

BOARD OF NURSING OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2021
9:06- 10:37 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 MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	ABSENT
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Tonoah Hampton DSL, MS, RN, Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD Investigator	
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	ABSENT
LEGAL STAFF:	
Panraevee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	

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Board of Nursing

Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.

OS-21-05-01	CALL TO ORDER	
OS-21-05-02	ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF	
OS-21-05-03	<p>Agenda Approval</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today's meeting, May 5, 2021.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by L. Plater to approve the agenda. Seconded by M. Green.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. Plater, R. Garcia, and M. Green, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	Decision
OS-21-05-04	<p>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by R. Garcia to approve the minutes. Seconded by M. Green.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. Plater, R. Garcia, and M. Green, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	Decision
OS-21-05-05	<p>A. Board Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Chair wished all a Happy Nurse's Week and honored all the nurses who have worked so hard during the pandemic and those who have lost their lives. 	Informational

- Referred Board members to NCSBN website for announcements of conference dates and other programs.
- Congratulations to Dr. Tonoah Hampton, Executive Director, who has just obtained her Doctorate in Strategic Leadership

B. Executive Director Report

- DC Health still open to public by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled via website link
- Online licensing system has begun with user acceptance testing underway including for new NAP applications.
- LPN renewals are underway via online portal.
- Recent Legislation – BON provided testimony to DC Committee on Health on behalf of Certified Midwives in support of their effort to be regulated and licensed by the Board of Nursing; currently working with the Certified Midwives in drafting final mark-up of bill.
- Board of Nursing is looking at HORA revisions. Regarding telehealth, Board welcomes any recommendations for inclusion in the omnibus bill.

C. Board Attorney Report

- “Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing Act” went into effect in March 2021 which limits licensing Board review of criminal convictions to only those that are “directly related to practice.” New law raises challenges for healthcare licensing Boards in terms of maintaining public safety and welfare for DC residents.
- DC Health Legal Division is working to present a package to the DC Council which would provide Boards more flexibility in CBC review regarding whom to license and certify.

D. Education Subcommittee Report

- Subcommittee met on April 7, 2021 and reviewed 2021 Status letters for HHA and

	<p>CNA educational training programs, and made slight revisions which will be presented to full Board for approval.</p> <p>E. Discipline Subcommittee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee met on April 7, 2021 and engaged in ongoing review of Board of Nursing disciplinary priorities and sanctions for disciplinary actions. • For the month of April, four complaints were submitted to Board of Nursing which are undergoing review process. 	
OS-21-05-06	<p>APRN PDMP REGISTRATION AND QUERY</p> <p>Board Action: No action required</p> <p>Background: The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Act of 2013 requires mandatory query of the prescription drug monitoring database by prescribers and dispensers prior to prescribing or dispensing an opioid or benzodiazepine for more than 7 consecutive days, and every 90 days thereafter while the course of treatment or therapy continues, or prior to dispensing another refill after 90 days. Subsequently, the Health Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2020 required all licensed health practitioners with prescribing authority to register with PDMP. This Act impacts all licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) regardless if they prescribe controlled substances or not.</p>	Informational
OS-21-05-07	<p>NAP IMMUNIZATION FORM APPROVAL</p> <p>Board Action: Consider NAP Immunization Form use</p> <p>Background: Onsite visits revealed inconsistencies in documentation of vaccination or immunity to communicable diseases in Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) training Programs. The NAP Immunization Form will standardize the</p>	Decision

	<p>required documentation of immunizations for all students in Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) Training programs.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by R. Garcia to approve the NAP Immunization Form with amendments adding a timeframe for communicable diseases to align with the CDC and to gray out sections that are not appropriate regarding immunity for COVID-19. Seconded by L. Plater.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-05-08</p>	<p>CNA QUALIFICATION POST-PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY</p> <p>Board Action: To provide guidance to unlicensed nurse aides working in healthcare facilities under the blanket waiver issued by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), once the public health emergency ends.</p> <p>Background: Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, some facilities adopted the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living Temporary Nurse Aide, which consisted of eight-hour online training for nurse aides prior to hiring them in the facilities. Accordingly, the Board has voted during its earlier meetings as well as most recently on January 6, 2021 to permit the substitution of as many of the required 40 clinical hours as justified by the challenges or difficulties existing in each training program by virtual simulation or clinical laboratory hours.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by R. Garcia to move forward with the Board’s Policy Statement regarding CNA qualifications post the public-health emergency (Policy Statement: One-Time Acceptance of Onsite Training of Nurse Aides During the COVID-19 Health Emergency.) Seconded by M. Green.</p>	<p>Decision</p>

	<p>M. Bardonille, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-05-09</p>	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</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 by M. Green to close Open Session. Seconded by R. Garcia.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Decision</p>

OS-21-05-10	MOTION TO ADJOURN 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 by L. Plater to adjourn. Seconded by C. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.	Decision
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.