

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

July 31, 2024

8:48 AM - 10:15 AM

HYBRID MEETING *The Board meeting was held at 2201 Shannon Place SE Washington DC. Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting virtually 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)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	Late 8:51 am
Daanish Jones (DJ)	
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	Absent
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	Absent
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	
VACANT (Department of Health DOH Designee)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (Physician Assistant Member)	
VACANT (Physician 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	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart-Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammed- Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran- Investigator	
Whitney Moore-Investigator	Absent
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ryan Vulpis-Intern	
Kelly Jim-Intern	
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Matteo Lieb, Interim Director of Office of Government Affairs	Absent
Kera Johnson, Director of Office of Government Affairs	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-31-07-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>B. BOARD STAFF</p>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-31-07-02	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></p> <p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The chair reported that there will be no meeting in the month of August. - The chair reported on an article in the last issue of the Journal of Medical Regulation from the Journal of the Federation of State Medical Boards. It discussed the history of diversity among state medical boards and specifically among the board of directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards, as well as looking at just the history of the attitudes towards diversity and an analysis of future goals for diversity among and within the statement of reports. Everyone on the board should at least get an electronic copy. Encouraging everyone to explore the article. <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>i. DC Health Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive Director announced Mr. Archie Rich transitioned from the Board and that we greatly appreciate his service. The Board also welcomed three new board members: Dr. Harry Barbee (consumer member), Dr. Amr Madkour (physician member), and Dr. Mariam Michael (physician member). - Effective June 16, 2024, any new license, registration or certification issued by DC Health will expire on the last day of the person's birth month. The year of expiration will be based on whether they were born in an odd numbered year or an even numbered year. This does not affect current licensees with the expiration date of Dec. 31,2024, this year. A mass email will be sent to all registered licensees. <p>ii. Advisory Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Physician's Assistants Advisory committee as well as the Maternal Care Professions Advisory committee were slated to present their proposed regulations for this meeting, unfortunately, it has been pushed back. It is anticipated in September’s meeting that all materials will be ready for the board’s review and decision. - Advisory committees have been affected by the passage of the HORA amendments. Attorney Fenzel covered the details in OS-31-07-06. <p>iii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOTA has informed BOM that they are working on filling the physician, consumer, and physician assistants' vacancies. - Several candidates have been interviewed for the positions and BOM encourages all interested parties to apply. 	SC

iv. Licensure Census

The Board of Medicine licensure census as of July 31, 2024.

Acupuncturist	158
Athletic Trainer	138
Anesthesiologist Assistant	151
Medical Training License I(A)	1148
Medical Training License I(B)	330
Medical Training License II	25
Medical Training Registrant	71
Medicine And Surgery	13444
Naturopath Physician	63
Osteopathy And Surgery	902
Physician Assistant	1337
Polysomnographic Technician	1
Polysomnographic Technologist	61
Polysomnographic Trainee	1
Surgical Assistant	122
Chinese Herbology	34
Athletic Trainer	134
Trauma Technologist	4
Surgical Assistant	122

Approved via DMV Physician Reciprocity- 429
Virginia-170, Maryland-195, Maryland & Virginia=64

Approved via Medical Compact Approved-625

C. Board Attorney’s Report

No Report

D. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S REPORT

- HORA or the Health Occupations Revision Act has finally become law as of July 19, 2024. DC Health will begin working on implementation of all the different changes to the different scopes of practices within the Board definitions, clarifying them, etc.
- Budget also went through its review and is now undergoing mayoral review.
- The Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2023 was passed unanimously on the first reading by the Committee of the Whole on July 9, 2024.
- Council is on recess from July 15, 2024, to September 15, 2024.

<p>OS-31-07-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 26, 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. Gorman to approve minutes. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Ms. Jones, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Smith, Dr. Strudwick, and Dr. Barbee voted to approve Open Session Minutes.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>
<p>OS-31-07-04</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. Gorman to approve minutes. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Ms. Jones, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Smith, Dr. Strudwick, and Dr. Barbee voted to approve Open Consent Agenda.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>
<p>OS-31-07-05</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To solicit suggestions and comments from Board members and the public on topics that should be designated as public health issues for continuing education.</p> <p>Background: The Director of the Department of Health identifies key public health priorities for continuing education required for the renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of health professional licenses,</p>	<p>SC</p>

	<p>certifications, or registrations, as specified in D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.</p> <p>To enhance public health protection and promotion, the Director established regulations necessitating licensed health professionals to complete at least ten percent (10%) of their total continuing education in the District's identified public health priorities. These priorities are reviewed and published every five years or sooner if deemed necessary. The current priorities are slated revision in the coming weeks and have been forwarded to the Associate Director.</p> <p>Suggested updates to Public Health Priorities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health crisis and social media Social determinants of health Sexual health (amended to include female genital mutilation) AI in healthcare Ethics and appropriate patient interactions (amended to include responsible use of social media) Climate effects on health Nutrition and obesity prevention (amended to include treatment) 	
OS-31-07-06	<p><u>HEALTH OCCUPATIONS REVISION GENERAL AMENDMENT SUMMARY</u></p> <p>Board Action: Information Only</p> <p>Background: The Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2024 became effective July 19, 2024. Board Attorney briefed on the impacts to the Board of Medicine.</p>	SF
OS-31-07-07	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Background: To provide the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>No Public Comments</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-31-07-08

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).
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).

Motion: Motion made by Dr. Smith to close the Open session at 10:15 am and move to Executive Session. Seconded by Dr. Gorman.

Vote: Dr. Anderson, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pavuluri, and Dr. Strudwick voted to close open session. Dr. Barbee abstained from the vote.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-31-07-09

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ALL

Board Action:

To adjourn the meeting.

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.

Motion: Motion made by Dr. Smith to close the Open session at 4:06 pm. Seconded by Dr. Gorman.

Vote: Dr. Anderson, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Smith , Dr. Pavuluri, and Dr. Strudwick voted to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Barbee abstained from the vote.

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov. 3 DCMR § 10409.2