

# BOARD OF NURSING

## Open Session Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

### MEETING NOTICE

*This meeting will be held in at the Department of Health, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington DC. Room 216.*

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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.”*

**BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	PRESENT
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	PRESENT
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	PRESENT
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	PRESENT
Michelle Clausen, RN, APRN (MC)	PRESENT
Patricia Howard-Chittams, RN, APRN (PHC)	PRESENT
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Teresa Walsh, PhD, RN, NE-C	PRESENT
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	PRESENT
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	ABSENT
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	ABSENT
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	ABSENT
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Tanee Atwell, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Tonda Wright, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist	PRESENT
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT

<b>CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
<b>OS-22- 11-01</b>	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	<b>9:02 am</b>
<b>OS-22-11-02</b>	<b><u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u></b>	
<b>OS-22-11-03</b>	<p><b><u>Agenda Approval</u></b> Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today’s meeting, Nov. 2, 2022. <b><u>Decision:</u></b> Motion by Rick Garcia to approve minutes. Seconded by Margaret Green. Approved by unanimous consent.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>OS-22- 11-04</b>	<p><b><u>Meeting Minutes Approval</u></b> <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from Sept. 7, 2022 meeting. <b><u>Decision:</u></b> Motion by Rick Garcia to approve minutes. Seconded by Patricia Howard-Chittams. Approved by unanimous consent.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>OS-22-11-05</b>	<p><b><u>Meeting Minutes Approval</u></b> <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from Oct. 19, 2022 meeting. <b><u>Decision:</u></b> Motion by Rick Garcia to approve minutes. Seconded by Margaret Green. Approved by unanimous consent.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>OS-22- 11-06</b>	<p><b><u>REPORTS</u></b> <b>A. Board Chair Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent NCSBN Florence Nightengala about current legislative items which was held at the Ronald Regan building in Washington DC and Meedie Bardonille attended. There was discussion about the compact licensure and telehealth issues with licensed nurses providing care to patients. There has been an awarding of a \$10million grant to support the recruitment of new nursing faculty. There is a new YouTube certification for Health Professionals to publish materials on YouTube.</li> </ul>	<b>Informational</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive Director Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC BON has updated the web site for applications. The medication aid on-line application should be “live / on-line” but the end of the year. The LPN renewals will occur in Spring of 2023.</li> <li>• Census Data</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																							
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	<p><b>B. Board Attorney Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Legislative Report</b></p> <p><b>Committee on Health Hearing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Committee on Health hosted a hearing on four bills relating to DC Health on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Those bills are the <i>Protecting Health Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0830</a>), the <i>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0943</a>), the <i>Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Emergency Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0890</a>), and the <i>Clinical Laboratory Practitioners Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0764</a>).</li> </ul>																							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Executive Director Nixon provided testimony on three out of those four pieces of legislation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee on Health Markup:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Committee on Health is expected to hold its final markup for Council Period 24 in mid-November. Therefore, no legislation that hasn't received a hearing is expected to move this year.</li> <li>▪ OGR expects that several pieces of legislation relating to DC Health will be considered including the <i>Protecting Health Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0830</a>), <i>Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0942</a>), and the <i>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0943</a>).</li> </ul> <p><b>End of Council Period 24:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council Period 24 will conclude at the end of this calendar year. Any legislation that has not been passed by then will need to be reconsidered during Council Period 25.</li> <li>▪ The Committee on Health will have new membership in the upcoming Council Period. OGR will be sure to provide updates on Committee makeup in January of 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Discipline Subcommittee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p><b>E. Educational Subcommittee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>	
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**MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

<b>OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	
<b>OS-22-11-07</b>	<p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open the floor to the public.</li></ul> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time permitted the Board Chair will open floor to the public to allow for the following: comments, questions, and/or concerns.</li></ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UDC Dean, Dr. Beasley, spoke about their Corrective Action Plan and optimistically presented hope for their next class NCLEX pass rates.</li><li>• A member from the public, Colleen Peck, offered a suggestion to include abortion language in the Certified Nurse Midwife regulation to strike the prohibition of abortions. Since the regulations are under review, the Board agreed to consider the request in its revision. Ms. Peck will email her requests for the Board to consider as it revises the regulations.</li></ul>

Public Attendees: Dr. Beasley, UDC; Colleen Peck, CNMW

<b>OS-22-11-08</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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 to close:</b></p>	
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**This ends the Open Session Agenda**