

# BOARD OF NURSING

## Open Session Minutes

January 3, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

### OPEN SESSION 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
Kami Cooper, DNP, RN (KC)	Present
Patricia Howard-Chittams, DNP, RN (PHC)	Present
Tiffany Simmons, RN (TS)	Present
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Teresa (Terry) Walsh, PhD, Executive Director	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN, Nurse Specialist (Discipline/Practice)	Present
Melissa Mokel, PhD, RN, Nurse Specialist (Education)	Present
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	Absent
Matteo Leib, Office of Government Relations	Present
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	Absent
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	Absent
DaNeka Bigelow, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	Present

**The Open Session Agenda continues with ‘Board Meeting Participants / Call to Order’.**

**AGENDA**

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OS-24-01-01	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	<b>Time</b>
OS-24-01-02	<b><u>ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF</u></b>	9:05am
OS-24-01-03	<p><b><u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Agenda for today’s meeting, Jan. 3, 2024.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Laverne Plater, seconded by Kami Cooper; approved by unanimous vote</p>	<b>Decision</b>
OS-24-01-04	<p><b><u>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 1, 2023.</p> <p>Motion to approve made by Patricia Howard-Chittams, seconded by Laverne Plater; approved by unanimous vote</p>	<b>Decision</b>
OS-24-01-05	<p><b><u>REPORTS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Board Chair Report</b></p> <p><b>B. Executive Director Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Retirement of Dr. Joyner</li> <li>ii. Operation Nightingale Update</li> <li>iii. Maternal Care Professionals Advisory Committee update</li> </ul> <p>Motion to create a subcommittee with no more than (3) board members and other team member to create</p>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>Reports</b></p>

	<p>regulations for Certified Mid-wives; approved by unanimous vote</p> <p>iv. License number updates (12/31/2023)</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>LICENSE TYPE</u></th> <th><u># OF LICENSEES ISSUED</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Certified Nurse Midwife.....</td> <td>164</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clinical Nurse Specialist.....</td> <td>37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home Health Aide.....</td> <td>6,683</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Licensed Practical Nurse.....</td> <td>1,613</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nurse Practitioner.....</td> <td>3,956</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registered Nurse.....</td> <td>36,708</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist...</td> <td>180</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trained Medication Employee.....</td> <td>1,040</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CNA.....</td> <td>2,756</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total.....</b></td> <td><b>53,137</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>C. Board Attorney Report</b></p> <p><b>D. Legislative Update – <u>Matteo Lieb, Office of Government Relations</u></b></p> <p><b>Access to Emergency Medications Amendment Act of 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Councilmember Henderson introduced the <i>Access to Emergency Albuterol and Glucagon Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0226)</i> on March 20, 2023.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This legislation would designate albuterol and glucagon as emergency medications under the <i>Student Access to Treatment Act of 2007</i>. Under this bill, employees in public schools certified under an administration of medication training program would be authorized to administer albuterol to students suffering or about to suffer an asthma attack and glucagon to students suffering or about to suffer hypoglycemia due to diabetes with or without a medication action plan. Currently, only students with a medication action plan can receive albuterol or glucagon.</li> <li>○ After being amended to amended to broaden DC Health’s authority to determine which emergency medications can be undesignated in schools, the bill passed unanimously on both first reading and on final reading on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It was signed by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u># OF LICENSEES ISSUED</u>	Certified Nurse Midwife.....	164	Clinical Nurse Specialist.....	37	Home Health Aide.....	6,683	Licensed Practical Nurse.....	1,613	Nurse Practitioner.....	3,956	Registered Nurse.....	36,708	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist...	180	Trained Medication Employee.....	1,040	CNA.....	2,756	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>53,137</b>	<p><b>Report Reports</b></p>
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**Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:**

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0312](#)) on June 2, 2023.
  - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
  - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
  - This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It then passed on final reading on November 7<sup>th</sup> and was signed by the Mayor on November 21<sup>st</sup>. It is now undergoing Congressional Review and is expected to become law in early February of 2024.

**DC Health Director Appointment:**

- On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Bowser [announced](#) the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.
  - Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity.
  - The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on [October 5<sup>th</sup>](#). During the roundtable, Acting Director Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and

	<p>discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Director Bennett’s nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and was then unanimously approved by the entire Council on November 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.</li> <li>▪ The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0545</a>).</li> <li>▪ This legislation received a hearing on <a href="#">December 7<sup>th</sup></a>. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. This bill will likely be marked up in Committee in March, before which DC Health will work closely with the Council on any potential changes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Direct Care Worker Amendment Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councilmember Henderson, along with Councilmembers Allen, Frumin, Nadeau, Parker, Lewis George, Pinto, and T. White, introduced the <i>Direct Care Worker Amendment Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0565</a>) on November 6, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This legislation would combine the existing Home Health Aide and Certified Nurse Aide certifications into a Direct Care Worker certification. Additionally, this bill establishes a minimum wage for these professionals at 120% of the living wage.</li> <li>○ DC Health is evaluating this legislation at the current time. No hearing has been scheduled for this bill.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councilmember McDuffie introduced the <i>Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0619</a>) on December 16, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>
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<p><b>OS-24-01-06</b></p>	<p>professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.</li> </ul> <p><b>E. Education Committee Report</b></p> <p><b>Consent Agenda items from Education Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Trinity Washington University (TWU) - CNA Program</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Review TWU CNA program at ATC</p> <p><b>Education Committee Action:</b> Approve TWU CNA program at Advanced Technical Center (ATC)</p> <p>Motion to approve Trinity Washington University’s CNA program at Advanced Technical Center approved by unanimous vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>University of District of Columbia - LPN Program</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Review UDC LPN program request</p> <p><b>Education Committee Action:</b> Approve UDC LPN Program</p> <p>Motion to approve the University of the District of Columbia’s LPN program approved by unanimous vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Kentucky State University Online (KSU) and Chamberlain University – clinical placement of nursing students in DC</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Review clinical placement requests for KSU and Chamberlain University</p> <p><b>Education Committee Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve KSU request for clinical placement of nursing students in DC.</li> <li>• Approve Chamberlain request (with conditions) for clinical placement of nursing students in DC stipulating that a maximum of 25 students a year be placed in DC.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to approve KSU’s request for clinical placement of nursing students in DC approved by unanimous vote</p>	<p><b>Report</b></p>
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	<p>Motion to approve Chamberlain University’s request (with conditions) for clinical placement of nursing students in DC stipulating that a maximum of 25 students a year be placed in DC approved by unanimous vote</p> <p><b>F. Discipline Subcommittee Report :</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. PDMP update; no actions at this time</p>	
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**SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES, HEARING AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

<b>OS-24-01-07</b>	<p>None</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Name</th> <th style="width: 30%;"></th> <th style="width: 40%;">Date/Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name		Date/Status	N/A			<b>N/A</b>
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**MOTIONS TO CLOSE**

<b>OS-24-01-08</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>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>	<b>Decision</b>
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	Motion to close open session and adjourn made by Laverne Plater, seconded by Rick Garcia; approved by unanimous vote	
<b>OS-24-01-09</b>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p> <p>To adjourn the meeting</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>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>	<b>Decision</b>

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**