

BOARD OF PODIATRY

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2023

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

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OS-0405 -01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.</p>	
OS-0405 -02	<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Teresa Hilliard, DPM – Chairperson (Present) Barbara Clark-Consumer Member (Present)</p> <p><u>Board Staff:</u> Ericka Walker- Executive Director (Present) Chithenga Sithembile- Executive Director (Present) Zaneta Batts – Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Deb Moss - Board Investigator (Present) Ajay Gohil - Assistant General Counsel (Present) Gregory Scurlock- Compliance Officer (Present)</p>	
OS-0405- 03	<p><u>MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Clark to accept the open session agenda. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0405-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p><u>Ms. Walker gave an update on the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sithembile is the new Executive Director for the Board of Medicine • Mr. Arian Gibson is now serving in the capacity as the Senior Deputy Director for HRLA • Ms. Aisha Nixon is serving in the capacity as the Associate Director for HRLA • Dr. Sharon Lewis is still serving in the capacity as the Interim Director for DC Health • All the Boards are working on their fall/winter newsletter. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health had oversight and performance hearings with DC Council. • The Board currently has one vacancy. <p>Licensure Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145 <p>Board Meeting Schedules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 12, 2023 - In-person • October 4, 2023 – Virtual <p>District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</p> <p><u>The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments</u></p> <p>The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat</p>	
OS-0405-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil gave an update on the following:</p> <p>He informed the Board that the new COVID-19 vaccination requirement is now effective. He further indicated the burden of implementing the COVID-19 vaccine requirements is now on the health facility and not DC Health.</p> <p>Mr. Gohil reminded the Board of the need for revising the continuing education requirements modifications, which required online courses they voted on during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>There is going to be a Remembrance Ceremony for Mr. Van Brathwaite, the previous Board Attorney for the Board who passed away.</p> <p>Notice of Final Rule Making COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS For Healthcare Workers Background: The final rule regarding vaccine requirements removed the term mandate and was published on February 24, 2023. The final rule amends 22 DCMR (Health), Subtitle B</p>	

	(Public Health and Medicine), Ch. 2 (Communicable and Reportable Diseases), Sec. 230 (COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Healthcare Workers), Sec. 231 (Exemptions from COVID-19 Requirements for Healthcare Workers), Title 17 (Business, Occupations, and Professionals), Ch. 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules), Sec. 4019 (SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19-Related Obligations of Health Professionals), to include the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine among those vaccines that healthcare workers and other staff can receive to meet the imposed vaccination requirement and to allow healthcare facilities to determine whether an exemption to the vaccine requirement should be granted to a requesting employee, contractor, volunteer, or privilege or credential holder of that healthcare facility.	
OS-0405-06	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Hilliard gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She attended the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) meeting. • CME Requirements were discussed – Discussions on whether face-to-face, online, synchronized, or asynchronous methods of continuing education will be accepted by the Board in meeting CME compliance. • License Portability was also discussed. 	
OS-0405-07	<p><u>DEA-REQUIRED TRAINING:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discussions</p> <p>The motion was made by Dr. Hilliard to send a reminder email blast to all podiatrists informing them about the DEA-required training. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0405-08	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of January 11, 2023, Open Session Minutes.</p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Clark to accept the open session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion</p>	

	passed unanimously.	
OS-0405-09	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved and items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>No Action was made</p>	
OS-0405-10	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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). 	

	<p>Motion made by Dr. Hilliard to close the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Clark.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0405-11	Roll Call Vote	
OS-0405-12	<p>This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.</p>	
OS-0405-13	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in an open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Clark to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Hilliard.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Clark and Dr. Hilliard voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session portion of the meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023.

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