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**BOARD OF MEDICINE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

June 26, 2013

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE- 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, ROOM 406/407  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002  
8:30am

**BoMed 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 MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	JANIS ORLOWSKI, MD (JO)	
	MARC RANKIN, MD (MR)	
	ANITRA DENSON, MD (AD)	
	LAWRENCE MANNING, MD (LM)	
	ANDREA ANDERSON, MD (AA)	
	THOMAS DAWSON, ESQ. (TD)	
	LISA FITZPATRICK, MD (LF)	Absent
	BRENDAN FURLONG, MD (BF)	
	BERNARD ARONS, MD (BA)	
	JEFFREY SMITH, MD (JS)	
	KELLY ANN COLDEN, MD (KC)	
	HOWARD LIEBERS, MPH (HL)	Absent
<b>STAFF:</b>	JACQUELINE WATSON, DO, MBA – EXEC. DIRECTOR	
	LISA ROBINSON – HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	AISHA WILLIAMS – HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	DENIZ SOYER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	EMILIA MORAN – INVESTIGATOR	
	DIANE MOORER – IT SUPPORT	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	BRIAN KIM, ESQ. – BOARD ATTORNEY ADVISOR	
	AJAY GOHIL, ESQ. – ASST. BOARD ATTORNEY ADVISOR	
	CARL WARD, ESQ. – ASST. BOARD ATTORNEY ADVISOR	

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**OPEN SESSION – 8:30am**

OS-13-042 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b> The Board considered the Open Session minutes of May 22, 2013.</p> <p><b>Motion: Approve Minutes Seconded. Passed Unanimously.</b></p>	
OS-13-043 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b> Consideration of the current June 26, 2013 Open Consent Agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion: Approve Minutes. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.</b></p>	
OS-13-044 ALL	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u></b> In this segment, discussion can be held on issues and/or activities pertaining to the activities of the Board/Department. Presenters may be members of the Board, staff, or public.</p> <p><b>A. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>1. BoMed Calendar</p> <p><b>The ED reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2013 Executive Session begins at 8:30 am and Open Session will begin at 10:30am.</b></p> <p><b>The Board decided to meet during their vacation month of August. The date for the August Board meeting is still being determined.</b></p> <p>2. BoMed Stats</p>	



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The ED provided the number of licensees under the Board's purview to date. They are as follows:

**12,160 total active licensees:**

**9,337 MD/DO's**  
**543 Physician Assistants**  
**138 Acupuncturists**  
**28 Naturopathic Physicians**  
**28 Anesthesiologist Assistants**  
**64 Surgical Assistants**  
**63 Polysomnographers**  
**1716 Medical Training Licenses (MTL)**  
**243 Medical Training Registrants (MTR)**

In addition, she reported that the Health Licensing Specialist for the Board received 184 applications and issued 199 licenses in the month of May.

As of October 1, 2012 the Board has received 57 complaints. In May, the Board received 7 complaints, 8 orders were issued, and 4 Notice of Intent to take disciplinary action were requested.

### 3. Workforce Survey Preliminary Stats

The Executive Director for the Board reported that 8,466 healthcare professionals renewed their licenses during the 2012 renewal period. Of which, 4,852 completed the Workforce Survey, giving a 56% participation rate. 28% of the participants identified themselves as Primary Care Physicians and 22% as Specialty Care Physicians. More data on the workforce survey will be shared during the BoMed Symposium.



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	<p>4. BoMed Symposium – September 25, 2013 – 8:00am</p> <p><b>The BoMed Symposium will be held on September 25, 2013 from 8:00am – 2:00pm at the Jack Morton Auditorium at George Washington University.</b></p> <p>5. FYI Articles:</p> <p><b>The ED alerted the Board to the articles of interest that were provided for their reading pleasure.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Should Hospital Residency Programs Be Expanded...</li> <li>b) 3 More States Require Photo ID Proof of Medical Credentials.</li> <li>c) Bucking Burnout: Cultivating Resilience in Today’s Physicians.</li> <li>d) Medical Errors Are Hard For Doctors To Admit...</li> <li>e) For New Doctors, 8 Minutes Per Patient</li> </ul> <p><b>B. <u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>The Board Attorney reported that in FY2013 to date, there have been 22 cases closed.</b></p>	
<p>OS-13-045 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>ALEN SALERIAN EXCEPTIONS HEARING</u></b> Open session vote on the final decision.</p> <p><b>A formal introduction of the Board and Staff was given during Open Session. Afterwards, the Board Chair gave opening remarks and informed the public that Dr. Salerian’s Attorney would be given ten minutes to make a presentation.</b></p> <p><b>[Dr. Bernard Arons and Tom Dawson recused themselves in this case.]</b></p>	<p>AG</p>



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Dr. Salerian's Attorney provided background history on Dr. Salerian and stated that Dr. Salerian would like the Board to respectfully reject the Board panel's previous recommendation of revoking his license, and allow a lesser sanction.

Dr. Salerian was given ten minutes to speak, in which he thanked the Board and apologized to the Board for not forwarding patient records sooner than he did.

Maureen Zaniel, the Government's Attorney, was then given the option to speak; however, she cited a regulation that does not allow the Government to make exceptions when a Board panel's decision is not adverse to its position.

The Board Chair asked if any of the Board members had any questions or comments. None did. The Board left the room to review the evidence and deliberate on the exceptions filed in the case.

[The Board reconvened after their deliberations ended at 11:44am].

Upon returning, the Board Chair commented on how complex the case was. She stated that the process was long and arduous and mentioned that the Board members had worked very hard.

Again, she stated that Board members Dr. Arons and Mr. Dawson recused themselves and did not partake in the Board's deliberations.

The Board Chair read eight charges. Charge 6 was voluntarily dismissed by the Government during the hearing. The Board voted and unanimously found that the Government had proven each Charge.



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After a motion to revoke Dr. Salerian's license was made by Dr. Manning, several Board members gave statements. They are as follows:

The statement of Dr. Manning was regarding the revocation decision being difficult and something he did not take lightly.

The statement by Dr. Smith was regarding a patient 'P.K.' who died 72 hours after being prescribed Methadone by Dr. Salerian. Dr. Smith recited the Board of Medicine's mission statement, and mentioned that Dr. Salerian clearly violated charge 7 of the NOI.

The statement by Dr. Colden supported the motion of the Board by adding that he failed to offer alternatives for his patients and his lack of physical exams.

The statement by Dr. Furlong was regarding the careful assessment of all documentation that was reviewed by the Board to come to its final decision.

The statement by Dr. Anderson added that the most effective way to protect the public was to revoke Dr. Salerian's medical license.

The Board's final vote was to revoke Dr. Salerian's medical license, and it was unanimous. The Board Attorney was directed to draft a final order, which would be made available to the public on the DC Government Board of Medicine website on Monday, July 1, 2013 by 5:00pm.

Motion: Revoke license.  
Seconded.  
Passed Unanimously.



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**Dr. Salerian's Attorney stated that they will appeal the decision of the Board. He has requested a copy of the transcripts from the hearing.**

**The Board Chair commented that he will be provided with his request. She then closed the open session (public to leave room) and called the Board to recess.**

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### APPROVED CLEAN APPLICATIONS

OC-13-006

### APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

#### National Board Applicants:

The following applicants were approved based on successful completion of the examination administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME).

#### NBME:

Allinson, Peter  
Katz, Michael  
Rudis, Steven  
Collins, Jonathan  
Gambel, Jeffrey  
Pierce, Jack

#### NBOME:

Pilgrim, Nathan  
Rusilko, Paul  
Holliday, Ruth

#### FLEX Examination:

The following applicants were licensed based on successful completion of the FLEX examination.

George, Kathryn

#### USMLE Applicants:

The following applicants were approved based on successful completion of the USMLE examination:



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Took USMLE in D.C.

Norice, Carmelle  
Brooks, James

Took USMLE Outside of D.C.

Shah, Aabha  
Richmond, Adam  
Raji, Manish  
Prakash, Pia  
Lagasca, Alicia  
Lin, Adora  
Jadhav, Sneha  
Keller, Michael  
Katrivesis, James  
Gordon, Pierre  
Dong, Yu  
Daniel, Sugganth  
Caovan, Dominique  
Chand, Banti  
Campbell, John  
Khorjekar, Gauri  
Melania, Bula  
Bhatia, Kamal  
Sewell, Elizabeth  
Brescia-Oddo, Tanya  
Escarcega Alarcon, Ricardo  
Chaudhry, Maria  
Finianos, Antoine Nafez  
Hanna, Heidi  
Qaisrani, Noshin  
Taj, Sabir  
Haji-Mumenian, Mehrnaz  
Malhotra, Nidhi



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Mendiratta, Megta  
Lu, Downing  
Lee, Nora  
Kotwal, Mansi  
Jennings, David  
Halsted, Karen  
Fleming, Melissa  
Gowen, Laura  
Grodsky, Marc  
Covin, Antoinette  
Agha, Caroline  
Khanijow, Vikesh  
Sosnicki, Stephen  
Gonzalez, Mark  
Chaudhuri, Krishna  
Gubara, Amal  
Gale, Alexa  
Halvorson, Lauren  
Godiwala, Nihal  
Groshek, Frank  
Forman, Michelle  
Ehiabor, Timothy  
Hury, Laryssa  
Ioffe, Marina  
Herbert, Lauren  
Endara, Matthew  
Donald, Stephanie  
Burke, Guenevere  
Lipinski, Michael  
Gao, Faye  
McCall, Dion  
Assadipour, Yasmine  
Weems, Phillips  
Hagans, Jarita  
Dard, Shabir  
Chu, Jeffrey



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Abo, Alyssa  
Brown, Anna  
Levy, Brendan  
Morris, Andrea  
Turakhia, Palak  
Upham, Trevor  
Yeatermeyer, Jessica  
Tummala, Lakshmi  
Reese, Kristen  
Peng, Hui  
Morris, John  
Morris, Andrea  
Whyte, Byron  
Godale, Heather  
Strouse, David  
Thigpen, Denise  
Weaver, Meaghann  
Albugaey, Mohammed  
Vu, John  
Siddiqui, Saima  
Ismail, Lana  
Zarchin, Amanda  
Trivedi, Janki  
Tran, Thaison  
Tsfaye, Anteneh  
Shin, Stephanie  
Shethi, Kruti  
Yang, Xiaoru  
Shah, Shrejansh  
Siddiqui, Sahar  
Vargas, Jose  
Zabel, Moira  
Daftary, Rajesh  
Been, Laura  
Gehidey, Fisseha



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Endorsement:

N/A

Temporary Licenses (90-day)

Step 3

Norice, Carmelle  
Brooks, James

Took Combo:

Anderson, Karen

LMCC (Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada):

Madar, Merci

Comlex:

Sanfuentes, Juan-Maria  
Dastgir, Jahannaz

State Constructed:

N/A

Reinstatement Applicants:

Cameron, Julian



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Hamilton, Yolanda

Reactivation Applicants:

Jones, Bruce

Acupuncturist:

The following applicant was approved for an acupuncturist license and reinstatement (NCCAOM).

Raiten, Aurora

Robison, Paul

Physician Assistants:

The following applicants were approved for physician assistant licenses (NCCPA).

Kain, Elizabeth

Woolsey, Casey

Burleson, Keri

Russell, Rikkita

Puig, Elena

Britt, Katrina

Walter, Kalila

Kump, Aaron

Pelbath, Lynden

Surgical Assistants:

The following applicants were approved for surgical assistant licenses:

Kasongo, John



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Anesthesiology Assistants:

The following applicant was approved for anesthesiologist assistant licenses:

N/A

Naturopathic Physician:

The following applicant was approved for a naturopathic physician license (NPLEX).

Knights, Shaundel

Eminence I:

N/A

Eminence II:

N/A

Polysomnographers:

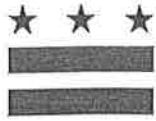
Salam, Rahma

Alternative Pathway:

N/A

Temporary "Affiliated With":

n/a




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This ends the Open Session Minutes.

Approved:

  
Janis Orlowski, M.D. – Board Chairperson

7.31.13  
Date..

Authored and Submitted by Health Licensing Specialist – Aisha Williams on 7/1/13