



899 North Capitol St. NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20002  
October 25, 2017  
8:30 am – 4:45 pm

# **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:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
Preetha Iyengar, MD (PI)	
Lawrence Manning, MD (LM)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Kelly Ann Colden, MD (KC)	ABSENT
Terrence Straub (TS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	ABSENT
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
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	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
Diane Moorer – IT Support	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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<sup>1</sup> 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

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
OS-17-10-01 ALL	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p> <p><b>A. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>B. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD STAFF</b></p>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS</b>	
OS-17-10-02 ALL	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. NBOME Visitation Day</b> Staff recently attended the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Visitation Day to learn more about the NBOME examination process. Ms. Aisha Nixon, licensing specialist, provided a brief overview of the event for the Board.</p> <p><b>ii. FSMB Call for Committee Nominations</b> Previously FSMB sent out a call for nominations for elected offices. However, in addition to elected offices FSMB is also asking for nominations for its various committees.</p> <p><b>iii. Future Meetings/Holiday Events</b> With the holidays quickly approaching, the Board needs to decide how to proceed with the meetings for the month of November (11/29) and December (12/27).  The Board discussed these upcoming dates and their schedules, and recommended staff send out emails to everyone asking for their availability and preferences.</p> <p><b>iv. Upcoming Legislative Hearings</b> Two (2) pieces of legislation that may be of interest to the Board have been set for hearing before the DC City Council. They are:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>a. <i>Removing Barriers to Occupational Licenses Amendment Act of 2017</i></b> (hearing scheduled <b>November 28, 2017</b>); and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>b. <i>Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2017</i></b> (hearing scheduled <b>December 6, 2017</b>).</p>

The Board discussed the two (2) proposed bills, as well as the various issues they felt these bills may present. Regarding the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2017, the Board ultimately was in support of the legislation, but requested staff reach out to Maryland and Virginia regarding their state's current stance on the Interstate Compact and any issues they may have, and to provide that information back to the Board.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to authorize the Board Chair to speak for the Board at these hearings. Seconded by Mr. Dawson.

Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Dr. Manning, Mr. Smith, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Mr. Rich to approve of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact legislation and to authorize the chair to speak on behalf of the Board at any potential hearings. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Dr. Manning, Mr. Smith, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**v. BOM Newsletter**

Staff is working on putting together a newsletter for the Board. Ms. Nancy Kofie was unable to attend, so the Executive Director provided a brief outlined of what information would be need from Board members for this newsletter.

**vi. Licensure Census**

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District, as follows:

- a. Acupuncturist – 178
- b. Anesthesiologist Assistant – 77
- c. Medical Training License I(A) – 1,063
- d. Medical Training License I(B) – 386
- e. Medical Training License II – 17
- f. MTR – 142
- g. Medicine and Surgery – 10,390
- h. Naturopath Physician – 54
- i. Osteopathy and Surgery – 332

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>j. Physician Assistant – 733</li> <li>k. Polysom. Technician – 2</li> <li>l. Polysom. Technologist – 73</li> <li>m. Polysom. Trainee – 8</li> <li>n. Surgical Assistant – 129</li> <li>o. Trauma Technologist – 5</li> </ul> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Update on Publication of Regulations</b>  The Board Attorney updated the Board on the status of the publication of various regulations related to the Board, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Telemedicine Regulations</i>  The telemedicine regulations have been signed off for final publication and have been moved to OPLA for final review. Once these regulations are published, they will go into effect.</li> <li>b. <i>LGBTQ Regulations</i>  The Board’s regulations requiring two (2) hours of CME in the subject of LGBTQ Cultural Competency should be published by the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
OS-17-10-03 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 27, 2017 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b>  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.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b>  Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Dr. Manning, Mr. Smith, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-17-10-04 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of the current October 25, 2017 Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p>	

	<p><b>Background:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Wind to approve the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Rich.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Dr. Manning, Mr. Smith, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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**MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

<p>OS-17-10-05 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>JOINT LETTER RE: BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIBING</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the letter from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), and the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) regarding the prescribing of buprenorphine for the treatment of addiction.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The ASAM, AANP, and the AAPA have issued a joint letter regarding the authority of nurse practitioners and physician assistants to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of addiction. This letter is being sent in response to the enactment of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) that was signed into law under the Obama administration.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This matter was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-06 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>DEATH WITH DIGNITY UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review information on recent attempts by Congress to halt the Districts Death with Dignity program.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board previously discussed the status of the Death with Dignity Program at its September 2017 meeting, following which questions were raised as to how the federal government could impede the execution of the program.</p> <p>As it stands, the House passed a spending bill in September that included an amendment to repeal the Death with Dignity law. If the Senate passes the amendment and the President signs the spending bill into law, the Death with Dignity Act would no longer be valid. The spending package to fund the government must be passed by December 8, 2017, when the temporary funding measure expires.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Straub for staff to draft a letter applauding the mayor on her actions and supporting the home rule act. Seconded by Mr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Dr. Manning, Mr. Smith, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-17-10-07 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>EMINENCE VS. FOREIGN TRAINED LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review a presentation from staff on the licensure requirements for eminence and for a normal foreign trained physician.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Recently changes to existing regulations were made that modifies the post-graduate training requirements for foreign-trained physician applicants. In light of this change, and recent examination of eminence requirements by staff, the Board expressed a desire for clarification on this issue. As such, staff has put together a presentation for the Board members on the differences between licensure by eminence and those applying by examination.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-08 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>POST-GRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review existing post-graduate training requirements for US/Canadian trained physicians to determine whether changes are needed.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Currently all applicants for licensure as a physician must complete at least one (1) year of post-graduate training. Specifically, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.4(e), states:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(e) An individual applying for a license to practice medicine under this chapter shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board of Medicine that the individual is a graduate of an accredited school of medicine and has completed at least 1 year of residency in a hospital or other health-care facility licensed by the District or by any state.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Recently the Board has mentioned the idea of increasing this requirement. This item is for discussion on whether further discussion and/or research is necessary at this time.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board took no formal action, but did request staff perform additional research to provide more information at a future meeting on this topic.</p>	



<p>OS-17-10-09 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR LGBTQ COURSE APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request for continuing education (CE) course approval, and supplemental documents, submitted by Institute Health Consulting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Ms. Bianca Palmisano with Institute Health Consulting has submitted a request for approval of two (2) courses they've developed in the area of LGBTQ Cultural Competency. Those courses are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to LGBTQ Competency in Medicine (4.25 hours); and</li> <li>2. Transgender 101: Why Sex and Gender Matter for Better Healthcare.</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board took no formal action, but did request staff perform additional research to provide more information at a future meeting on this topic, specifically with regard to the Board's authority in approving such CME courses.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-10 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>DC ASSOCIATION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To listen to the presentation from Dr. Charlene Kannankeril, with the DC Association of Naturopathic Physicians.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The DC Association of Naturopathic Physicians has requested to appear before the Board to discuss the expansion of the formulary for Naturopathic Physicians in the District. This request came from Dr. Charlene Kannankeril, ND, chair of the Naturopathic Advisory Committee to the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Board took no formal action, but did request the presenters provide a proposed expanded formulary for the Board to review and consider.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-11 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>HEPRA PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To listen to the presentation from the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration (HEPRA) regarding the DC Medical Reserve Corp (MRC).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> HEPRA is the agency within the DC Department of Health that is tasked with operating the MRC. The purpose of the MRC is to establish a network of local volunteers who are willing to donate their time and expertise to supplement existing public health and medical</p>	

	<p>resources during emergencies and other times of community need. HEPRA has requested to meet with the Board to discuss the role of the MRC and seek assistance in obtaining volunteers.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Due to time constraints, this matter was not discussed at this meeting and was tabled to a future meeting.</p>	
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## **MOTION TO CLOSE**

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**Motion:**

Motion made by Mr. Straub 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. Wind.

Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Rich, Dr. Manning, Mr. Smith, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Straub, and Dr. Anderson 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:**

Boman, Lars  
Kelly, Anna  
Kirsch, Thomas  
Gonzalez, Jesus  
Baram, Lena D.

**NBOME:**

**FLEX Examination:**

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

Weintraub, William  
Egelman, Glenn  
Kosir, Christopher C.

**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.**

Brooks, Michelle  
Sanes, Tatiana  
Thomas, John  
Lu, Jessica  
Auh, David  
Muniz-Leen, Ana Maria  
Narayanan Sridaran,  
Liao, Eric B  
Ho, Lisa D.  
Rubin, Stacey L.  
Schissler, Andrew J.

Jackson, Hannah  
Xu, Jerry Z.  
Widlus, David M.  
King Kelly J.  
Guthrie, Joseph  
Postels, Douglas G.  
Wesley, Alexis  
Pandey, Damodar  
Shah, Ankit  
Long, Geoffrey  
Webb, Shalanda  
Levey, Eric  
Meyers, Sarah R.  
Shabbir, Ehsan  
Rethy, Michael C.  
Shur, Natasha E.  
Onwudiwe, Ogechukwu C.  
Powell, Kimone A.  
Galper, Merav W.  
Simo, Armel  
Horner, Cynthia P.  
Kessides, Nicholas A.  
Price, Leigh A.  
Collin, Carlos  
Peng, Xiaoqing

**Endorsement:**

N/A

**Step 3:**

N/A

**Took Combo:**

N/A

**LMCC:**

**COMLEX:**

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

Maru, Poonam  
Nardone, Kerri M.  
Ledermann, Eric J.  
Youssef, Christie N.

**SPEX:**

N/A

**State Constructed:**

N/A

**MD/DO Reinstatement Applicants:**

Srivastava, Anjali  
Gitlitz, David B.  
Handratta, Venkatesh D.

**MD/DO Reactivation Applicants:**

Shah, Neelofur  
Griffiths, Jacqueline D.

**Acupuncturist (NCCAOM):**

Carey, Anna

**Acupuncturist Reinstatement:**

N/A

**Physician Assistants (NCCPA):**

Faisal, Mohammad  
White, Ashley  
Chavez, Tyler W.S.  
Stough, Andrea R.  
Manifould, Sara  
Hedrick, Emily R.  
O'Leary, Madelyn M.

**PA Reinstatements:**

Johnson, Denise S.

**Surgical Asst. / NSAA:**

Beattie, Brandon  
Meza-Valencia, Carlos J.  
Ho Sang, Nicole

**Surgical Asst. / ABSA:**

N/A

**Surgical Asst. / NBSTSA:**

N/A

**Surgical Asst. Reinstatements**

N/A

**Anesthesiology Assistants:**

Norwood, Iman N.

**Trauma Technologist:**

N/A

**Naturopathic Physician:**

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

Gastwirt, Randy F.

**Naturopathic Physician Reinstatement:**

N/A

**Eminence:**

N/A

**Polysomnographers:**

Gebre, Zinaye

**Polysomnographer Trainee:**

N/A

**Alternative Pathway:**

N/A

**LICENSURE EXEMPTION (formerly 'Affiliated With'):**

N/A

**MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT**

Miller, Andrew  
Willett, Peter  
Miller, Charles  
Maciuba, Joseph  
Baker, Virginia  
Tran, Thong  
Huffstetler, Alison  
Olatunde, Aishat

Spinuzza, Nicholas  
Harding, Serennah E.  
Guhi, Pallabi  
Gardner, Joshua.K  
Pascale, Blaise.A  
Eye, Philip.G  
Dalal, Monsi  
Shim, Jessica. Y  
Gall, Timothy. R  
Malik, Marium  
Bowie, Dantae. L  
Padijal, Javier  
Salgado. Shayla L.  
Brockman .Shannon E.  
Crosby. Dominique S.  
Puthawala Christine M.  
Trindade, Christopher  
Schultz, Erica  
Floudas, Charalampos  
Kim, Jeffrey  
Czaja, Gregory  
Cho, Brian  
Weiner, Lindsay A  
Honasoge, Akilesa P  
Kwonhwang, Byoun Jin  
King, Ryan B.  
Folker, Christin T.  
Bedrin, Michael.  
Salzman, Sandra  
Badri, Bahram  
Vereen, Rasheda  
Woodson, Justin T  
Jazskowiak, Stephen  
Lerner, Brian S.  
Mestrovich, Janee  
Rodkey, Daniel  
Pascale, Blaise A.  
Guhi, Pallabi  
Dalal, Mansi S.  
Shim, Jessica Y.  
Malik, Marium  
Gall, Timothy  
Eye, Philip G.  
Gardner, Joshua K.  
Bowie, Dantae L.  
Padijal, Javier A.  
Sloan, Lindsey  
Coughlin, Daniel J.  
Green, Simone N.  
Harrell, Mathew D.

**MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE IA**



	<p>Winter, Christine A.</p> <p><b><u>MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE IB</u></b></p> <p>Khalil, Hassan O. Ohiowele, Desmond U</p> <p><b><u>MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
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**Approved:**

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 Andrea Anderson, MD, FAAFP

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[Drafted by Frank B. Meyers, JD]

**This ends the Open Session Meeting Minutes.**