

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

March 1, 2023

9:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

This meeting will be held in Person at 899 North Capital Street. Board 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.”

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov

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‘Board Meeting Participants’.**

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
Michelle Clausen, APRN (MC)	Present
Patricia Howard-Chittams, APRN (PW)	Present
Kami Cooper, DNP (KC)	Present
Tiffany Simmons, MSN (TS)	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
Teresa Walsh, RN, PhD, NE-C, Executive Director	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	Present
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	Excused Absence
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Matteo Leib, Office of Government Relations	Present
DaNeka Bigelow, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	Present

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND STAFF REPORTS																								
OS-23-03-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	9:31 am																						
OS-23-03-02	<u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u>																							
OS-23-03-03	<p><u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today’s meeting, March 1, 2023.</p> <p>Motion to approve by LaVerne Plater. Seconded by Rick Garcia. Approved by unanimous consent.</p>	Decision																						
OS-23-03-04	<p><u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 3, 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve by LaVerne Plater. Seconded by Margaret Green. Approved by unanimous consent.</p>	Decision																						
OS-23-03-05	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>A. Board Chair Report</p> <p>B. Executive Director Report</p> <p>i. DC Health/HRLA Operational Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight hearing will occur on March 2, 2023. • LPN Renewal’s <p>ii. Licensure Census</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">LICENSE TYPE</th> <th style="text-align: left;"># OF ACTIVE LICENSEES (2/23/2023)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Certified Nurse Midwife</td> <td>149</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clinical Nurse Specialist</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home Health Aide</td> <td>7,892</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Licensed Practical Nurse</td> <td>1,855</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nurse Practitioner</td> <td>3,228</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registered Nurse</td> <td>30,302</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist</td> <td>146</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trained Medication Employee</td> <td>1,297</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Certified Nursing Assistant</td> <td>4,898</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>49,913</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	LICENSE TYPE	# OF ACTIVE LICENSEES (2/23/2023)	Certified Nurse Midwife	149	Clinical Nurse Specialist	36	Home Health Aide	7,892	Licensed Practical Nurse	1,855	Nurse Practitioner	3,228	Registered Nurse	30,302	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	146	Trained Medication Employee	1,297	Certified Nursing Assistant	4,898	Total	49,913	Informational
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C. Office of Government Relations Report

Health Licensing Board Oversight

- The Committee on Health hosted a Performance Oversight hearing for five of DC Health’s Health Professional Licensing Boards.
 - These are the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Social Work.
- The hearing took place virtually on February 28th. It focused on topics including workforce shortages, board membership, and education and training. You can watch the hearing at the following [link](#).

Performance and Budget Oversight:

- The Committee on Health will once again host DC Health’s Performance and Budget Oversight hearings.
- The Performance Oversight hearing is scheduled for Thursday March 2nd from 9:30am to 6pm.
- The Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 12th at noon.

Council Period 24 Legislation:

- There are several bills still under Congressional Review from the previous Council Period.
- Notable bills include:
 - *Consent for Vaccinations of Minors Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0942](#))
 - *Domestic Worker Employment Rights Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0712](#))
 - *High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0943](#))
 - *Protecting Health Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0830](#))

Prior Authorization Legislation:

- The *Prior Authorization Reform Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0124](#)) was introduced on February 7th by Councilmember Pinto and 7 other Councilmembers.
 - This legislation makes adjustments to the prior authorization process for insurers in the District. Notably, it would prohibit insurers from denying a treatment based on cost.
- A similar version was introduced in the previous Council Period ([B24-0655](#)). No further action is scheduled for this version at the current time.

D. Board Attorney Report – No report

E. Education Subcommittee Report

- a. Approval of UDC Faculty, Ms. Henry, for 3 years, with pursuit of MSN.
- b. HELC Approve 2 CNA schools; St Joseph, AEA.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">c. Next Gen -> April 1, 2023. <p>F. Discipline Subcommittee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Review of Discipline Prioritiesb. DOJ / FBI Diploma update	
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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
OS-23-03-06	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Powell – LPN Program <p>Board Action: Motion to have further investigation conducted by the Education Subcommittee before making a decision.</p> <p>Decision: Motioned by Patricia Howard-Chittams. Seconded by Margaret Green. Approved by unanimous consent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stern – Ketamine IM <p>Board Action: Executive directors of the Board of Nursing and Pharmacy will deliberate and investigate the matter of scope of practice.</p> <p>Decision: An advisory opinion will be provided, upon board staff decision, within (2) weeks from today’s meeting.</p>	Informational

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<p>OS-23-03-07</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b) 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>Decision</p>
<p>OS-23-03-08</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> 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.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rick Garcia. Seconded by Kami Cooper. Motion passed by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Decision</p> <p>11:10 am</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

