

# **BOARD OF NURSING**

## **Open Session Minutes**

**May 1, 2019**

**9:00 am – 10:00 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)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Nancy Uhland, RN, DNP (NU)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	<b>ABSENT</b>
Aisha Nixon, interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
Kierstin Moses	
Antoinette Butler	<b>ABSENT</b>
<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-19-05-01	<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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OS-19-05-02

**BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT**

**i. Upcoming Conference**

Ms. Bardonille informed the Board of the upcoming conference scheduled in August. She encouraged board members who were interested in attending to contact Mr. Meyers.

**ii. Legislative Updates**

Ms. Bardonille informed the Board of several legislative bills that have passed in various jurisdictions throughout the country related to the practice of nursing.

**iii. Licensure Census**

A request was made for the licensure census, which was provided as follows:

<i>RN</i>	17, 121
<i>CRNA</i>	147
<i>Nurse Midwife</i>	96
<i>CNS</i>	94
<i>NP</i>	1347
<i>TOTAL</i>	18,767

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**i. Presentation re: PDMP**

Dr. White and Ms. Eckert, with the DC Pharmaceutical Control Division, provided the Board with a brief overview of the PDMP program. As part of the presentation, the Board was informed of recent legislation that passed requiring licensed health professionals in the District with prescriptive authority to register in the PDMP. Dr. White shared with the Board the Department’s goal of achieving one hundred percent (100%) compliance by summer 2019, and requested the Board’s assistance in spreading the word to their licensees re: the need to register.

**ii. HHA Summit Update**

Dr. Jenkins provided an update on the upcoming HHA Summit. Currently 44 individuals have registered for the

	<p>Summit, with Friday, May 3, 2019, as the last day to register. Additionally, Dr. Jenkins requested feedback regarding the PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Legislative Updates</b> Mr. Brathwaite informed the Board that the NAP and TME regulations are currently with the OAG. In addition, he informed the Board the statutory updates are pending review by the Senior Deputy Director.</p>	
OS-19-05-03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the April 3, 2019 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 Ms. Platter to approve the Open Session minutes from April 3, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Lamme.</p> <p>Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Green, Ms. Platter, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM

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**MISC. ITEMS**

OS-19-05-04	<p><b><u>NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the draft proposed regulations governing nursing school programs in the District.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> These proposed regulations are an update to the existing regulations, and include updates to program curriculum requirements for nursing schools in the District, incorporating the RN to BSN degree programs, as well as addressing distance learning requirements for District run programs.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board requested further information regarding the established rate in section 5601.1(c) to determine if the rate can be changed or if a bifurcated option can be made available for initial verses established programs? In addition, the Board made several recommendations to make revisions to wording as it pertains to sections 5601.5, 5603.1 (a) and (d), 5603.2 (c), 5605.5, 5608.1, 5608.2, 5608.17, 5608.22, and 5611.5. This information was noted by legal counsel, who will make change and present to the Board at a future date.</p> <p>No formal action was taken at this time.</p>	BJ
OS-19-05-05	<p><b><u>FOREIGN CREDENTIALLING OF EDUCATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from the American Association of International Healthcare Recruitment (AAIHR) for the Board to "...expand the pool of permissible credentialing evaluation service agencies beyond CGFNS...</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Foreign trained applicants for a nursing license are required to submit proof that their education and training is equivalent to that of a US based training program. This is currently accomplished by submission of a Credential Evaluation Service (CES) report from CGFNS. Recently staff received a letter from AAIHR stating that CGFNS has suspended expedited processing of such reports, resulting in a delay of several months. AAIHR claims this is significantly affecting the ability to hire foreign-trained nurses, which in turn affects patients care. To address this issue, AAIHR is recommending Boards of Nursing accept reports from other foreign credentialing evaluation services.</p> <p>The letter and related documentation is being provided to the Board for review.</p>	FM

	<p><b>Motion:</b> Dr. Jenkins informed the Board, that the allowance of additional permissible credentialing evaluation services agencies beyond CGFNS has been addressed in the pending regulatory updates. As such, no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-19-04-05

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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:**

Motion made by Ms. Platter to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Green.

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

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-19-05-07	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Ms. Platter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Lamme.</p> <p>Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Green, Ms. Platter, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**