



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD
MINUTES
January 6, 2016



“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.”

BOARD MEMBERS	
Chair: Cathy Borris-Hale, RN	X
Toni Eason, RN	E
Margaret Green, LPN	X
Mary Ivey, Consumer	E
Vera Mayer, Consumer	X
Missy Moore, LPN	X
Chioma Nwachukwu, RN	E
Mamie Preston, RN	X
Winslow Woodland, RN	X
VACANT, RN	
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STAFF PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Senior Deputy Director, HRLA	Investigator
	Mark Donatelli
Executive Director	
Karen Scipio-Skinner	Compliance Specialist
Attorney	Joanne Drozdoski
Van Brathwaite	
Nurse Consultants	Board of Nursing Support Staff
Bonita Jenkins	Diane Moorer
Felicia Stokes	

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD of NURSING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

January 6, 2016

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The BON meeting was called to order by, Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

CONSENT MINUTES

ISSUE: November 4, 2015 minutes

MOTION: Approved

VOTE OF MINUTES

ISSUE: December 2, 2015 minutes

MOTION: Approved

REPORTS

Executive Director

Renewals began Tuesday, January 5, 2016 (and not Monday as planned), along with the workforce survey. There was a day's delay in beginning renewals due to an IT glitch.

NCSBN Mid-Year Conference: March 14 - 16, 2016. Baltimore, MD
Persons attending: Cathy Borris-Hale; Missy Moore; Margaret Green

The NCSBN voted to uphold the current passing standard for the NCLEX-RN Examination. The passing standard, of **0.00 logit**, that was instituted April 1, 2013, will remain in effect through March 31, 2019.

Chairperson

Elect Vice-Chairperson

Board members will be contacted eliciting their interest in being named as vice-chairperson.

Attorney advisor

Nursing Education Program Regulations Published as final December 25, 2015
LPN Hypnotics Regulation [The revision of the LPN regulation introduced to allow LPNs administer hypnotics]: Scheduled to be published for public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education subcommittee:

ISSUE: Distance Learning Programs

DECISION: Checklist for Distance Learning Programs approved with corrections to include revision of definitions

ISSUE: 2016 Educational Offerings:

Plan to offer at least 3 Board Sponsored CE –
Just Culture – Culture of Nursing (Nurse Leader's Summit)
Nursing Education Program

NAP/HHA Training Program
Conference to focus on clinical practice

- ISSUE:** NAP Program fees
BACKGROUND: Fees need to be established for NAP program applications and annual reports
RECOMMENDATION: Refer to Education Subcommittee for recommendation to the Board

PRACTICE ISSUE

- ISSUE:** CRNA administering Ketamine for depression in collaboration with a psychiatrist.
BACKGROUND: According to HRLA pharmacists while this is an “off label” usage of Ketamine, there is research indicating its efficacy. According to CRNA, this is within their scope of practice.
DECISION: Provide board members with research data. Decision can be made via email once information is reviewed.
- ISSUE:** APRN Practice issues
BACKGROUND: Once the APRN regulations are passed there will be a number of APRN scope of practice issues coming before the board.
RECOMMENDATION: Consider reinstating APRN Advisory Committee
DECISION: Board agreed with recommendation and will provide member recommendations.
- ISSUE:** HHA Examination update
FEEDBACK: Proposals for the development of an HHA examination are expected to be received this month.

ADJOURNMENT

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b), and the purposes set forth therein, the Board will now move into the Executive Session which is closed to the public.

FYI ITEMS

STATUS OF BON REGULATIONS

REGULATION	STATUS	NOTES
Registered Nurse	Draft	Complete side by side In progress
Licensed Practical Nurse	Draft	Complete side by side In progress
Nursing Education Programs	Final	Published as final December 25, 2015
Certified Nurse Practitioner	Referred for legal sufficiency review	
Clinical Nurse Specialist	Referred for legal sufficiency review	
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	Referred for legal sufficiency review	
Certified Nurse Midwife	Referred for legal sufficiency review	
HHA regulation amendments	Referred for legal sufficiency review	
NAP Omnibus (MAC, DT, PCT, CNA)	Referred for legal sufficiency review	
Revision of LPN Hypnotics regulatory requirement	Scheduled to be published for comment	