

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

February 26, 2025

8:34 AM- 4:08 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

“To **protect** and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by **promoting** evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that **prevent** adverse events.”

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BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Daanish Jones (DJ)	Arrived 8:56
Carolyn Gorman, MD (CG)	Left Early
Padmaja Pavuluri, DO (PP)	
Amr Madkour, MD (AM)	Absent
Mariam Michael, MD (MM)	Absent
Harry Barbee, Ph. D (HB)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	Absent
Bernard Arons, MD (BA)	
Anasia Phillips (AP)	
VACANT (Department of Health DOH Designee)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (PA Assistant Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Sithembile Chithenga MD MPH- Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Compliance Specialist	Absent
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Cynymon Colebrook-Health Licensing Specialist	
Raihannah Muhammad- Health Licensing Specialist	
Kim Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callahan – Health Licensing Specialist	
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Jennifer Stuart-Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Emilia Moran- Investigator	Absent
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
DC HEALTH STAFF:	
Matteo Lieb, Director of Office of Government Affairs	Absent
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	
Jackie Heins, Attorney	
Nielufar Varjavabd, MD-Drexel Refresher Program	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-25-02-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	<p>A. BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>B. BOARD STAFF</p>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA, BOARD POLICIES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-25-02-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	SC
ALL	<p>BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT Dr. Anderson thanked Dr. Gorman for covering the January 26, 2025 Board meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Anderson gave power point presentation on the FSMB Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Pathways; The Journal of Medical Regulation: and the Tri-Regulator's Conference.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>DC Health Updates The Executive Director, Dr. Sithembile Chithenga, provided an update on license renewals. She stated that we are currently in late renewal period which ends on February 28, 2025. A reminder was sent to all eligible licensees on the need to renew their license to practice their profession in the District of Columbia. If a license has not been renewed, practicing after January 1st is considered unlicensed practice and may lead to disciplinary action. Additionally, she stated that healthcare professionals who facilitate unlicensed practice may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. Dr. Chithenga encouraged everyone to complete their renewal process before the deadline to avoid any disruptions to their practice.</p>	

Dr. Executive Director also reminded stakeholders that submitting an application does not automatically renew a license, nor does it grant authorization to practice while the application is pending. She asked stakeholders to contact the Board via email ,dcbomed@dc.gov, if they were experiencing challenges renewing.

Advisory Committees

The Executive Director reported that as a result of HORA amendments, the Board dissolved two advisory groups, the acupuncture and naturopaths, and announced a new advisory committee for medical radiation technologists. Medical radiation technologist is an umbrella term which includes cardiovascular-interventional technologists, computed tomography technologists or radiographers, magnetic resonance technologists, mammographers, nuclear medicine technologists, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants, and radiographers

The advisory committee for medical radiation technologists will lend their expertise to the Board by advising on the development of rules and regulations related to the practice of their profession. The committee will consist of five members; one licensed physician with experience working with medical radiation technologists; three medical radiation technologists; and a consumer member with no direct affiliation with medical radiation technologist or any other health professional.

Any interested party can apply by sending a letter of interest and their resume to dcbomed@dc.gov. The deadline for applications is March 10, 2025.

Board Vacancies/MOTA Update

The Executive Director reported the Board is actively working the DC Mayor’s Office of Talents Appointments (MOTA) to fill three vacancies: one physician and two physician assistants' members. Any interested parties should apply directly on the MOTA website.

Licensure Census

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District of Columbia.

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OS-25-02-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 29, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board's past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees; a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Arons to approve Open Session Minutes. Second by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Phillips, Dr. Arons, Ms. Jones, Dr. Gorman, Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Barbee abstains. Dr. Gorman was not present. Motion Passed.</p>	MH/SC																																

<p>OS-25-02-04</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the current Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Arons to approve Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Phillips, Dr. Arons, Ms. Jones, Dr. Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Barbee abstains. Dr. Gorman was not present. Motion Passed.</p>	<p>MH/SC</p>
<p>OS-25-02-05</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>CARDIAC CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review a renewal application for a non-ACGME Cardiac Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at Children's National Hospital.</p> <p>Background: The Cardiac Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Training program will be hosted within the Division of Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Medicine at Children’s National Hospital, which includes a non-ACGME accreditation program. The duration of the program will be 1 year with up to three fellows per year. The general goal of the Cardiac Critical Care fellowship is to obtain a level of knowledge and clinical experience. The graduate is expected to become an expert in the field and provide cardiac critical care for children with congenital heart disease and acquired cardiovascular disease. At the successful completion of the program, the fellow will be qualified to practice independently and be poised to be a leader in the field of Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Medicine.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Arons to approve renewal of the Cardiac Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Training Program. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p>	<p>CB/SC</p>

	Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Phillips, Dr. Barbee, Dr. Arons, Ms. Jones, Dr. Pavuluri and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Gorman was not present. Motion Passed.	
OS-25-02-06	<p><u>DREXEL PHYSICIAN REFRESHER/RE-ENTRY PROGRAM PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Background: Drexel's Physician Refresher Program offers a range of courses for physicians returning to active clinical practice. The program provides clinical exposure and updated medical knowledge to help physicians renew their medical license.</p> <p>Dr. Nielufar Varjavand gave a presentation on the Drexel Physician/Re-Entry Program.</p>	AJ/SC
OS-25-02-07 ALL	<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Background: The Board provided the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board. To provide the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>There were no public comments.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE		
OS-25-02-08	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u>	

ALL	<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). 4. 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). 	
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The Open Session Minutes continues on the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'. The next Board meeting is Virtual and will be held on **March 26, 2025**.

MOTION TO ADJOURN		
OS-25-02-09	MOTION TO ADJOURN	

ALL	<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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Strudwick to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 4:08PM. Seconded by Dr. Barbee.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Ms. Jones, Dr. Pavuluri, Dr. Arons, Dr. Barbee, Ms. Phillips and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Gorman was not present. Motion passed.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

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. 3 DCMR § 10409.2