

**BOARD OF NURSING  
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**September 1, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting Notice**

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.*

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**Board of Nursing 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 MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Associate Director	
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	

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**Agenda**

<p><b>OS-21-07-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p>	
<p><b>OS-21-07-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u></b></p>	
<p><b>OS-21-07-03</b></p>	<p><b><u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Agenda for today’s meeting, September 1, 2021.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Garcia to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Green.</p> <p>Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Golietiani, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
<p><b>OS-21-07-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Garcia to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Green.</p> <p>Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Golietiani, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>

<p><b>OS-21-07-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>REPORTS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Board Chair Report</b></p> <p><i>i. NCSBN Meeting</i></p> <p>The Board Chair attended the virtual NCSBN meeting, and deferred to Ms. Borris-Hale to provide an update as she sits on the Board of Directors for NCSBN.</p> <p><i>ii. COVID-19 Updates</i></p> <p>The Board Chair provided some current COVID-19 statistics, and reiterated the need to be vaccinated. The Board Chair further reminded participants to go to <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov">coronavirus.dc.gov</a> to find the most up to date information regarding COVID-19.</p> <p><i>iii. New Executive Director</i></p> <p>The Board Chair reminded the board of the departure of the prior Executive Director, Dr. Tonoah Hampton, and thanked her for her service to the Board and the District.</p> <p><b>B. Executive Director Report</b></p> <p><i>i. License Status Update (approval #s, etc.)</i></p> <p>The Associate Director provided an update on the current license number for the Board of Nursing, including the fact that staff has approved over 1,000 applications in the month of August. Staff is committed to working through all pending applications, but there are still a large number of apps pending.</p> <p><i>ii. COVID-19 CE Mandate</i></p> <p>The Associate Director provided an overview of the recently enacted COVID-19 CE mandate, including identifying the required subjects, clarifying that the CEs must be completed by September 30, 2021, and that</p> <p><i>iii. COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate</i></p>	<p><b>Informational</b></p>
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The Associate Director provided an update on the current COVID-19 vaccine mandate which requires all licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 30, 2021.

The Board expressed concerns with processes on how to discipline any individuals who violate this mandate? Will actions be consistent across professions? Will there be standard guidance?

The Board Chair recommended DC Health hold a forum for licensees to ask questions and obtain more information.

*iv. PDMP Registration Mandate*

The Associate Director reminded everyone of the requirement to be registered with the DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Anyone not registered with the PDMP will not be allowed to renew their license.

*v. Licensure Waiver Status*

The Executive Director informed the Board that the current licensure waiver ends on September 23, 2021. If the waiver is extended, further information will be shared.

**C. Board Attorney Report**

*i. HORA Amendment*

The Board Attorney informed the Board that the Department is working on an overall amendment to the HORA, which will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

**D. Education Subcommittee Report**

*i. Pending Applications*

Dr. Jenkins provided an update on the status of several applications for nursing education programs pending before the Board.

**E. Discipline Subcommittee Report**

*i. Next Meeting*

	<p>The Discipline Subcommittee will meet next month with a focus on disciplinary priorities and how to handle individuals who do not comply with the COVID-19 vaccine mandate.</p> <p>The Board Chair asked staff to see if NCSBN has any input or guidance on COVID-19 vaccine and/or CE mandates?</p>	
OS-21-07-06	<p><b><u>CHANGES TO BON HORA PROVISIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Review, consider and approve the proposed revisions to specific HORA provisions related to the Board of Nursing.</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>The proposed changes are primarily in the areas of the definitions of the various levels of nursing practice, to align with the language of the NCSBN Model Act; APRN authorization; and scope of practice for the four APRN types. See draft of proposed changes, attached.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Plater to accept the revisions, including the request to add back in nursing researchers as mentioned by Dr. Jenkins. Seconded by Dr. Garcia.</p> <p>Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Golietiani, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	Decision
OS-21-07-07	<p><b><u>DISCUSSION OF MEDI-SPA REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Review and consider BoM’s draft Medi-spa regulations to determine the role of APRNs in this setting and whether to revise APRN regulation chapters for same.</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Given that the Board of Medicine has drafted regulations for Medi-spas, Board of Nursing may wish to include guidance for same in its own APRN regulations and perhaps suggest revisions to BoM regulations. DC Health legal division intern has engaged in research on the issue and will present a brief</p>	Decision

	<p>synopsis as background. See Aesthetic Medicine draft regulations, attached.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
<p><b>OS-21-07-08</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>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"> <li>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);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> </ol> <p>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></p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Plater to go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Garcia.</p> <p>Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Golietiani, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>



<b>OS-21-09-09</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>To adjourn the meeting</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Garcia to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Plater.</p> <p>Ms. Plater, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Golietiani, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**