

**Maryland Board of Nursing**  
**4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215**

**Open Session Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 27, 2020**

**(Conference Call-In Information: 1-240-454-0887 PIN: 611 466 453)**

Name	Title	Present	Absent
<b>Board Members</b>			
Gary Hicks, RN	RN Member—Nurse Clinician, Board President	X	
Bonnie Oettinger, RN	RN Member—Delegating Nurse, Board Secretary	X	
Brenda Overton, RN	RN Member—Practical Nursing Educator		X
Gregory David Raymond, RN	RN Member—Nurse Administrator	X	
Emalie J. Gibbons Baker	RN Member—APRN	X	
Charles Neustadt	Consumer Member	X	
Ann Turner, RN	RN Member—Acute Care	X	
Lois Rosedom-Boyd	Consumer Member	X	
Damare Vickers, LPN	LPN Member	X	
Jocelyn Lyn-Kew, LPN	LPN Member	X	
Mariah Dillon, RN	RN Member—APRN	X	
Jenell Steele, RN	Licensed Nurse Member	X	
M. Dawne Hayward	RN Member—Delegating Nurse	X	
Laura V. Polk, Ph.D., RN	RN Member—Associate Degree Nursing Educator	X	
Jennette Logan, DNP, RN	RN Member—Baccalaureate Nursing Educator	X	
<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Katherine Giblin	AAG		X
Lindsey Snyder	AAG	X	
Michael Conti	AAG	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Karen E. B. Evans, MSN, RN-BC	Executive Director	X	
Rhonda Scott	Director of Discipline and Compliance/ Deputy Director	X	
Ciara Lee	Executive Assistant	X	
Karen M. Brown	PIA Coordinator		X
Lakia Jackson	Paralegal	X	
Vacant	Director of Legislative Affairs		X

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	Amber Havens	Discipline and Compliance	X	
	Karen Hatwood	Compliance Coordinator		X
	Patricia Kennedy, Ed.D., RN	Director of Education	X	
	Dr. Sheila Green	Educational Consultant	X	
	Avis Ward	Exams Coordinator		X
	Vacant	Director of Licensure and Certification		X
	Vacant	Director of Complaints and Investigations		X
	Monica J. Mentzer, MPH, BSN, RN	Director of Practice	X	
	Vacant	Direct Entry Midwives Advisor		X
	Vacant	Director of Background Review		X
	Tyera Sheppard, BS	Director of Administrative Services		X
	Marvin R. Bell	Director of Information Technology		X
	Brian Stallsmith	IT		X
	Vacant	Director of Operations		X
	Jaray Richardson	Manager of Certification Division		X
	Shetarah Goodwin	HR Liaison and Manager of Licensure	X	
	Sara Tongue	Investigations		X
	Tonya Spruill	Safe Practice Committee		X

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Call to Order	Gary Hicks, Presiding Officer	<p>The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>A. Roll Call and declaration of quorum</p>	N/A	Motion to go into open session: Logan 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Lyn-Kew Motion passed unanimously.
	Karen Evans, Executive Director	<p>B. Board of Nursing Updates</p> <p>1. Upcoming Board Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPN</li> <li>• LPN Educator</li> <li>• BSN Educator</li> <li>• Interested applicants were directed to review qualifications, position descriptions, and application instructions on MBON's website</li> </ul> <p>2. NCLEX Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to use modified exam for NCLEX until the end of September (4 hours)</li> <li>• In June, there were 32,000 NCLEX candidates scheduled;</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

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		<p>individuals are being rescheduled due to experiencing a computer glitch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, Pearson Vue has opened all testing sites</li> <li>• The proposed testing hours for hotspot locations are 4:00 – 12:00 am</li> </ul> <p>3. APRN Compact is in the works. Eligibility requirements for compact status include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion and passing of national certified exam</li> <li>• Must have obtained 2080 hours of clinical</li> <li>• Cannot have a felony (to align with NLC guidelines)</li> </ul> <p>4. Board Elections are coming up---Board President and Board Secretary positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations will occur at the end of Open Session</li> </ul>		

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		C. Review of Open Session Minutes	N/A	Motion to approve the open session minutes: Steele 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Logan Motion passed unanimously.
Consent Agenda		<p><i>Items B-C were reviewed and recommended for approval by the CNA Advisory Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Seeking Board Approval: None.</p> <p>B. Renewal of Approved Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs and Certified Medicine Aide (CMA) Programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Nursing Assistant Academy CNA/GNA</li> <li>2. Independent Dialysis Foundation CNA-DT</li> </ol> <p>C. Approval for Faculty for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raymond Widmark (R156471), Community College of Baltimore County</li> </ol>	N/A	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Rosedom-Boyd 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Steele Motion passed unanimously.

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		D. Approval for Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program: None		
Education	Dr. Sheila Green	<p><i>Items 4(A)-(C) were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Frederick Community College Interim Director of Education, Sandra Moorman, MSN, RN</p> <p>B. Stevenson University:  1. Rebecca Diaz, MSN, RN, Nursing Department Chair;</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to approve Sandra Moorman as Frederick Community College's Interim Nursing Program Administrator: Logan  2nd: Oettinger  Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to accept Rebecca Diaz as Nursing Chair for Stevenson University: Steele  2nd: Rosedom-Boyd  Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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		<p>2. Judith Feustle, ScD, RN, Associate Dean for Nursing &amp; Chief Nursing Administrator</p> <p>C. University of Maryland:</p> <p>1. Maeve Howett, PhD, APRN, CPNP-R, IBCLC, CNE, Professor &amp; Associate Dean for the Bachelor's of Science Nursing Program;</p> <p>2. Bimbola F. Akintade, PhD, MBA, MHA, CCRN, ACNP-BC, NEA-BC, Assistant Professor &amp; Associate Dean for the Master's of Science Nursing Program (includes Master's Entry)</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to approve Dr. Feustle as Associate Dean for Nursing and Chief Nursing Administrator: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Steele Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve Maeve Howett as the Professor and Associate Dean for the Bachelor's of Science Nursing Program: Steele 2nd: Lyn-Kew Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve Dr. Akintade as Assistant Professor and Associate Dean for the Master's of Science Nursing Program (including</p>

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				Master's entry): Oettinger 2nd: Steele Motion passed unanimously.
Practice and Certification	Monica Mentzer	<p><i>Item 5(A) was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee. Items 5(B)- 5(D) were reviewed and recommended for approval by the CNA Advisory Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Request to appoint Pebbles Armwood (A00074527) to the CNA Advisory Committee to serve in the position of a nursing assistant who is an independent contractor</p> <p>B. Request to appoint Kim McPhearson (A00168007) to the CNA Advisory Committee to serve</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to accept Committee's recommendation to appoint Pebbles Armwood to the CNA Advisory Committee as CNA-independent contractor member: Logan 2nd: Lyn-Kew Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to accept Committee's recommendation to appoint Kim</p>



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		<p>as an alternate for the position of home care nursing assistant</p> <p>C. Request to post the results for the NNAAP 2019 1st Time Takers Training Program Performance Summary (1/3/2019 - 12/31/2019) to the Maryland Board of Nursing website</p> <p>D. Request to consider the nursing courses at Lehman College, City University of New York (CUNY), Bronx, NY,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NUR 300 - Nursing as a Human Science and</li> <li>2. NUR 301 Therapeutic Nursing Intervention I: Introduction to Professional Nursing as equivalent for a</li> </ol>	<p></p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>McPhearson to the CNA Advisory Committee as Alternate CNA-Home Care member: Steele 2nd: Dillon Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve request to post NNAAP 2019 results on the Board's website: Steele 2nd: Lyn-Kew Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve NUR 300 and NUR 301 at Lehman's College for CNA equivalency: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Oettinger Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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		CNA Training Program for a nursing student who has applied for an initial CNA Certification in Maryland		
Licensure	Shetarah Goodwin	April 2020 Monthly Statistics provided.	N/A	N/A
Legislative Affairs	Rhonda Scott	<p>A. Bill Status Updates - enacted as of May 8, 2020</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. House Bill 259, cross file, Senate Bill 103. This is the Health Occupation Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients, Disciplinary Actions Bill. The bill was initially introduced to support treatment for Lyme's Disease. This bill limits the Board's ability to take disciplinary action against a licensee or certificate holder for use of a diagnostic evaluation or treatment that is integrative, complementary, alternative, or non-conventional. It was enacted under Section 17c of the Maryland Constitution, Chapters 139 and 140.</li> </ol>	N/A	N/A

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		<p>2. Senate Bill 166, titled Drugs and Devices, Electronic Prescriptions, Controlled Dangerous Substances, authorizes controlled dangerous substances to be dispensed via electronic prescriptions, enacted under Article 2, Section 17c to Chapter 29.</p> <p>3. House Bill 617, cross file Senate Bill 604. This is the public and non-public schools' medical cannabis policy for administration during school hours and events. This bill authorized the administration of medical cannabis on school grounds. Enacted on May 8, 2020 under Article 2, Section 17c of 10 the Maryland Constitution, Chapter 624 and 625.</p>		
Direct-Entry Midwives and Electrology	Monica Mentzer	<p><i>Item 8A has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Electrology Practice Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Request to appoint Jolene V. Harris to the Electrology Practice</p>	N/A	None.

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		Committee as the Consumer member		
Quarterly Reports	Amber Havens-Bernal Tonya Spruill Monica Mentzer Karen Evans Sara Tongue Tyera Sheppard	None.	N/A	N/A
Other	Wendy Wells, MSN/RN, Montgomery College  Lori Proctor, Montgomery College  Danielle Stauffer, Frederick Community College	A. CNA/GNA / Nursing Programs Fall Semester Clinical Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have received notifications from some healthcare facilities for CNA/GNA programs that will not be taking students clinically for the rest of the year.</li> <li>• Classrooms will be decreased in size, which is going to limit the amount of face-to-face learning. Some colleges will continue to be learning the theory, and actually Montgomery College – and actually a lot of the community colleges for the fall, they will have</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

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		<p>classes online and then they may allow some lab and clinical. It's not a guarantee. What they are doing now is working in terms on teaching clinical online and classroom online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some community colleges and nursing care facilities about the solution. Many of the colleges have coronavirus task teams which are working out the specifics now in preparation for re-opening.</li> <li>• National shortage of PPE</li> <li>• Job security for faculty and instructors</li> <li>• Sanitation plans and safety for students to return to facilities</li> <li>• Developing and utilizing alternative instructional formats with instructional design and videotaping to provide high-level training for CNA/GNAs.</li> </ul>		
Audience Inquiry	Ann Mack, University of Maryland	A. Requested clarification on how to convert virtual clinical instruction during COVID-19 to actual clinical and face-to-face patient care	The Board agrees that when the Executive	N/A

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	Ms. Karen Evans	<p>practice 30 days after the Governor's Executive Order is lifted.</p> <p>B. NCLEX Concern – How many times can an individual take the NCLEX?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is an appropriate number of times that a student should be allowed to take NCLEX, whether that is actually sitting at the exam table and taking the exam and being unsuccessful, and/or the number of years post-graduation that that student</li> </ul>	<p>Order/State of Emergency ends, it is necessary for the Board to explore all legal options in terms of the authority to extend any of the measures that were taken during the state of emergency after the state of emergency is lifted.</p> <p>Ms. Karen Evans will delegate research on NCLEX exam statistics to initiate future revisions and analyze concerns such as pass rates against ethnic and racial backgrounds</p>	N/A

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		<p>has the ability to sit for the NCLEX?.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia is looking at moving forward with restrictions.</li> <li>• Other neighboring states that do have limitations on their amount of time, they are getting flooded with applicants. In Louisiana, the applicant is permitted to take the exam up to four times within the two-year period from the date of being made eligible, but no later than three years from the completion of the Practical Program.</li> </ul> <p>C. Voting – Board Nominations for Board President and Board Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board President</li>   <li>• Board Secretary</li> </ul>	<p>and the frequency of test-taking. This research will assist with the legislation and regulatory change process. Additionally, Ms. Evans will contact Bill Dickerson by email for follow-up on data.</p> <p>A legislation proposal will be drafted to bring topic back to next month's meeting.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion for Gary Hicks to be Board President: Raymond 2nd: Lyn-Kew Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion for Gregory Raymond to be</p>

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	Sarah Morgan, Developmental Disabilities Administration	D. Concerned that approximately 500-plus students that will need to take a two-year update class within 30 days of the extension ending. This is a class that they have to take every two years; it's four hours, and it allows them to renew their certificate. Ms. Morgan wanted to know if the Board had any feedback or any ideas about possibly allowing this course to be completed online, such as the community colleges and the CNA and GNA option.	Gary Hicks directed Ms. Morgan to send an email regarding this issue to him and Ms. Karen Evans for follow-up.	Board Secretary: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Dillon Motion passed unanimously.  N/A
Adjournment	Board	President Gary Hicks walked through the written statement required by the Open Meetings Act.		At 10:30 a.m., motion to close open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement: Raymond 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Steele



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Summary of May 27, 2020 Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act	N/A	<p>Closed session was held from 11:08 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. at 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215. The same Board members present for the open session were present for the closed session (unless recused from a particular matter). The authority for the closed session was Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(13) in order to discuss confidential matters involving applicants for licensure/certification that are prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-303(f), Health Occ. §§ 1-401 <i>et seq.</i>, and/or Gen. Prov. § 4-333. The topics actually discussed were confidential matters involving applicants for licensure/certification.</p> <p>[During the closed session, the Board also performed quasi-judicial and administrative functions involving disciplinary matters that are not subject to the Open Meetings Act.]</p>	N/A	<p>The Board voted to take the following actions regarding confidential matters involving applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deny licensure to 1 RN applicant;</li> <li>• Accent a Consent Order Granting Certification as an MT/Order of Probation to 1 MT applicant;</li> <li>• License 2 RN applicants;</li> <li>• Certify 3 MT applicants;</li> <li>• Take no action regarding 1 CNA applicant.</li> </ul>

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