

BOARD OF MEDICINE
Open Session Minutes

April 14, 2023
10:08am – 12:20pm

Virtual Meeting

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:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	Absent
Archie Rich (AR)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	Absent
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
Aeva Gaymon-Doomes, MD (AGD)	Absent
Asad Bandealy, MD (AB)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
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VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Aisha Nixon – Associate Director	
Sithembile Chithenga- Executive Director	
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	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer	Absent
Emilia Moran – Investigator	Absent
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
DC HEALTH STAFF	
Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Affairs	
VISITORS:	

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¹ 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	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-23-04-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	AN
ALL	A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Board Chair reported Mr. Filler, from the Office of Government Relations gave a presentation to George Washington University Health Policy Students. Additionally, Dr. Andrea Anderson, Board Chair, Aisha Nixon, Associate Director and Suzanne Fenzel, Board Attorney gave a presentation to St. Elizabeth’s incoming FY23 psychiatry residents. B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health Updates The Executive Director reported that Dr. Sharon Lewis remains Interim Director of DC Health. Also, the COVID centers in all eight wards in the District of Columbia closed on March 31, 2023. ii. License Renewals Update The Executive Director reported the Board of Medicine FY23 renewal season ended February 28, 2023. Additionally, the Board needs to determine the percentage of licensees for the CME audit. The Board members will be audited at 100%. Finally, the MTL renewal season went live on April 3, 2023. iii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update The Executive Director reported there is a new MOTA liaison. The previous MOTA liaison confirmed three physicians and one public member were moving through the process which should be completed within the next two months. 	

iv. Licensure Census

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

BOM CENSUS

ACUPUNCTURIST	137
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	111
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1152
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	319
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	29
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	296
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	1101
	6
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	56
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	619
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1039
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	53
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	1
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	97
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	23
Trauma Technologist	4

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No Report

D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT

Performance and Budget Oversight Reported by Mr. Lieb:

Copay Accumulator Legislation:

- The *Copay Accumulator Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0141](#)) was introduced on February 16th by Councilmembers Henderson, Gray, Lewis George, and Nadeau.
 - The legislation requires that health insurers recognize financial assistance from third parties towards an individual’s out-of-pocket expenses. Third-party assistance includes product vouchers,

	<p style="text-align: center;">coupons, and other financial assistance made on behalf of the policy holder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A similar version of this legislation was introduced in Council Period 24 (B24-0557). This version was advanced out of the Committee on Health on March 20th and was passed unanimously on first reading on April 4th. It is expected to pass on second reading during the May 2nd legislative meeting. <p>FY 2024 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Mayor released the proposed FY 2024 budget on March 22nd and hosted a presentation about it that same day to the Council. ▪ On March 24th, 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. ▪ DC Health’s had its Budget Oversight hearing on April 10th (public witnesses) and then April 12th (DC Health representatives). During the hearing there were many topics raised including professional licensing, animal services, and school nursing. ▪ The Committee on Health will host its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26th at 11:30am. ▪ The Council will have its first reading on the FY 2024 budget on May 16th with the second reading scheduled for May 30th. <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health is working on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA has gone through one round of revisions and will receive a final review soon before submission to EOM. 	
<p>OS-23-04-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 25, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Background:</p>	<p>AN/CA</p>

	<p>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. Strudwick to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rich.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Dawson, Dr. Bandyaly, Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Rich, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-23-04-04</p> <p>ALL</p>	<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. Strudwick to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Rich.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Dawson, Dr. Bandyaly, Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Rich, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	<p>LR</p>

PRESENTATIONS, MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FYI

OS-23-04-05 ALL	<p><u>REQUEST FOR NON-ACGME APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request from George Washington University Hospital for renewal of their non-ACGME accredited Body Imaging Fellowship program.</p> <p>Background: Pursuant to 17 DCMR § 4611.2(c), applicants for training licenses must be entering an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training program (either residency or fellowship).</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to approve the renewal request from George Washington University Hospital for Non-ACGME accredited Body Imaging Fellowship program. Seconded by Mr. Bandealy.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Dawson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Bandealy, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	LR
OS-23-04-06 ALL	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To provide the public with an opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>No public comments.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-23-04-07	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u>	AN
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 move into Executive session at 10:28 am. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Dawson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Bandyaly, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-23-04-08	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u>	AN
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 Mr. Rich to close. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Dawson, Dr. Bandealy, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p> <p>The Board lost quorum at 12:20pm</p>	

This ends the Open Session Minutes

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