

# **BOARD OF NURSING**

## **Open Session Minutes**

**March 6, 2019**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:**

“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	
Layo George, RN (LG)	
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Nancy Uhland, RN, DNP (NU)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
Kierstin Moses	
Antoinette Butler	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Van Brathwaite, JD	

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<sup>1</sup> The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be discussed during the meeting.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
OS-19-03-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>B. BOARD STAFF</b></p>	MB

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-19-03-02	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>i. None.</p> <p><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>i. <b>Upcoming Renewals</b> Staff has begun early discussions with IT on the LPN renewals that will be happening this Spring. Several improvements have already been made to the renewal system that address the issues experience in the most recent nursing renewals.</p> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>i. <b>Regulations Update</b> The NAP regulations have been submitted to the Mayor’s office and are going through the final steps before publication.</p> <p>The APRN regulations are with the mayor’s office for legal sufficiency review.</p> <p>HORA Amendments for 2019 have been drafted and are being reviewed. This amendment contains language adding midwives under the Board of Nursing.</p>	FM
OS-19-03-03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 23rd, 2018 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>Motion made by Ms. Platter to approve the minutes with the correction to change the date from January 30<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Seconded by Ms. Green.</p> <p>Dr. Garcia, Ms. Goletiani, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Green, Ms. Platter and Ms.</p>	FM

	Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
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**MISC. ITEMS**

OS-19-03-04	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION FROM HOME CARE PARTNERS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To listen to the presentation from Ms. Marla Lahat, Executive Director of Home Care Partners, regarding the issue of direct care worker shortages in the Washington Metropolitan Area.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Staff received a request from Ms. Judy Levy, MHSA, BSN, RN, with the DC Coalition on Long Term Care, requesting the Board set aside time for a presentation from Marla Lahat, Executive Director of Home Care Partners, regarding the issue of direct care worker shortages in the Washington Metropolitan Area.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only, therefore no further actions were taken at this time.</p>	
OS-19-03-05	<p><b><u>NAP PROGRAM APPROVALS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To determine whether HHAs should be allowed to obtain their clinical training from locations outside the District of Columbia.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board initially reviewed this matter at it's January 2019 meeting as part of it's review of the District's NAP programs. Staff raised concerns that HHAs who were obtaining training in jurisdictions other than DC were not receiving proper training, and thus lacked the skills necessary to provide services to District residents. Following review, the Board directed this matter be tabled to the March 2019 meeting for additional research.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board directed this matter be moved to the education subcommittee for further research, review and discussion.</p>	BJ

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**HEARINGS**

OS-19-03-06

**HEARING SCHEDULE****Hearings:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board/OAH</b>	<b>Date/Status</b>
Easterling, Tasha	Board	03/06/19 @ 11:00 AM

OS-19-03-07

**TASHA EASTERLING, CNA****Board Action:**

To hold the hearing on the NOI to determine whether to place licensee on the Federal Abuse Registry for CNAs following conviction for credit card fraud while employed in her capacity as a CNA.

**Background:**

Ms. Easterling pled guilty to two (2) misdemeanor counts of credit card fraud stemming from her fraudulent/unauthorized use of the credit card of a resident for who she was caring for while employed as a CNA.

**Motion:**

A motion to continue this hearing was filed by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), requesting today's hearing be postponed. Staff has administratively continued the hearing to a yet to be determined date.

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-19-03-08

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

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**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 made by Dr. Garcia to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Platter.

Dr. Garcia, Ms. Goletiani, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Green, Ms. Platter and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-19-01-09

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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**Board Action:**

To adjourn the meeting.

**Background:**

At the end of every a meeting a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.

**Motion:**

Motion made by Dr. Garcia to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Platter.

Dr. Garcia, Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Green, Ms. Platter and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**