

# **BOARD OF NURSING**

## **Open Session Minutes**

**June 5, 2019**

**10:15 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)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Thedith Moore, LPN (TM)	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
<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	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>  <b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>  <b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>	MB

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

OS-19-06-02

**BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT**

**i. New Board Member**

Ms. Thedith Moore has been appointed as the newest LPN member to the Board of Nursing, replacing Ottamissiah Moore.

**ii. NCSBN Annual Meeting**

The NCSBN annual meeting is coming up in August 2019. Any members interested in attending should reach out to the Board Executive Director.

**iii. Future Board Meeting Dates**

The Board Chair discussed moving the July meeting date, as well as cancelling the August meeting.

The Board decided to keep the July meeting date, but to cancel the August meeting.

**iv. Meeting of the Nurse Practitioner Association of DC**

The Board Chair recently attended a meeting of the Nurse Practitioner Association of DC.

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**i. PDMP Mandatory Registration**

The District of Columbia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (DC PDMP) began sending notices to all practitioners informing them of the need to register with the PDMP, pursuant to DC Act 22-616. As the terms of the act required registration by March 31, 2019, which passed before the legislation took effect, the Department has set a new registration deadline of July 31, 2019.

**ii. Pending Legislation**

The Health Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2019 has been introduced by the DC Council. This bill requires both licensed practitioners and health care employers to notify the board within ten (10) days of certain actions (e.g., notice of a judgment against him or her arising from a malpractice suit; conviction of a crime; licensing

	<p>board of another state has taken disciplinary action; reduction, suspension, revocation or non-renewal of the health professional’s clinical privileges, etc.)</p> <p>The Committee on Health has scheduled a hearing on this bill for June 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>iii. Newsletter Update</b> The Executive Director informed the Board that the newsletter has been finalized and should be going out shortly once it has received Department approval.</p> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) Regulations</b> The NAP regulations have been published for the third time. It is the hope that no comments will be received, and the regulations can move to final publication.</p> <p><b>ii. HORA Amendment</b> The HORA Amendment is still with the department going through review. One recommendation made by the prior Executive Director was to amend the COIN program to allow for non-nursing professionals to participate in the COIN program.</p>	
OS-19-06-03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 1, 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. Plater to approve the minutes, conditioned on correcting her name. Seconded by Dr. Garcia.</p> <p>Dr. Garcia, Ms. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater and Ms. Bardonnille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM

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**MISC. ITEMS**

OS-19-06-04

**NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS**

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**Board Action:**

To review the draft proposed regulations governing nursing school programs in the District.

**Background:**

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.

The Board provided feedback at their May 2019 meeting, following which Dr. Jenkins made changes and is now presenting them to the Board.

**Motion:**

The Board discussed the issue of the fee for the RN to BSN program, recommending it be \$5000.00.

The Board also discussed changing the wording of the requirement in 5603.1(a) so it is less confusing by breaking up the various requirements between NCLEX and APRN requirements.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Dr. Garcia to recommend a fee of \$5,000 for the RN to BSN program. Seconded by Ms. Greene.

Dr. Garcia, Ms. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Dr. Garcia to approve the revised regulations with the approved fee change, as well as other changes recommended. Seconded by Ms. Plater.

Dr. Garcia, Ms. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-19-06-05	<p><b><u>MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review invitation from the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) asking for volunteers.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The District of Columbia Medical Reserve Corps (DC MRC) is part of a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities.</p> <p>Currently the DC MRC is asking for volunteers to assist in the preparation and response to “...man-made and natural disasters, public health emergencies and National Security Special Events (NSSE).” The formal invitation from DC MRC is being provided to the Board for review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item is for information purposes only, so no formal action was taken.</p>	FM
OS-19-06-06	<p><b><u>HOME HEALTH AIDE (HHA) SUMMIT REVIEW</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the information from the recent Home Health Aide (HHA) Summit.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board held an HHA Summit on May 10, 2019, inviting stakeholders from various private organization and District Government agencies. The HHA Summit was led by Dr. Jenkins, and included discussions on issues and topics impacting the practice of HHAs in the District, as well as finding ways to increase the number of HHAs who practice in the District, which in turn increases the number of District residents receiving quality home health care.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p> <p>The Board Chair requested specific data on exact representation of various institutions and agencies that participated at the HHA Summit, as well as compiling he data and comments into a report to share with various stakeholders.</p>	BJ

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-19-06-07

**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:**

Motion made by Dr. Garcia to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Greene.

Dr. Garcia, Ms. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-19-05-08	<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. Lamme to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Uhland.</p> <p>Dr. Garcia, Ms. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater 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.**