

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

February 2, 2022

9:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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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:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	Present
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	Present
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	Present
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	Present
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	Present
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
Arian Gibson, MS, Interim Associate Director	Absent
Teresa Walsh, RN, PhD, NE-C, Executive Director	Present
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	Present
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	Absent
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	Present
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	Present

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Public Attendees

- Claudia Schlosberg- Consultant with AL providers
 - Denise Pope = Trinity
 - DyAnne Little

- Susan Walker
- Eric Walcott
- Marla Lahat
- Pier Broadnax – UDC
- Mindy Kursban

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-22-02-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Call to order at 9:09 am
OS-22-02-02	<u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u>	
OS-22-02-03	<u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u> Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today's meeting, February 2, 2022. Motion to approve by Laverne Plater. Seconded by Rick Garcia Approved by consensus	Decision
OS-22-02-04	<u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u> Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 5, 2022, meeting. Motion to approve by Rick Garcia. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Approved by consensus.	Decision
OS-22-02-05	<u>DC HEALTH COVID-19 RESPONSE</u> Background: Heather Burris, Interim Immunization Division Chief will provide an update on the DC Health COVID-19 response and data regarding vaccination rates.	Informational
OS-22-02-06	<u>REPORTS</u> A. Board Chair Report No report at this time. Will connect with the ED to strategic planning for the BON. Upcoming NCLEX meetings. Preparing for midyear meeting in March. Encourage stakeholders to attend the meetings. B. Executive Director Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. DC Health/HRLA Operational Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Emergency extended by Mayor until March 26. Waiver extended until August 10, 2022. DC Health can require an application be submitted for licensure after March 31, 2022. • Will be presenting information about CNA's being used in the home, based upon the waiver; and question about 	Informational

	No report for the public at this time.	
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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OS-22-02-07	<p><u>POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING HHA TRAINING AND CNA IN HOMES</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the draft policy statement and determine whether to approve.</p> <p>Background: Due to two challenges: 1) HHA training had difficulty providing 40 clinical training hours to HHA trainees due to COVID measures, and 2) CNA from other states coming to work in DC under licensure waiver were able to work in home but CNA licensed in DC could not, resulting in unsupportable differentiation. The Board voted on January 6, 2021 to adopt a policy statement permitting HHA trainees to substitute simulation hours for clinical training and to allow DC CNA to work in home. The policy was set to expire 180 days after the lifting of public health emergency (PHE). The PHE was previously lifted on July 25, 2021. 180 days from that date would be January 21, 2022. However, the policy should be reviewed and revised based on current situation. The draft of the amended policy is for board review and approval.</p> <p>Extension would be 180 days from March 26th.</p>	<p>This policy update did <u>not</u> occur during Open Session. It will be tabled until the next open session meeting.</p>
OS-22-02-08	<p><u>OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: Open the floor to the public.</p> <p>Background: Time permitted the Board Chair will open floor to the public to allow for the following: comments, questions, and/or concerns.</p> <p>Concerns raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for a pathway to approve those who can be dual certified as a CNA and HHA. • Ms. Little Director of HHA training program in SE DC. Policy is currently in place. Pending revision is currently in the works and further discuss will be on future open session agendas. 	<p>Informational</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Little (OIC) shared the following concerns.• AL shared that OIC should follow up with them in 4 to 6 months.• Requested that Board extend the timeframe for trainees to acquire the clinical training hours. It was stated that the agency is unable to find training locations for students• It was stated that students are unable to get tested• Board Chair asked for this information to be presented in writing so the board can address at the next meeting.	
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OS-22-02-09	<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); <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>Motion to close by Laverne Plater. Seconded by Rick Garcia @ 10:07 am.</p>	Decision
OS-22-02-10	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>	Decision

This ends the Open Session Agenda.