dc.gov or the Executive Director.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update The Executive Director provided an update on the current Board vacancies. The Board is currently seeking to fill the physician, physician assistant, and consumer board member vacancies. To learn more about the requirements or to apply, please visit the Mayor's Office</p>	

of Talent Appointments (MOTA) website at MOTA@dc.gov.

iv. **Licensure Census**

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

Total Board of Medicine Census 18521

- Acupuncturist - 162
- Athletic Trainer - 153
- Anesthesiologist Assistant - 152
- Medical Training License I(A) - 1149
- Medical Training License I(B) - 329
- Medical Training License II - 25
- Medical Training Registrant - 178
- Medicine And Surgery - 13728
- Naturopath Physician - 65
- Osteopathy And Surgery - 940
- Physician Assistant - 1411
- Polysomnographic Technician - 1
- Polysomnographic Technologist - 68
- Surgical Assistant - 123
- Chinese Herbology - 34
- Athletic Trainer - 151
- Trauma Technologist - 4

Physician licenses approved via the DMV Reciprocity:
508

Physician licenses approved via the Medical Compact:
753

C. **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

-No report

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

1. **The Firearm Suicide Prevention (Donna's Law) Amendment Act of 2024**

- On September 24th, Councilmember Pinto introduced The Firearm Suicide Prevention (Donna's Law) Amendment Act of 2024 ([B25-0960](#)).
- This legislation creates a Voluntary Firearms Suspension Registry to allow individuals to voluntarily suspend their

ability to receive, possess, or transfer a firearm. It requires the Metropolitan Police Department, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, to develop literature about firearm safety, suicide prevention, and conflict resolution, and to require any business in the District engaging in the selling, purchasing, or repairing of firearms or ammunition to display and distribute the literature to patrons and interested purchasers.

- A hearing in the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety was held for this legislation on October 21, 2024.

2. Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:

- DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.
- The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0545). § 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. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024.
- This legislation was unanimously approved on first and second readings, was then signed by the Mayor on May 29th, and became law on July 19, 2024. DC Health is developing an implementation plan which will closely involve Board members.

3. Medical Malpractice Clarification Amendment Act of 2024

- On July 12th, Councilmember R. White along with Councilmembers Bonds, Nadeau, Pinto, T. White, Allen, Gray, Henderson, Mendelson and Lewis George introduced the Medical Malpractice Clarification Amendment Act of 2024 (B25-0926)
- This legislation prohibits medical malpractice insurer from taking adverse actions against health care practitioners who provide health care services that are lawful under the

	<p>laws of the District, including reproductive health care and gender-affirming care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This legislation has been referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development, but no hearing has been scheduled. <p>4. Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Pinto has reintroduced the Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2023 (B25-0247) along with Councilmembers Frumin, Nadeau, Henderson, Gray, and Allen • 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 by DC Health. • This bill has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Last Council Period, a similar version of this bill (B24-0516) received a hearing during which many organizations testified in support. This bill received a hearing on June 27, 2023. It was passed unanimously on Final Reading by the Committee of the Whole on September 17, 2024 and was signed by the Mayor on October 7, 2024. It is currently undergoing Congressional Review. 	
<p>OS-24-10-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 25, 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 Dr. Pavuluri to approve minutes. Seconded by Dr. Barbee.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>

	<p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
OS-24-10-04	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: 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>Background: 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>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Barbee to approve agenda. Seconded by Dr. Madkour.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	JS/SC
OS-24-10-05	<p><u>2024 RENEWAL PEDIATRIC COLORECTAL AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY APPLICATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review a renewal application for a non-ACGME accredited Pediatric colorectal and pelvic reconstructive surgical training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: Pediatric colorectal and pelvic reconstructive surgical experience is limited in most training programs globally. Children's National Hospital aims to address this gap by offering a unique, integrated</p>	CB/SC

	<p>program that coordinates pediatric colorectal, urologic, and gynecologic surgery, along with gastroenterology/motility expertise. This 1-2 year program is designed to supplement prior training in pediatric surgery, urology, or gynecology, focusing on complex and rare procedures. The program will have up to 2 surgeons per year for a maximum of 4 surgeons active during an academic year. It will provide comprehensive training in diagnostic and operative techniques, teaching, clinical research, and program development. By offering this specialized training, Children's National hopes to improve access to advanced care for children, study best practices in surgical education, and foster collaboration between specialties.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Pavuluri to approve the program renewal application. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
OS-24-10-06	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	
ALL	There were no comments from the public.	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-24-10-07

MOTION TO CLOSE

ALL

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).

	<p>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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Madkour to close Open Session. Seconded by Dr. Barbee.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Barbee, and Dr. Madkour voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-24-10-08	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u>	
ALL	<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. Gorman to adjourn Open Session at 3:59PM. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Barbee, and Dr. Madkour voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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