

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

**MARCH 9, 2022**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The 450<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Position</b>
2/10/2022	HB 533	No Position
2/8/2022	SB720/HB1034	Support Position Paper
2/11/2022	SB 899	Letter of Opposition (joint)
2/15/2022	HB1241/SB909	Opposition Position Paper
2/14/2022	HB 1000	No Position
2/24/2022	HB 1130	Letter of Concern (joint)
2/24/2022	HB 903	No Position
2/24/2022	HB 1127	No Position
2/24/2022	HB 1189	No Position

2/10/2022	HB 1364	No Position
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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.

  
Executive Director

  
Board Chair