

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

December 11, 2024

8:44 AM – 3:35 PM

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### VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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Meeting link:

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Meeting number:

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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)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	Absent
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	Arrived 8:55 am
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	Arrived 8:50 am
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)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Sithembile Chithenga MD MPH- Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Compliance Specialist	Absent
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
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	Arrived 9:15 am
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart-Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
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, Director of Office of Government Affairs	Arrived 8:59 am
<b>PUBLIC:</b>	
Bernard Arons, MD	

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
OS-24-12-01	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>	
ALL	<b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>	
	<b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>	

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-24-12-02	<b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b>	SC
ALL	<b>A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT</b> The Board Chair thanked staff and board members for the hard work they have done throughout the year. She mentioned the new issue of the Journal of Medicine Regulation and encouraged staff and members to actively review those articles as well as the weekly email blast from the Federation of State Medical Boards that outline things that other boards are doing in addition to topics related to medical regulations.	
	<b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>	
	<b>i. DC Health Updates</b> The Executive Director informed the Board the renewal cycle ends on 12/31/24. She also informed the Board that criminal background checks and PDMP registration are required for renewal of licensure. Criminal background checks generally take 7-10 business days for processing but during times of high volume that timeframe maybe extended; so, to avoid delays the Executive Director is asking that applicants submit applications in a timely manner, ensure they are PDMP registered, and submit Clean Hands documentation if needed. She also advised that once a license has expired, the licensee is no longer allowed to practice in the District. The renewal portal will remain open for late renewals until 2/28/25, an additional \$85 fee will be accessed to late renewal applications.	

ii. **Advisory Committees**

The Executive Director provided an update on the advisory committees.

iii. **Board Vacancies/MOTA Update**

The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies.

iv. **Licensure Census**

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

Board of Medicine Census	<b>18711</b>
ACUPUNCTURIST	162
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	152
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1150
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	329
MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	24
MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	210
MEDICINE AND SURGERY	13841
NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	65
OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	960
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1427
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	1
POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	69
SURGICAL ASSISTANT	126
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	34
ATHLETIC TRAINER	157
Trauma Technologist	4

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**C. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**No Report**

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

**End of Council Period:**

- Council Period 25 will conclude on December 23, 2024. The Council will then go on recess.
- Any legislation that is not passed on both readings by the end of the Council Period will need to be reintroduced in the following Council Period.
- New Council member Wendell Felder of Ward 7 replaced retired member Vincent Gray.

**New Council Period:**

- Council Period 26 will commence on January 2, 2024.
- Committee assignments for Council Period 26 will be released in late December.
- Once those are approved, along with the Council Rules, the Council will move to conduct its performance oversight hearings.

**Cedar Hill Hearing:**

- The Committee on Health hosted a hearing on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am titled "*The Closure of United Medical Center and the Opening of Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center*".
- Further information about the hearing can be found at the following [link](#).

<p>OS-24-12-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board considered the Open Session minutes from the October 30, 2024, 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. Gorman to approve minutes. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	<p>JS/SC</p>
<p>OS-24-12-04</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board considered 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. Gorman to approve the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Pavuluri.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	<p>KQ/SC</p>
<p>OS-24-12-05</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>Selection of Board Vice Chair</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board nominated and elected a Vice Chair.</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p>	

	<p>The recent amendments to the HORA included D.C. Code section 3-1204.05(a-1): <i>Each board and advisory committee may elect a vice chairperson from among its members.</i></p> <p>The Vice Chair will act in the absence of the Chair of the Board. Because the Chair of the Board of Medicine is required to be a physician, the Vice Chair for the Board of Medicine should also be a physician.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Anderson to nominate and elect Dr. Gorman as Vice Chair. Seconded by Dr. Michael.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Arons abstained from the vote.</p>	
<p>OS-24-12-06</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>Review of Emeritus Status</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board considered Emeritus status for physicians and the creation of a subcommittee to draft the regulations.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The recent amendments to the HORA included D.C. Code section 3-1205.11a: <i>Emeritus Status</i>. The law is included in the materials.</p> <p>If a board chooses, regulations may be developed to enable license holders to apply for emeritus status. For the professions under the Board of Medicine with Advisory Committees, this issue will be placed on their agendas to make a recommendation to the Board to consider if Emeritus status is an appropriate option.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Madkour to approve the amendments made to Emeritus Status. Seconded by Dr. Barbee. Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Barbee, and Dr. Arons volunteered to be members of the Emeritus Subcommittee.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	



<p>OS-24-12-07</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>GENERAL ACADEMIC PEDIATRIC FELLOWSHIP ON ADVOCACY AND HEALTH EQUITY TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board reviewed an application for a non-ACGME accredited general academic pediatric fellowship and advocacy and health training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The General Academic Pediatric Fellowship on Advocacy and Health Equity Training program will be hosted within the Division of General and Community Pediatrics at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 2 to 3 years with 1 fellow per year. The mission of the program is to train a new generation of physician advocates who will create successful community partnerships and integrate public health concepts into the everyday practice of medicine to improve the health of under-resourced communities.</p> <p><b><u>PEDIATRIC CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board reviewed a renewal application for a non-ACGME accredited pediatric colorectal and pelvic reconstruction surgery fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Pediatric Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship program will be hosted within the Department of Medicine at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be for 1 year with 1 to 2 fellows per year. This program is a training to equip new practitioners with the knowledge and technical skills necessary to manage all manner of rhythm disorders in fetus, infant, child, and adolescent, as well as in young adults with CHD.</p> <p><b><u>PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board reviewed a renewal application for a non-ACGME accredited pediatric colorectal and pelvic reconstruction surgery fellowship training program at Children's National Hospital.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>
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	<p><b>Background:</b> The Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship program will be hosted within the Department of Neurosurgery at Children's National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 12 months with 1 fellow per year. This program is a specialized field dedicated to diagnosing and treating neurological disorders in infants, children, and adolescents. This program is a specialized field dedicated to diagnosing and treating neurological disorders in infants, children, and adolescents by fostering proficiency, innovation, and leadership in fellows, preparing them to advance pediatric neurosurgery.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Pavuluri to approve the program renewal applications. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-24-12-08</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-24-12-09

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

ALL

**Board Action:**

The Board went 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).

	<p>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).</p> <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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to close Open Session. Seconded by Dr. Gorman.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
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<b>MOTION TO ADJOURN</b>		
<p>OS-24-12-10</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board adjourned 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. Gorman to adjourn Open Session at 3:35 PM. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Madkour, Dr. Michael, and Dr. Barbee voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>	
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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