

# BOARD OF NURSING

## Open Session Minutes

April 6, 2022  
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: 9:09 am - start**

<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
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	Absent
Michelle Clausen (MC)	Present
Patricia Howard-Chittams (PWC)	Present
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Teresa Walsh, RN, PhD, NE-C, Executive Director	Present
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	Absent / Excused
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	Absent / Excused
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	Present
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Jack Tell, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	Present

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**AGENDA**

<b>CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
<b>OS-22-04-01</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<b>9:16 am</b>
<b>OS-22-04-02</b>	<b>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</b>	
<b>OS-22-04-03</b>	<p><b>AGENDA APPROVAL</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today’s meeting, April 6, 2022.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion to approve agenda by Rick Garcia. Approved by Laverne Plater. Approved by unanimous consensus.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>OS-22-04-04</b>	<p><b>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 2, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion to approve agenda by Rick Garcia. Approved by Laverne Plater. Approved by unanimous consensus.</p>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>OS-22-04-05</b>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>A. Board Chair Report</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>NCSBN mid-year meeting</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Meedie Bardonille provided a report from the NCSBN Mid-Year meeting. The items will be designated with a “;” in-between topics. There are 32 new Executive Director indicating a high number of new persons in these roles; discussion on nursing shortage; collaborative practices for Nursing Internationally and sponsorship for such; a presentation about 2023 studies for the future of Nursing for Health equity; bridges between education and practice facilities for collaboration; how is it best to educate new nurses; APRN compact in DE bill that eliminated 24-month transition period; MD building support for CRNA; looking to uniform licensure regulations for APRN required training hours; Educational workforce database will be managed by Dr. Phillip Dickerson; next Gen2023 will be examining the future of the NCLEX; remote proctoring for test takers is a new program; lobbying constituents were discussed with the APRNs compact future status where there are currently 39 members for RN Nursing</p>	<b>Informational</b>

Licensure Compact; MA, Alaska, MN and NY have filed; COVID 19 mis-information and discipline; FL(cannot legally discipline RNs about COVID due to legality in state).

**B. Executive Director Report**

i. DC Health/HRLA Operational Status

- NCSBN mid-year meeting – as noted above
- COVID vaccines updates – Booster now **not** require to be up to date. Only need 2 shots of RMA or 1 of J&J
- RN renewal opens April 18, 2022. CE requirements posted on WEB and reviewed.
- Several schools of Nursing in USA are not acknowledged by DC BON as equivalent; future regulations will have mechanism for these graduates to submit equivalent information for licensure.

ii. Licensure Census

LICENSE TYPE	# OF ACTIVE LICENSEES (4/3/2022)
Certified Nurse Midwife	156
Clinical Nurse Specialist	46
Home Health Aide	7,061
Licensed Practical Nurse	1,632
Nurse Practitioner	3,022
Registered Nurse	31,047
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	167
Trained Medication Employee	1,309
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,440</b>

- Total RN eligible for renewal – **34,118**

**C. Board Attorney Report** – policy presented from previous meeting reviewed and posted. DC CNA allowed to work in home setting (as HHA) until July 31, 2022.

**D. Education Subcommittee Report** – no report

**E. Discipline Subcommittee Report** - no report

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<b>MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>OS-22-04-06</b>	<p><b><u>OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <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>Discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Pope, Dean at Trinity, spoke about the recent ANCC conference. Much of the education discussion centered around limited clinical sites, and now, lower caps on the number of students per clinical site. There are large needs for more faculty, while there are ongoing stricter qualifications from the clinical agencies about faculty. Many hospital sites are extending nurse residency. There needs to be further collaboration between nursing education and clinical sites to provide support for the workforce concerns.</li> <li>2. Ann Etter, a member of the public, commented about her concerns regarding the mandate for the COVID vaccine.</li> <li>3. A previous request from the public to address status of DC becoming a part of the compact RN states. Currently, the compact RN is not under consideration for DC.</li> </ol>	<b>Informational</b>

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<p><b>OS-22-04-07</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). <b>Motion:</b> Motion to close the open Session by Laverne Plater. Seconded by Rick Garcia. Approved by unanimous consensus</p>	<p><b>Decision</b>  <b>10:06 am closed</b></p>
<p><b>OS-22-04-08</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b> <b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting. <b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board. <b>Motion: 12:55pm</b> Motion to adjourn the meeting by Laverne Plater. Seconded by Margaret Green. Approved by unanimous consensus</p>	<p><b>Decision</b>  <b>12:55pm adjourned</b></p>

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**