

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

June 3, 2020

9:10 AM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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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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BOARD MEMBERS:

Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)

Layo George, RN (LG)

Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)

Laverne Plater, RN (LP)

Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)

Margaret Green, LPN (MG)

Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)

Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)

Thedith Moore, LPN (TM)

ABSENT**BOARD STAFF:**

Tonoah Hampton, MSN, RN, Executive Director

Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE

Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA

Concheeta Wright, BSN, RN

DaNeka Bigelow, Health Licensing Specialist

LEGAL STAFF:

Ajay Gohil, JD

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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 will be discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDEROS-20-06-0
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A. BOARD MEMBERS**B. BOARD STAFF**

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-20-06-0 2	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></p> <p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT Coronavirus updates- 8,886 COVID positive cases in the District</p> <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>i. RN/APRN Renewals Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the District of Columbia Board of Nursing has postponed the 2020 registered nurse and advance practice registered nurses (RN/ APRN) renewals. To ensure RNs and APRNs will be able to continue to provide uninterrupted care during the COVID-19 public health emergency, licenses set to expire on June 30, 2020, will be extended until August 30, 2020. However, the renewal portal will open on June 8, 2020.</p> <p>ii. COVID-19 Continuing Education NCSBN offers a free series of COVID-19 courses for health care professionals. Executive Director to provide the link to the stakeholders.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p>	TH
OS-20-06-0 3 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 6, 2020 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. Rick Garcia to approve the minutes. Seconded by Margaret Green. Ms. Bardonille, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Garcia, Layo George, and Laverne Plater abstained. The motion passed five to three.</p>	MB

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MISC. ITEMS

OS-20-06-0 4	<p><u>ANNUAL NURSING SCHOOL REPORT REVISION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To approve minor revision to the nursing schools Annual Report Form</p> <p>Background: Minor revisions were made to the annual reporting form for nursing schools to address frequently requested information.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Laverne Plater to approve the revised annual report form for nursing schools. Seconded by Margaret Green. Ms. Bardonille, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	BJ
OS-20-06-0 5	<p><u>APPLICATION FOR HOME HEALTH AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM- Prestige Home Health Aide Training Program</u></p> <p>Board Action: To determine whether to approve the application for establishment of a home health aide training program in the District.</p> <p>Background: During May meeting, the Board voted to table the decision until June meeting to allow the full board to make a decision approval of their home health aide training program.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Margaret Green to approve Prestige Home Health Aide Training program. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Ms. Bardonille, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	BJ

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TELEHEALTH REGULATIONS

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Board Action:

To determine if regulations or statutory changes are required to address telehealth in the District of Columbia

Background:

The COVID-19 public health emergency has highlighted the benefit of telehealth services. While the District currently does not have any specific telehealth requirement outside of licensure for practice, the Interprofessional Collaboration workgroup has requested feedback from the Boards on the pros and cons surrounding telehealth legislation and practices.

Motion:

The comments received from the board and public related to telehealth include:

- The Board of Nursing should determine how telework is done in the District.
- The nurses in the community are looking for direction on telehealth.
- The advanced practice nurses want to be “in step” with the physicians.
- Legislation may limit growth.
- The development of uniformed guidelines to reimbursement is optimized and not minimized.
- Home health advanced practice nurses are already using telehealth. During the public health emergency, it has increased their ability to get services, medications, and food delivery.
- Questions about scope of practice and safety and security for vulnerable individuals.
- The board should give consideration for the “digital divide” that already exist in telehealth for individuals with limited knowledge, access, support and services.

Motion:

Motion made by Laverne Plater to establish a telehealth workgroup to discuss further. Ms. Bardonille, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The workgroup will consist of two (2) board members, four (4) community members, and one (1) board staff member.

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Nursing Programs Waivers

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Board Action:

To consider issuing waivers to the existing Nursing School regulations for RN and LPN programs

Background:

The Board has received request from several universities and colleges requesting waivers for clinicals.

The requests for consideration:

1. Simulations replace 50 % of clinical instead of the 30% currently allowed.

Motion:

Motion made by Laverne Plater to allow simulations to replace 50% of clinical instead of 30% during COVID-19 public health emergency. Seconded by Margaret Green. Ms. Bardonille, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Garcia abstained from the vote.

2. Simulations include screen-based or virtual simulations.

Motion:

Motion made by Elizabeth Lemme to allow simulations with screen-based or virtual simulations during COVID-19 public health emergency. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Ms. Bardonille, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Garcia abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

3. Use of simulations in the areas of community health, foundations, and physical assessment.

Motion:

Motion made by Elizabeth Lemme to allow the use of simulations in the areas of community health, and foundations during COVID-19 public health emergency. Seconded by Monica Goletiani. Ms. Bardonille, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. Laverne Plater voted against the motion and Dr. Garcia abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

4. All clinical be virtual using simulations and case studies.
No motion made because the decision in #1 was waiver for 50% stimulation granted.
5. Simulations in the fall and defer clinical until spring semesters.

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-20-05-06	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <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 Margaret Green to close. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Ms. Bardonille, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	TH
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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 Monica Goletiani to close. Seconded by Laverne Plater.

Ms. Bardonille, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lemme, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Plater, Ms. George, and Ms. Goletiani voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This ends the Open Session Minutes.