

# BOARD OF NURSING

## Open Session Minutes

September 07, 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:**

<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
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	Present
Michelle Clausen (MC)	Present
Patricia Howard-Chittams (PHC)	Present
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Teresa Walsh, PhD, RN, NE-C	Present
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	Present
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	Present
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	Absent
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Matteo Lieb, Legislative Affairs Specialist	Present
Terrell Hill, Licensing Specialist	Present
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	Present

Halley Holliday, Legal Advisor	Present
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**AGENDA**

<b>CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
<b>OS-22- 09-01</b>	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	<b>9:04 a.m.</b>
<b>OS-22-09-02</b>	<b><u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u></b>	
<b>OS-22- 09-03</b>	<b><u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u></b> <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today’s meeting, September 07, 2022. <b>Decision:</b> Laverne Plater motion to approve; Rick Garcia seconded; Approval by Unanimous Consent	<b>Approved</b>
<b>OS-22- 09-04</b>	<b><u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u></b> <b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 6, 2022. <b>Decision:</b> Rick Garcia motion to approve with date and attendance corrections; Laverne Plater seconded; Approval by Unanimous Consent	<b>Approved</b>

OS-22- 09-05	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>A. Presentation from DOH Community Health Administration (Continuing Education, COVID, Vaccinations, Community and Public Health – Dr. Sherrie Wallington, Jacqueline Campbell, and Heather Burst.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Wallington met with Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Walsh to discuss Continuing Education.</li> <li>• Dr. Wallington and her team have been developing a training “Improving COVID-19 vaccine completion in the District of Columbia.”</li> <li>• This project has been funded b CDC for the past year.</li> <li>• This training will soon be implemented in the District of Columbia as Continuing Education that aims to increase Health Care Providers confidence and knowledge of COVID -19 vaccination benefits, risk and recommendations</li> <li>• Completion of the training provides participants with strategies for improving vaccine confidence among patients.</li> <li>• This training has been vetted by CDC and recently, it was approved by the Board of Medicine.</li> <li>• The training consists of four modules and shall be submitted to CE Broker to request approval for units.</li> <li>• Anyone seeking more information about this training can contact <a href="mailto:Immunization@dc.gov">Immunization@dc.gov</a> under the title Peer to Peer training.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board Chair Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meedie Bardonille briefed BON on the NCSB Conference, which was attended by Meedie Bardonille, Teresa Walsh and Cathy Borriss-Hale. The opening address focused on Nursing Mental Health, Shortages, Future of HCW and Active-Strategy- Vision. Key take aways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication vs Inform</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Informational
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate Must vs Want</li> <li>• Imitate vs Innovate</li> <li>• Leverage Technique</li> <li>• Past to Forward</li> <li>• Pandemic Trends</li> <li>• Do more than provide</li> <li>• Increase Influence</li> <li>• Opportunity vs Crisis</li> <li>• Live a life of significance, not just the life of success</li> <li>• BON will implement some of these lessons going forward</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Borris-Hale commented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> guest speaker Quoted the 2<sup>nd</sup> guest speaker “Gucci. “: “I am glad to be here...”             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Borris-Hale introduced the topic(s) of Unlicensed nursing personnel or states that so not regulate groups of HCW</li> <li>• Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of Dr. Lewis as the current Acting Director of DOH</li> <li>• Meedie Bardonille acknowledged Ms. Borris-Hale’s four years of service as a Board representative to NCSB.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>C. Executive Director Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN renewals are closed</li> <li>• Modify Website will be ongoing</li> <li>• Meetings will now be on-ground and virtual</li> <li>• Chapter 54 updates have been posted</li> <li>• Census Data</li> </ul>	<p><b>Informational</b></p>
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Name	Number of current (8/29/22) licensees/ BON
RN	25,349
APRN	2,722
HHA	7,349
LPN	1,706
TME	1,350
CRNA	141
CNMW	135
CNS	34
CNA*	4,767
Total	43,553

  

<p><b>D. Board Attorney Report – No Report</b></p> <p><b>E. Legislative Updates</b></p> <p><b>Council Recess:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council went on recess effective July 15 and will return to session on September 15.</li> </ul> <p><b>Removing Barriers Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council passed the <i>HIV/AIDS Data Privacy Protection Amendment Act of 2021</i> (<a href="#">B24-0207</a>). This legislation includes an amendment that increases the flexibility for DC Health Professional Boards to consider criminal history as part of the application process. It also repeals the ability for perspective applicants to receive a predetermination hearing from DC Health.</li> <li>The legislation was approved unanimously by Council on final reading on June 28 and went into effect on September 21, 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reproductive Healthcare Provider Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councilmember R. White introduced the <i>Protecting Health Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0830</a>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Informational</b></p>
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- *This proposed legislation would prevent DC Health licensing boards from taking certain actions, including the revocation or suspension of a license, against a licensed healthcare professional for providing or facilitating abortion services when that that service falls within the professional's scope of practice, and the disciplinary action is based exclusively on the patient residing in a jurisdiction where abortion services are prohibited.*
- The Committee on Health will hold a hearing for this legislation on September 28, 2022.

**Healthcare Career Scholarship & Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) Expansion Legislation:**

- Following emergency and temporary versions, Councilmember Gray introduced *the High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0943](#)).
  - *This legislation establishes a scholarship program for education, training, transportation, and examination fees for eligible medical professionals. The bill would also expand the HPLRP to include loan repayments for medical sub-specialty professionals, part-time practitioners, and private providers in medically underserved areas.*
  - *The emergency and temporary versions have both passed.*
- The permanent version of this legislation will receive a hearing in the Committee on Health on September 28, 2022.

**Minor Consent Vaccination Legislation:**

- Following the passage by Council of the *Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Emergency Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0890](#)), Councilmembers Gray and Cheh introduced the *Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0942](#)) on July 13.
  - *This legislation would allow certain eligible minors, including emancipated minors or unaccompanied homeless minors to access vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)*

*without the need for parent consent. The legislation would also allow providers to administer vaccinations recommended by the ACIP to any minor without parental consent given the provider “reasonably attempts” to obtain consent from a legal guardian and the legal guardian does not object.*

- *The emergency and temporary versions of this legislation have passed.*
- The permanent version of this legislation will have a hearing on September 28, 2022.

**Domestic Worker Legislation:**

- The Committee on Labor & Workforce Development held a hearing from the *Domestic Worker Employment Rights Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0712](#)). The bill has also been re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities.
- This legislation would establish new protections for domestic workers which may include some DC Health licensed professionals like Home Health Aides.
- This legislation is scheduled for mark-up on September 16, 2022.

**F. Education Subcommittee Report Report –**

Dr. Garcia: August 22, 2022, the committee scheduled a virtual meeting with a particular educational program director. The individual was a no show.

Dr. Jenkins: The removal of CG and specific language has been removed from the DCMRs. As a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, it is recommended BON seeks an educational evaluation for who obtained their professional training/ license in a country other than the United States.

- Dr. Garcia - Motion to have professionals trained/ licensed in a country other than the United States must pass a Credential Evaluation Services.
- Ms. Plater – 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- Motion Passed unanimously

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Decision



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Competency Evaluation have been removed from the DCMRs.</li> <li>• Requested the Board adapts the same list of providers utilized by the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate English proficiency.</li> <li>• Dr Garcia motioned to utilize the list and reevaluate it every four years.</li> <li>• Ms. Plater 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.</li> <li>• Motion passed unanimously</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Discipline Subcommittee Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report :</b> Ms. Borris-Hale has received several calls from licensees to reprint their licenses to send to their employers to bring them a paper license. We need to remind providers that it is prudent to check our website to verify licenses.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Informational</b></p>
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**MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

<b>OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	
	<p><b>Board Action:</b> Open the floor to the public.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Time permitted the Board Chair will open floor to the public to allow for the following: comments, questions, and/or concerns.</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> <b>Judith Levy</b> announced the Institute has been approved to a Geriatric Career. Folder apprenticeship program, which will be for HHAs and CNAs with plans to include Medication Aides. <b>Susie Cato</b> introduced the new University of the District of Columbia Nursing Education Director, Dr. Sharon F. Beasley. <b>Dr. Sharon Beasley</b> greeted the Board and thanked Dr. Jenkins for her support. <b>Meedie Bardonille</b> expressed she has received numerous questions about the Board’s licensing process and the timeframe to complete the process.</p>

Public Attendees : Judy Levy, Susie Cato, Sharon Beasley

<p><b>OS-22-09-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b> <b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b) <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> Laverne Plater; Ms. Green seconded. Approved by Unanimous consent.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b>  10:30am</p>
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**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**