

Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215

Open Session Board Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2020

(Conference Call-In Information: 1-240-454-0887 PIN: 161 090 4075)

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

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	Karen Hatwood	Compliance Coordinator		X
	Patricia Kennedy, Ed.D., RN	Education Consultant II	X	
	Dr. Sheila Greene	Educational Consultant I	X	
	Avis Ward	Exams Coordinator		X
	Shetarah Goodwin	Manager of Licensure	X	X
	Vacant	Director of Complaints and Investigations		X
	Monica J. Mentzer, MPH, BSN, RN	Manager 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

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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	<p>Motion to go into open session: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Steele Motion passed unanimously.</p>
	Karen E.B. Evans, Executive Director	<p>B. Board of Nursing Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deans and Directors Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is going to happen 30 days after the end of the Executive Order? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MBON directed the Deans and Directors to continue their current curriculum plans. Once the Governor makes the announcement regarding the expiration of the Executive Order, the MBON will make a decision. • The Deans and Directors are primarily concerned about clinicals. 	N/A	N/A

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Karen Evans discussed this information last week to the Deans and Directors. • MBON is starting scheduled virtual site visits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted Allegany Community College site visit last week with Mr. Cooper, which went well. • Coppin State University's site visit was conducted yesterday and today by Dr. Sheila Green and Dr. Patricia Kennedy. • New virtual format is a different way of conducting the site visits, but is working well with the documentation and visual components. • Emails have been sent, and will continue to be sent, to hospitals in Maryland as a reminder that their team members should not delay renewals of their licenses or 		

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		<p>certifications. This is to avoid any backlog of certifications and licenses that need to be processed.</p> <p>C. Open Session Minutes—Tabled</p>	N/A	N/A

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Consent Agenda		<p><i>Items A-D were reviewed and recommended for approval by the CNA Advisory Committee and Practice and Education Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Seeking Board Approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Genesis HealthCare, Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care Center (CNA/GNA) 2. Harford Memorial Hospital (CNA) 3. Upper Chesapeake Hospital (CNA) <p>B. Renewal of Approved Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harford Technical High School (CNA/GNA) 2. Heritage Care, Inc. (CNA/GNA) <p>C. Approval for Faculty for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joan Gannon, RN (R072530), Genesis HealthCare, Doctors 	N/A	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Steele 2 nd : Turner Motion passed unanimously.

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		<p>Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care Center</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Chavon L. Robinson, RN (R153880), Genesis HealthCare, Powerback Rehabilitation, Brightwood Campus 3. Chavon L. Robinson, RN (R153880), Genesis HealthCare, Franklin Woods Center 4. Jennean Hodge, RN (R136353), Genesis HealthCare, Bradford Oaks Center <p>D. Approval for Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heritage Care, Inc. requests approval to add Cadia Healthcare, Hyattsville, 4922 LaSalle Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782, as an additional clinical site for an approved CNA/GNA training program. 		

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Education	Dr. Patricia Kennedy	<p><i>Items A-D were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Dr. Bonita Jenkins, Nursing Education Consultant for Washington Adventist University (WAU)</p>	N/A	Motion to approve Dr. Bonita Jenkins as the education consultant for WAU: Turner 2nd: Steele Motion passed unanimously.
	Dr. Sheila Green	B. Star College Practical Nursing Education Program/Substantial Equivalency Determination	N/A	Motion to accept recommendation that Star College Practical Nursing Education Program does not meet substantial equivalency: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Logan Motion passed unanimously.
		C. National School of Nursing & Allied Health Practical Nursing Education Program/Substantial Equivalency Determination	N/A	Motion to accept Committee's recommendation that National School of Nursing & Allied

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		D. American International Institute of Health, Practical Nursing Education Program/Substantial Equivalency Determination	N/A	<p>Health Practical Nursing Education Program does not meet substantial equivalency: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Turner Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to accept Committee's recommendation that American International Institute of Health Practical Nursing Education Program does not meet substantial equivalency: Gibbons-Baker 2nd: Steele Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Practice and Certification	Monica Mentzer	<p><i>Items 5A-B were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee.</i></p> <p>A. Request to update the current courses approved by the Board to</p>	N/A	Motion to approve the courses for CNA

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		<p>include a change in the course number/title of an approved course for a nursing student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst School of Nursing, to complete to apply for Initial CNA certification by CNA Equivalency (course content unchanged). Request to update the courses to: NURSING 390A Physical Assessment and Health (replaces NURSING 315 Health and Physical Assessment), NURSING 316 Principles of Nursing Care, and NURSING 398E Principles of Nursing Care Practicum (All three required).</p> <p>B. Request to update the current courses approved by the Board to include a change in the course number/title of an approved course for a nursing student at the Palm Beach Atlantic University, School of Nursing, to complete to apply for Initial CNA Certification by CNA Equivalency. Request to update the courses to: NUR 2012 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical (replaces NUR 3112), NUR 2004 Fundamentals of Nursing Theory (replaces NUR 3104) and NUR</p>	N/A	<p>equivalency: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Hayward Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve courses for CNA equivalency: Gibbons-Baker 2nd: Turner Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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		2012 Technical Skills for Nursing Practice (replaces NUR 3012, effective 12/2020).		
Direct Entry Midwives and Electrology	Monica Mentzer	<p><i>Items 8A-D have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Electrology Practice Committee. Item 8d has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee.</i></p> <p>A. The Electrology Practice Committee recommends to the Board to accept the application for initial electrology licensure for Chablis Lakes.</p> <p>B. The Electrology Practice Committee recommends to the Board to accept the application for initial electrology licensure for Rhenatta Kohlhaus.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to accept the Committee's recommendation to license Chablis Lakes as an electrologist: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Hayward Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to accept Committee's recommendation to license Rhenatta Kohlhaus as an electrologist: Gibbons-Baker 2nd: Turner</p>

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		<p>C. The Electrology Practice Committee requests that the Board approve the updated Reinstatement Application for Electrologists.</p> <p>D. The Licensed Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee recommends and requests to appoint Roxann Gordon, RN, CRNM (R147748) to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Committee for a licensed nurse who is certified as a nurse-midwife.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve the updated reinstatement application for electrologists: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Hayward Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to accept recommendation to appoint Roxann Gordon, CNM, to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Committee: Lyn-Kew 2nd: Gibbons-Baker Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Licensure	Shetarah Goodwin	August Monthly Statistics provided.	N/A	N/A
Legislative Affairs	Rhonda Scott	HB617/SB 604: Medical Cannabis Policy for Administration during School Hours and Events	N/A	Motion to not revise the Board's

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting that the Board confirm that the Board does not seek to make any revisions to the following COMAR regulations listed. • During Legislative Session 2020, the Legislative Committee reviewed HB617/SB604 and initially submitted a letter of concern. • Main concern of the Committee was that medical cannabis is still illegal at the federal level, and there's very little research surrounding the topic, which then would prove that they had provided little guidance to the nurses in the administration. • The original language in the bill did not include the Board of Nursing in any aspect. • Committee members attended sub-committee meetings and discussed with Medical Cannabis Commission as well as the bill sponsors. Some amendments were made that were acceptable, which 		<p>regulations: Gibbons-Baker 2nd: Lyn-Kew Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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		<p>would preserve the right of the nurse to refuse the administration of medical cannabis in schools if they so choose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill was passed and enacted on May 8, 2020. • Part of the bill requires that both Maryland Board of Education and the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission for a guidelines committee to provide, draft, and develop guidelines for the administration of medical cannabis on public school grounds. • Back in May, there was an initial work group and a planning meeting held. Karen Evans, Iman Farid (Health Policy Analyst), and Rhonda Scott (Deputy Director/Director of Enforcement Division) attended this meeting, which was a preliminary discussion about moving forward and with drafting guidelines. • Due to the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, a 		

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		<p>decision was made to create a sub-committee that would develop the guidelines, then report back to the full committee---the committee has been meeting every two weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen, Iman, and Rhonda participate in the meetings and emphasize that the Board's involvement in the process is limited to provide any resources, information from the nursing aspect in guidance and not to specifically administer the law, nor develop the training needed to be provided. • MBON's main goal was accomplished with medical cannabis and the sponsors administered the bill to preserve the nurses' right to refuse the administration of medical cannabis. 		
Other		None	N/A	N/A
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Audience Inquiry				
Adjournment	Board	President Gary Hicks walked through the written statement required by the Open Meetings Act.		At 9:50 a.m., motion to close open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement: Lyn-Kew 2 nd : Hayward Motion passed unanimously.
Summary of September 23, 2020 Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act	N/A	Closed session was held from 10:05 a.m. to 11:05 a.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), with the exception that Damare Vickers, LPN, was not present for the closed session. 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. §§	N/A	The Board voted to take the following actions regarding confidential matters involving applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certify 1 CNA Applicant; • Take no action regarding 1 CRNP applicant; • Take no action regarding 1 RN applicant

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		<p>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>		