Maryland Department of Health
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

MARCH 9, 2022
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 450th Board Meeting was convened at 9:45 a.m. via video conference on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Members Present

1. Debra Buckalew
2. Patricia Cash
3. Stevanne Ellis
4. Kelly Freidman, Vice Chair
5. Joyce Fritsch
6. Andrea Lev
7. Kimberly Malin
8. Heather Reed
9. Michelle Rosenheim
10. Earl Runde
11. Zollie Stevenson, Jr.
12. Nader Tavakoli-Jalili
13. Michael Willis

Representatives of the State

1. Ciara J. Lee
   Executive Director

2. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel
   Assistant Attorney General (via phone)

3. Lillian Reese
   Legislative & Regulations Coordinator

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

Chair’s Report

Board Vice Chair Friedman stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 110.

Office Report

Ms. Lee gave the following report:

For the month of February:
12 licenses were renewed
4 AIT applications were processed
1 Reinstatement application was processed
1 Inactive application was processed
As of March 9, 2022, there are currently:
508 active LNHA’s
18 inactive LNHA’s
388 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA’s
18 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Update
During the March 1, 2022 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:
1 program with new preceptor
1 new 12-month AIT program
1 reinstatement application
1 endorsement application
1 completed AIT program that was ready for licensure
1 application that was ready for licensure by endorsement

Financial Disclosures for Board Members
As a reminder, financial disclosure filings for calendar year 2021 are due no later than April 30, 2022 to the Maryland State Ethics Commission. Filers must contact the State Ethics Commission directly for assistance with filing including password issues, other concerns or for advice. Failure to file by the deadline may negatively impact their current appointment or any pending reappointments. Ms. Ciara J. Lee, Executive Director, will resend the link and contact phone number to all BENHA Board Members in a follow-up email.

Legislative Updates
Ms. Patricia Cash, Legislative Committee Chair, provided an overview of the legislative bills that were introduced during February and March 2022 and the positions that were made by the Legislative Committee.

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HB 1034/ SB 720 and Amendments Update: *State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators - Renaming and Licensure of Assisted Living Managers*: Ms. Lee provided a general overview of the bill and the hearing that occurred the prior week. She also emphasized the Board’s continued support of the bill because it establishes professionalism and accountability for the assisted living manager profession in Maryland. Mr. David Wagner, Board Counsel, and Ms. Lillian Reese collaboratively informed the Board that there were 5 additional proposed amendments that the Board is requesting to be added to the bill, which are procedural, not substantive. Ms. Reese summarized the amendments, while Mr. Wagner provided the legal rationale for each. A motion was made to accept the 5 additional amendments proposed for HB 1034/SB 720. It was seconded and moved.

HB 1241/ SB 909 Update: *Health Occupations - Nursing Home Administrator - Qualifications*: Ms. Reese provided a brief update on this bill and the hearing that occurred on March 3, 2022. She also emphasized that this bill is being pushed by the stakeholders (i.e. trade associations HFAM, LifeSpan, and LeadingAge Maryland), not the Board. A letter of opposition was drafted and submitted to the Office of Governmental Affairs by the Board. A motion was made to ratify and continue the opposition for HB 1241/ SB 909. It was seconded and moved.

SB 899/HB 1455 Update: *Health Occupations Boards - Authority Over Staffing and Infrastructure Operations*: Ms. Lee provided a brief summary of the bill, and Ms. Reese provided a status update of the bill. Approximately one dozen individuals testified in opposition to this bill during the scheduled hearing, with the majority of the Health Occupations Board added onto the submitted letter of opposition. Ms. Reese also summarized the requested amendments proposed by Senator Kagan as the bill sponsor, which were also opposed by the bill testifiers. To date, the house version of the bill has not moved to proceed for further legislative review or voting. A motion was made to ratify and continue the opposition for SB 899/ HB 1455. It was seconded and moved.

**Meeting Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.