



**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration**



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING

“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.”

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS	
Amanda Liddle, RN - Chairperson	P
Meedie Bardonille, RN	P
Layo George, RN	P
Monica Goletiani, Consumer	P
Margaret Green, LPN	P
Elizabeth Lamme, RN	P
Missy Moore, LPN	P
Laverne Plater, RN	P
Nancy Uhland, RN	P
Winslow Woodland, RN	P
Consumer Member-Vacant	

STAFF PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Senior Deputy Director, HRLA	Board of Nursing Staff
Sharon Lewis	Bonita Jenkins
	Concheeta Wright
Executive Director	Cathy Borris-Hale
Karen Scipio-Skinner	Joanne Drozdoski
	Antoinette Butler
Attorney	
Van Brathwaite	Investigator
Support	
N/A	

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Liddle, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Amanda Liddle informed that Board that Vera Mayer has resigned as Board of Nursing Consumer Member.

July 6, 2017 Minutes Approved

MOTION: July 6, 2017 minutes are approved as written

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Denise Pope, Ph.D., RN, Associate Dean of Nursing and Chief Nursing Office, Trinity University

ISSUE: Decline in OB/GYN clinical placements in DC

DECISION: Refer to education committee to:

Convene meeting with clinical site and nursing programs

Consider increasing percentage of simulation from 30% to 50%

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30

Vanessa Gooch, TME Applicant

Trained Medication Employee Certification denied

11:00

Carlson Igwacho, RN expired

Plead guilty to Health Care Fraud, applying for licensure reinstatement

REPORTS

Report from executive director

Upcoming conference/meetings

NCSBN Leadership and Public Policy Conference, New Orleans, LA;

October 11-13, 2017

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Academic Nursing Leadership Conference; Washington, DC; October 28 - 31, 2017

Upcoming hearings

APRN Signature Authority

ISSUE: This bill grants signature authority to APRNs for forms that require a physician's signature, as long as it is consistent with their scope of practice.

September 18, 2017

Sharon Lewis will testify on behalf of the Department of Health and the Health Regulations Licensure Administration.

Chairperson/Board member reports

Feedback from NCSBN's Annual Meeting

August 16 - 18, 2017; Chicago, IL.

Reporting: Amanda Liddle, Meedie Bardonille, Cathy Borris-Hale and Karen Skinner

NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference

ISSUE: Feedback from NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference; June 12-14, 2017.

Reporting: Cathy Borris-Hale

Attorney advisor

Legislation impacting the board

ISSUE: Vulnerable Population and Employer Protection Amendment Act of 2017.

This bill seeks to amend HORA to authorize a health occupations board to take disciplinary actions against a health professional who engages in the financial exploitation of a patient, client, or employer.

Regulation status (See below)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discipline Committee: No meeting in August

Roundtable with Home Health Agencies and other regulatory and enforcement agencies is planned for October.

Education Committee

Bonita Jenkins noted that Nursing Program Annual Reports will be due to the Board in October

(Education Committee Report will be provided in executive session)

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION Regulation Committee

RN Regulations [Table for discussion at future BON meeting]

Current proposed language

*5407.5 Applicants who pass **NCLEX five (5)/three (3) years or more** after the date the applicant became eligible to apply to sit for examination must submit proof of having completed a RN refresher course, prior to licensure.*

At its July 2017 meeting the Board asked staff to research how other BONs address the issue regarding remediation. The results are below:

NCSBN SURVEY RESULTS

Does the Board of Nursing require remediation after a certain number of failed NCLEX attempts?" (2016 Survey)

No	31
Yes	10
Yes, after a certain number of years	14
Total # of boards responding:	55

"Remediation required after failing NCLEX: What period of time does your BON allow graduates to take the NCLEX examination after completing graduation requirements?" (2012 Survey)

1 year	2
2 years	3
3 years	2
4 years	2
5 years	2
No time frame required	25
Total # of boards responding:	34

QUESTION: Should the Board require a refresher course for persons who are unable to pass the NCLEX for a period of time? If so, after how many years?

ADJOURNMENT

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14).

FYI ITEMS

COIN Report:

Current Participants:	21
New participants:	4
Completed:	2
Referred to Discipline:	0

REGULATION STATUS

Board	Regulation	Status	Comment
NURSING	Registered Nurse (RN)	Draft	Board finalizing draft
	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Draft	Board finalizing draft
	Certified Nurse Practitioner	Legal sufficiency review	
	Clinical Nurse Specialist	Legal sufficiency review	
	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	Legal sufficiency review	
	Certified Nurse Midwife	Legal sufficiency review	
	Home Health Aides (HHA) regulation amendments	Legal sufficiency review	
	Omnibus Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP)	Legal sufficiency review	