



899 North Capitol St. NE – 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20002
April 26, 2017
8:30 am – 10:30 am

BOARD OF MEDICINE

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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.”

BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Janis Orlowski, MD (JO)	
Anitra Denson, MD (AD)	
Lawrence Manning, MD (LM)	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	ABSENT
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Kelly Ann Colden, MD (KC)	
Terrence Straub (TS)	ABSENT
Treazure Johnson, Esq. (TJ)	ABSENT
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	ABSENT
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Aisha Nixon – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Shivangi Bhatt – Temp/Contractor	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
Diane Moorer – IT Support	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Christopher Boone, Esq. – Law Clerk	

CASE ASSIGNMENTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Janis Orlowski (JO)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Anitra Denson (AD)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Lawrence Manning (LM)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Andrea Anderson (AA)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	ABSENT
Jeffrey Smith (JS)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Kelly Ann Colden (KC)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Terrance Straub (TS)	ABSENT
Treasure Johnson, Esq. (TJ)	ABSENT
Vikisha Fripp (VF)	ABSENT
David Wessel (DW)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.
Thomas Smith (TS2)	OS-17-04-001 to 007.

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be discussed during the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

8:30 am to 10:30 am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-17-04-001
ALL

INTRODUCTIONS

A. BOARD MEMBERS

B. BOARD STAFF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-17-04-002
ALL

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

a. Malpractice Subcommittee

The Board Chair informed the Board that due to the extensive number of malpractice cases, combined with the recent attendance/quorum issues, a subcommittee of at least three (3) Board members is going to be established to review malpractice cases and determine what actions to take. The goal is for this subcommittee to increase work flow and lower the amount of time the malpractice cases take up on the monthly agenda. This Malpractice Committee will be made up of Dr. Orlowski, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Smith.

Additionally, the Chair stated that if the Malpractice Committee goes well, it may be expanded to include complaints.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Licensure Census

The Executive Director provided an update on the number of current active licenses issued by the Board of Medicine, as follows:

- i. Acupuncturist – 171
- ii. Anesthesiologist Assistant – 63
- iii. Medical Training License I(A) – 1,139
- iv. Medical Training License I(B) – 382
- v. Medical Training License II – 24
- vi. MTR – 143
- vii. Medicine and Surgery – 9,831
- viii. Naturopath Physician – 50
- ix. Osteopathy and Surgery – 284
- x. Physician Assistant – 683
- xi. Polysom. Technician – 2
- xii. Polysom. Technologist – 66
- xiii. Polysom. Trainee – 8

- xiv. Surgical Assistant – 121
- xv. Trauma Technologist – 5

b. FSMB Annual Meeting

The Executive Director provided a brief synopsis of the recent FSMB Annual Meeting that was held in Fort Worth, TX. Both the Executive Director and Dr. Andrea Anderson were in attendance at the annual meeting, during which several interested topics were discussed including telemedicine, the continued impact of the FTC decision and anti-competitive conduct by Boards, physician burnout, and the interstate medical compact.

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

The Board Attorney informed the Board that their new legal intern will be starting on May 15th. Additionally, the Board was informed that the telemedicine regulations were moving forward for second publication, and should hopefully move to final publication shortly thereafter. Lastly the Board attorney asked the members for any comments they may have for modification of the current regulations governing ACGME requirements for licensure for foreign-trained doctors.

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board Action:

Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 29, 2017 meeting.

Background:

The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.

Discussion:

The chair asked if any Board members had any changes to the minutes, to which no recommended changes were made.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Smith to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Anderson.

Dr. Anderson, Dr. Colden, Dr. Manning, Dr. Denson, Mr. Smith, Dr. Wessel and Dr. Orłowski voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-17-04-004
ALL

OPEN CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action:

Consideration of the current April 26, 2017 Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.

Background:

The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.

Discussion:

The chair asked if any Board members had any changes to the minutes, to which no recommended changes were made.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Denson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Smith.

Dr. Anderson, Dr. Colden, Dr. Manning, Dr. Denson, Mr. Smith, Dr. Wessel and Dr. Orlovski voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OS-17-04-005 ALL	<p><u>APPROVAL OF NON-ACGME FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request for approval, and supplemental documents, submitted by Children’s National Health System regarding their non-ACGME accredited Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Fellowship Program.</p> <p>Background: Pursuant to 17 DCMR 4611.2(c), applicants for an MTL II license must be participating in an ACGME, AOA or Board approved postgraduate clinical training fellowship program. Staff recently received an application for an MTL II license from an individual participating in Children’s National Health System non-ACGME accredited Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Fellowship Program. This fellowship program is not currently approved by the Board, and therefore additional records were requested from Children’s National Health System for the Board’s review.</p> <p>Of note, the relevant MTL II application is on the Board’s Closed Session agenda for review.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Discussion: The Board discussed the approval process for non-ACGME accredited fellowship programs. The Board further discussed the fact that ACGME does not offer sub-specialty certification for these types of fellowship programs, but that doesn’t mean the program is not valid and an asset to the medical training community. The Board noted that the CVs of the faculty of the fellowship program were not provided, which would be necessary in order to finalize approval.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Smith to approve the Children’s National Health System’s non-ACGME accredited Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Fellowship Program, contingent on submission of the CVs of the faculty. Seconded by Dr. Denson.</p> <p>Dr. Colden, Dr. Manning, Dr. Denson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Orlowski voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Wessel abstained and Dr. Anderson was absent. The motion passed.</p>	FM
OS-17-04-006 ALL	<p><u>MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM UPDATE</u></p> <p>The Department of Health recently published in the DC Register proposed regulations that would amend the existing medical marijuana regulations regarding physician referrals. The proposed regulations are in the DC Register for a thirty (30) day comment period, so they may not be the final regulations which go into effect.</p>	SF

	<p>The two (2) main changes the proposed regulations make are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to allow evaluating patients for the sole or primary purposes of recommending medical marijuana if the patient was referred by the primary care physician or a physician specialist responsible for the current treatment; and 2. to clarify that distribution and cultivation center offices cannot be near, and their employees cannot be in, the doctor's office and vice versa. <p>Staff will continue to monitor these regulations and update the Board as they progress.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Discussion: Legal staff provided an analysis of the changes already made by the new amendments to the DC Code by the 2016 Medical Marijuana Omnibus Act, as well as the proposed changes to come with the new regulations. The Board discussed the impact these changes could have on future referrals from the MMP program, as well as those cases already under Board review.</p> <p>Motion: As this item was for information purposes only, no formal action was taken.</p>	
<p>OS-17-04-007 ALL</p>	<p><u>DEFINITION OF REVOCATION</u></p> <p>Recently staff came across an application for reinstatement of a revoked license. As part of the review, legal staff looked at the existing DC Code and relevant regulations on the reactivation process, with specific focus on revocations. During this analysis, it was determined that pursuant to DC Code § 3-1201.01(12A), a revocation of a license is for a period of no less than five (5) years, meaning the Board cannot terminate a revocation prior to the passage of five (5) years. The end result of this is that if the Board desires to prohibit an individual from the practice of medicine for a period of time less than five (5) years, they will need to pursue alternative methods.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Discussion: Legal staff updated the Board on the definition of revocation under the DC Code, and how it may impact future decisions to revoke or suspend a licensee. Specifically, legal staff informed the Board that any decision to revoke is inherently for no less than five (5) years, so if the Board wants to let a licensee return to practice sooner they should look at suspension instead of revocation.</p> <p>Motion: This item was for information purposes only, and so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	<p>SF</p>

MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-17-04-007

MOTION TO CLOSE

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Colden to go into closed session pursuant to DC Official Code 2-575(b) for discussion of the following:

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).

Seconded by Dr. Anderson.

Dr. Denson, Dr. Colden, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Manning, Dr. Wessel, Mr. Dawson and Ms. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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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:

Mordkin, Robert M
Synder, Bradley J.
Chin, Steven S.
Pratt Alan. G

NBOME:

Dungarani, Trushar

FLEX Examination:

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

Kanani. Harini
Tambakis-Odom, Constance R.
Chung, Michael
Kamel, Ihab R.
Spevak, Philip J.
Mathew, Shema J.
Nunez, Jeanne S.

USMLE APPLICANTS:

The following applicants were licensed based on successful completion of the USMLE examination given in DC or outside of DC.

Took USMLE in D.C

N/A

Took USMLE Outside of D.C.

Phillips Lara. A
Kruse, Stacy. R
Lobert, Philip. F
Litvak-Kelner, Margarita
Tankala Gupta. S
Ladkany, Diana.K
Kiechle, Eric. S

Krasnow, Ross E.
Fazeena, Shanae
O'Neill, Laura. B
Pham, Tu Thao. H
Sander, Laura. D
Mallick, Nada
Ibekwe, Chukwuemeka.I
Gainninni, Marchelle
J.Silao-Solomon, Anne .B
Ellebogen<Amy L.
Skalina, Rachel.B
Jamal,Muhammad
Paivanas, Brittany.M
Rivas Ramirz, Listi. D
Barner, Amanda
Wondi, Ikwunga
Czyrny James. J
Chason, Mattia. E
Distefano, Andra. D
Byas-Smith, Michael. G
Williams, Shanicka N
Badri, Nabeel. J
Pawlowski, Joseph. P
Ruiz Cerrato, Darling
Rectman, Laurenn. R
Sulkowski, Jason. F
Oshmyansky, Alexander R.
Seshamani, Meena
Samaan, Mena M.
Khan, Majid A.
D'Ambrosio, Carolyn
Khoury, Katia
Abalos, Kathleen
Alfawwaz, Abdullah
Geleta, Nigussie
Lee, Hoyon
Abdelaziz, Musa
Agrawal, Goutam
Tyan, Andrew
Isbey, Sarah
Orloss, Kirsten
Sural, Preethi
Boyness Sindass, Lisa
Rao, Sudhir
Schoolfield, Clint
Vaddadi, Gayatri
Yee, Kin
Wooten, Kathleen
Nadgir, Rohini
Zandieh, Arash
Powell, Anatheia
Abdel-Megeed, Summer
Navidi, Tina

Solnes, Lilja
Temesgen, Wudneh
Trivedi, Neel
Nair, Sunil
Gunji, Jhansi
Kappler, Amanda
Crawley, Alexis
Suguness, Arvind
Gill, Monica
Mahajan, Ankit
Aygün, Nafi
Lynn, Lei
Prasad, Apoorv
Schockett, Erica
Schulte, Leslie A.
Emerick, Shannon L.
Galler, Marjorie F.
Guangul, Bereket A.
Haskins, Ivy N.
Nadella, Sandeep
Pyda, Vani K.
Sandel, Piper M.
Thompson, Dianne N.
Ng, Erina M.
Chong, Kenneth V.
Zimmerman, Stefan L.
Ryan, Kelly A.
Patel, Hasita M.
Rubin, Rachel S.
Yui, Yvonne C.
Boggs, Nathan A.
Beckett, Justin H.
Bhakta, Amit
Sair, Haris I.
Davie, Adam T.
Desai, Naman S.
Fan, Ted
Felker, Robin A.
Forster, Catherine S.
Giurgea, Luca T.
Hont, Paul A.
Shih, Jennifer C.
Thompson, Zachary M.
Peir, Gene H.
Mandell, Jason G.
Williams, Opal B.
Mai, Jeffrey C.
Ryan, Angela J.
Shroff, Vivekkumar
Sokolic, Robert A.
Blitz, Ari
Brusca, Samuel B.
Button, Katharine C.

Chun, Cheryl
Saini, Manu K.
Curtis, Lauren M.
Dallas, Nicholas A.
Dynin, Maria
Antony, Nishaal
Sobel, Jason M.
Showel, Margaret M.
Wu, Carolyn M.
Yonts, Alexandra B.
Kohler, Nathan J.

Endorsement:

N/A

Step 3:

N/A

Took Combo:

N/A

LMCC:

Machat, Jeffery J.

COMLEX:

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

Phan, Elizabeth V.
Matta, Stephen S.
Sori, Mahmood
Bruno, Chantal D.
Stratton, Ronald A.
Shen, Cynthia S.
Ojodile, Ijeamaka K.
Dooley, Amy A.

SPEX:

N/A

State Constructed:

N/A

MD/DO Reinstatement Applicants:

Whisenant, Kimara

Ashe, Lisa M.
Mazloomdoost, Donna

MD/DO Reactivation Applicants:

Hong-Nguyen, Yugenia
Abraham, Anisha A.

Acupuncturist (NCCAOM):

Hao, Yaodong

Acupuncturist Reinstatement:

N/A

Physician Assistants (NCCPA):

Sawicki, Kristy A
Chong, Shawn
Rettaliata, Sheena K.
Holt, Ashley B.
Fomengia, Nkangu K.
Grainda, Rose Marie
Rickabaugh, Nicole S.
Johnson, Wayne M., Jr.

PA Reinstatements:

Thomas, Sara

Surgical Asst. / NSAA:

Pouerie, Anell
Espino, Jose

Surgical Asst. / ABSA:

N/A

Surgical Asst. / NBSTSA:

N/A

Surgical Asst. Reinstatements

N/A

Anesthesiology Assistants:

Jacob, Daryl

Trauma Technologist:

N/A

Naturopathic Physician:

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

N/A

Naturopathic Physician Reinstatement:

N/A

Eminence:

N/A

Polysomnographers:

Tadese, Paulos. G
Kassegn, Bekre A.

Polysomnographer Trainee:

N/A

Alternative Pathway:

N/A

LICENSURE EXEMPTION (formerly 'Affiliated With'):

N/A

MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT

Slowik, Jennifer
Zibert, Kimberly
Nguyen, Lamson
Alukal, Joseph J.
Curry, Brain. P
Clark, DesRaj
Berge Michael
Greenfield, Kara.D
Dharbhamulla, Nikhita
McFadden, Cory. M
Rogelio, Martinez III
Clark, DesRaj
Berge, Michael J.
Hill, Jaremy. J
Salgado, Shayla
Weiner, Lindsay
Webber, Michael

Reed, Jason. L
Baunchalk, Julie
Isfort, Anna
Gordan, David H
Dobbins, Katherine. D
Kelleher, Nicole
Loftsgaarden, Megan R.
Alston, Michele
Xie, Changqing
Zhao, Chen
Rezaei Bookani, Kaveh
Junga, Zachary
Keinath, Kyle
Cunningham, Rachel
Pleyer, Christopher
Szufflita, Nicholas
Baru, Ambika
Londeree, William A.

MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE IA

Carbone, Vincent
Cutler, Caitlin. M
Sandhu, Sandeep
Chamish, Jessica

MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE IB

Aboagye, Jonathan K.
Gebrekidan, Yohannes T.
Mustafa, Mustafa A.A.

MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II

N/A

Approved:

Janis M. Orlowski, MD, MACP

Date

[Drafted by Frank B. Meyers, JD]

End of Open Session Minutes.