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MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING

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OPEN SESSION

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The Maryland Board of Nursing board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, commencing at 9:05 a.m. with many members participating via telephone, before Edward Bullock, Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland.

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3 KAREN EVANS, Executive Director

4 EMALIE GIBBONS-BAKER, APRN Member

5 JENELL STEELE, RN Member

6 M. DAWNE HAYWARD, RN Member

7 ANN TURNER, RN Member

8 ROBIN L. HILL, Practical Nurse Educator Member

9 CHARLES NEUSTADT, Consumer Member

10 AUDREY CASSIDY, Consumer Member

11 JACQUELINE HILL, RN Member

12 DAMARE VICKERS, RN Member

13 GREGORY RAYMOND, RN Member

14 LAURA POLK, RN Member

15 MARIAH DILLON, APRN Member

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

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3 SHEILA GREEN, Nursing Education Consultant I

4 SHETARAH GOODWIN, Licensure and Advanced Practice

5 IMAN FARID, Health Policy Analyst

6 RHONDA SCOTT, Deputy Director

7 JARAY RICHARDSON, Manager, Certification

8 SHAWNTE BATES, Investigations

9 AMBER HAVENS-BERNAL, Discipline and Compliance

10 DELLA SAUNDERS, Background Investigations

11 CAMILLE FORBES-SCOTT, Education Consultant

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS:
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3 CHERYL BLACKMAN, Bowie State University
4 SHARON WILKS, Bowie State University
5 DOROTHY GRIFFIN, Bowie State University
6 VIVIAN KUAWOGAI, Prince George's Community College
7 ANGELA ANDERSON, Prince George's Community College
8 MARIE NOLAN, Johns Hopkins University
9 JANET SCHRECK, Johns Hopkins University
10 JUDITH FEUSTLE, Stevenson University
11 LAURA PETRI, Stevenson University
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. RAYMOND: Good morning everyone. It's five
3 after nine. This is Dr. Greg Raymond, Secretary of the Board.
4 I am standing in for Gary Hicks, President of the Board, this
5 morning. We are going to go ahead and get started. Welcome
6 this morning to the Open Session of the Maryland Board of
7 Nursing. We are going to start with roll call just to make
8 sure that we have a quorum. I will start with the board
9 members. I have a list of the roll call of who I believe we
10 have online with us this morning, beginning with Dr. Laura
11 Polk. If you could, board members, just acknowledge that you
12 are online with us. Dr. Laura Polk?

13 MS. POLK: Dr. Laura Polk, RN Member.

14 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you. Robin Hill?

15 MS. ROBIN HILL: Robin Hill, Practical Nursing
16 Educator Member.

17 MR. RAYMOND: Audrey Cassidy? If you're not
18 speaking, please put yourself on mute.

19 Audrey Cassidy?

20 MS. ROBIN HILL: This is Robin Hill, Practical
21 Nursing Educator Member.

1 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Robin. Audrey Cassidy?
2 Last time.

3 MS. CASSIDY: Good morning. Audrey Cassidy,
4 Consumer Member.

5 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Audrey. Ann Turner?
6 MS. TURNER: Good morning. Ann Turner, RN Member.

7 MR. RAYMOND: Good morning, Ann.
8 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Greg, Emalie
9 Gibbons-Baker, Board Member, Advanced Practice.

10 MR. RAYMOND: Hi, Emalie. Thank you. Are there any
11 other board members online that I did not call?
12 MS. VICKERS: Yes. Damare Vickers, LPN Member.

13 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Damare.
14 MS. VICKERS: Thank you.

15 MR. RAYMOND: Starting with my left, board members
16 in the room please introduce yourselves?
17 MS. HAYWARD: Dawne Hayward, RN Member.

18 MS. DILLON: Mariah Dillon, APRN Member.
19 MS. STEELE: Jenell Steele, RN Member.

20 MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Jackie Hill, RN Member,
21 Educator.

1 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Jackie. Board staff
2 members and director?

3 MS. EVANS: Karen Evans, Executive Director.

4 MR. CONTI: Good morning. Michael Conti, Assistant
5 Attorney General, Counsel to the Board.

6 MS. BROWN: Karen Brown, PIA Coordinator.

7 MS. EVANS: Della?

8 MS. SANDERS: Della Sanders, Director of Background
9 Review.

10 MS. CAMILLE FORBES-SCOTT: Dr. Camille Forbes-Scott,
11 Education Consultant.

12 MS. SCOTT: Rhonda Scott, Deputy Director and
13 Director of Enforcement.

14 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you. Michael, I have; 1, 2, 3,
15 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 - 11 board members are present in person
16 and virtually. I will declare a quorum.

17 Can I have a motion to go into Open Session, please?

18 MS. STEELE: So moved, Steele.

19 MS. DILLON: Second, Dillon.

20 MR. RAYMOND: Steele is the motion, and Dillon is
21 the second. All those in favor?

1 ALL: Aye.

2 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

3 (No oppositions)

4 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing no opposed. We are now in
5 Open Session.

6 Board of Nursing Updates, Director Evans.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Dr. Raymond. The Board of
8 Nursing for the USDOE compliance, we submitted our second
9 compliance report to USDOE. They received it, and so far, we
10 haven't had any concerns voiced to us concerning that matter.
11 Also, I would like to introduce our new director of backgrounds,
12 Della Sanders. So, she is taking over the role that Chima
13 Obinna had. So, we welcome you, Della. Thank you very much.

14 MS. SANDERS: Thank you.

15 MS EVANS: And also, I would like to introduce our
16 new education consultant, Dr. Camille Forbes-Scott. Welcome,
17 Dr. Scott, to the Board.

18 MS. FORBES-SCOTT: Thank you.

19 MS. EVANS: And next week there will be another new
20 member of the team joining who is Millicent Nwolisa, and she
21 will be our new director of operations. So, we are happy to

1 have all of those individuals on the board so we can get some
2 work completed.

3 I will continue to work with the Department of
4 Informational Technology on looking at a new system for
5 licensing and certification. And I just want to - oh, we also
6 held two weeks ago with the deans and directors of the nursing
7 programs, we had a Connecting with the Board. The meeting went
8 well. We reviewed the new regulations under 10.27.03. And they
9 were able to ask questions, and they asked other questions, but
10 I thought it went extremely well for that meeting.

11 And the last thing I want to remind everyone is that
12 the governor's suspension of the renewal ends on June 30th of
13 2021. Please, please, please use the online system to renew
14 your license or certification. You have -- from the day your
15 license or certification expired, you have 365 days to renew
16 online. So, I'm asking you, please, to renew them online.
17 Right now, we have over 78,000 individuals who are outstanding
18 who have not renewed over the past year. So, please renew
19 online if you can. At this point, if you wait till the last
20 minute, we cannot guarantee that you will be renewed on June
21 30th, especially if you wait till June 30th to renew. Thank

1 you.

2 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Karen, we appreciate those
3 updates.

4 MR. CONTI: I just want to remind all the board
5 remembers that if you haven't already submitted your public
6 ethics form, that's due April 30th, so that's coming up in a
7 couple days.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

9 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Michael. All right, we
10 will table Review of Open Session Minutes at this time and move
11 to Approval of Consent Agenda.

12 If you are not speaking, I will ask if you can
13 please put yourself on mute if you're online. Thank you.

14 Good morning, Charles.

15 MR. NEUSTADT: Good morning.

16 MR. RAYMOND: Please enter Mr. Neustadt into the
17 record as present. All right, Approval of Consent Agenda, is
18 there a motion?

19 MS. STEELE: Motion to approve.

20 MR. RAYMOND: Motion to approve from Steele.

21 MS. HAYWARD: Second, Hayward.

1 MR. RAYMOND: Second from Hayward. All those in
2 favor please say "aye".

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

5 (No oppositions)

6 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none opposed the motion
7 carries and the Consent Agenda is approved.

8 I believe that moves us to Number 4 because there
9 were no discussion items removed from the Consent Agenda. So,
10 that would be Education. Dr. Green?

11 MS. GREEN: Good morning. This is Dr. Sheila Green
12 with the with the Education and Examination Department for the
13 Maryland Board of Nursing. Good morning to all our board
14 members. Respectfully, I would like to now turn your attention
15 to 4A, the report for Bowie State University. We conducted a
16 focused site visit, and the date of the site visit was March 9th
17 and 10th, 2021. I would like to acknowledge those
18 representatives from Bowie State University who may be present.
19 I believe Dr. Cheryl Blackman, the interim dean of the College
20 of Professional Studies of Bowie State, is present; is that
21 correct?

1 MS. BLACKMAN: Good morning.

2 MS. GREEN: Good morning. We're glad to have you.
3 And is Dr. Carl Goodman, the provost and vice president of
4 Academic Affairs for Bowie State, on the line?

5 (No response)

6 MS. GREEN: May I acknowledge also Dr. Wilkerson
7 from Bowie State University, are you present?

8 MS. WILKS: Dr. Wilks, yes.

9 MS. GREEN: Thank you. I'm sorry. Is there anyone
10 else from Bowie State University that is present for the
11 discussion this morning that I need to acknowledge?

12 MS. GRIFFIN: Jesse Griffin.

13 MS. GREEN: Mrs. Griffin, good morning. Thank you
14 very much.

15 MS. GRIFFIN: Good morning.

16 MS. GREEN: To the board members, we would like to
17 respectfully turn your attention to 4A of the final report for
18 the focus visit that Dr. Kennedy and myself completed. This is
19 a visit that was prompted initially through the review by the
20 ACEN, the Accrediting Commission for Education of Nursing, did
21 and completed, also, a focus site visit at the same time so this

1 was a collaborative visit between the Maryland Board of Nursing
2 representatives and Dr. Sharon Beasley along with the faculty
3 and team at Bowie State University. Our purpose was to, from
4 the Board's perspective, was to assess the current nursing
5 education progress of the Board-approved action plan for the
6 school of nursing at the university and to participate in the
7 ACEN focus site review of Standard 6, which is related to
8 outcomes.

9 We provided the findings for you, and I would like
10 to turn your attention to the document on Page 3 of Attachment 1
11 that provides the summary of our findings. First of all, Dr.
12 Hill has continued to provide strong leadership at Bowie State
13 University's nursing program, demonstrate competency in nursing
14 education administration, that Dr. Hill and the faculty are
15 adjusting the elements identified in the
16 Board-approved action plan to address problematic education
17 requirements, and to improve NCLEX examination performance. The
18 nursing administrative structure has improved within the
19 program. There is now an interim assistant chair as well as
20 undergraduate program coordinator role is established. New
21 faculty have been hired at the unit in the program. The

1 curriculum modification, student educational development
2 assessment - the ATI assessment requirements of usage, and NCLEX
3 examination preparation are progressing in accordance with the
4 Board-approved action plan. Students indicated in the
5 discussions that we have had with them that Bowie State provides
6 learning supports that enhance their nursing education. The
7 administration from the president, the vice president, the dean,
8 the interim dean, and other members of the team expressed a
9 continued support for the success of the students in the nursing
10 program.

11 The last bullet summary there on Page 3 indicates
12 that the COMAR 10.27.03.17 (a) through (e), Removal from the
13 Approved List, their areas are being met at this time to date.
14 Section F of the Regulatory Standard regarding the action plan
15 is underway. Their action plan was approved - Board-approved in
16 May of 2020, and we would respectfully recognize that there may
17 be a new possibly two-year arising to see the evidence of
18 improvement from the action plan.

19 These documents have been reviewed with the Practice
20 and Education Committee to approve the recommendation to move
21 the report for advancement of the report to the Board of Nursing

1 for a final review of determination. The Board staff's
2 recommendation to the Board of Nursing include; Number One, a
3 request - we're requesting a follow-up letter for Dr. Hill in
4 collaboration with Dr. Carl Goodman, the provost and vice
5 president of Academic Affairs, by Tuesday, June 15, 2021 that
6 indicates records of faculty entry to practice degrees have been
7 obtained and have been placed in the identified faculty records,
8 and that that notice be sent to the care of Mrs. Karen Evans our
9 executive director for the Maryland Board of Nursing. That is
10 our first recommendation.

11 The second request is that a submission of the
12 action plan progress report for Bowie State University Nursing
13 Education, and the submission date, respectfully, we request
14 Wednesday, December 15, 2021 and that report, due by Dr. Hill,
15 be submitted to Mrs. Evans as our executive director of the
16 Board. The Board staff will continue to monitor the program's
17 action plan progress and the NCLEX examination performance for
18 2021 and continue forward. The Board staff will provide a
19 follow-up report to the Practice and Education Committee for
20 review in March of 2022 in order to assess where we are in
21 respect to the action plan that was approved in May of 2020 from

1 the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board.

2 And the last recommendation and a bullet reminder to
3 Dr. Hill, is that once she receives her ACEN focus visit
4 decision letter, that she submits a copy of that letter in care
5 of Mrs. Evans at our board for our records, as well.

6 Respectfully, is there any request for discussion
7 from the Board at this time? Thank you.

8 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Dr. Green. We appreciate
9 it. There's a request for the Board to approve the virtual site
10 visit. Do I hear a motion?

11 MR. NEUSTADT: So moved, Neustadt.

12 MR. RAYMOND: Motion from Neustadt.

13 MS. STEELE: Second, Steele.

14 MR. RAYMOND: Second, Steele. All those in favor?

15 ALL: Aye.

16 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

17 (No oppositions)

18 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none. The motion carries and
19 the report is approved with the recommendations.

20 MS. GREEN: Thank you very much, and thank you
21 members of the faculty and staff of Bowie State University for

1 your presence this morning.

2 (Whereupon, interference on the call was generated.)

3 MS. GREEN: I'm sorry, we're having some
4 interference, please. Please mute your phone, please. I
5 apologize to the Bowie State family. Is there anyone that would
6 like to make a statement before I move onto my next review,
7 respectfully?

8 MS. WILKS: I just wanted to say thank. This is Dr.
9 Wilks.

10 MS. GREEN: Thank you so very much, and thank you
11 for being here. We appreciate you.

12 With all due respect to the Board, may I please move
13 forward with 4B presentation regarding Prince George's Community
14 College?

15 MR. RAYMOND: Yes, please.

16 MS. GREEN: Mrs. Vivian Kuawogai, are you present
17 this morning for Prince George's Community College?

18 MS. KUAWOGAI: Yes, I am, Dr. Green.

19 MS. GREEN: Thank you. Also, I believe that Dr.
20 Felicia Williams, are you present for Prince George's Community
21 College; is that accurate?

1 MS. KUAWOGAI: I am not sure that's accurate. I
2 don't know where she is. The president and the provost and the
3 dean were all aware of the meeting. I understand there was a
4 conflict and I'm not sure they will be able to make it.

5 MS. GREEN: That is okay. That is perfectly okay.
6 The main person, of course, is always you, Mrs. Kuawogai, and I
7 thank you.

8 MS. ANDERSON: Dr. Green, this is Angela Anderson.
9 I am here representing administration.

10 MS. GREEN: Thank you, Dr. Anderson. We're so glad
11 to have you. For the record, Dr. Angela Anderson is the dean of
12 health, wellness, and hospitality. And this is the umbrella
13 under which the nursing program is located at Prince George's
14 Community College. Thank you, and welcome, Dr. Anderson.

15 Again, this report from Prince George's Community
16 College, the purpose - this is a collaborative virtual focus
17 survey visit with the Accreditation Commission for Education,
18 also known as ACEN, at Prince George's. This occurred on
19 October
20 12th to 14th, 2020. Dr. Kennedy and I were present as part of
21 the focus review. And again, our need was from the Board's

1 perspective is to review the nursing education program status to
2 date, and also to participate in the ACEN site focus,
3 respectfully, looking at Standard 6 of outcome.

4 The ACEN representatives are noted. We have the
5 necessary information regarding student enrollment, who the
6 board staff met with during the time of the visit with documents
7 for review. Our findings, the Board staff's summary of
8 findings, was that the college administration continues to
9 support the nursing program and its operation. NCLEX-RN
10 examination performance met Maryland pass rate requirements in
11 fiscal year 2020, and then continued to monitor their progress
12 in fiscal year 2021. The program evaluation demonstrated a
13 table of goals in student learning outcome. The students, when
14 we met with them, indicated that the nursing program supported
15 their educational achievements and success. We thought it was
16 relevant for the Board to see the progress reports of Prince
17 George's Community College at this time for fiscal year 2021.
18 Their first quarter, second quarter, and third quarter
19 advancement, recognizing that the Maryland pass rate requirement
20 for 2021 is yet to be determined based on the national
21 standards. But please note in 2020 that Prince George's

1 Community College exceeded, or at least met the Maryland pass
2 rate and they were at 86.2 percent, and we provided 2019
3 information as a point of reference. This document and
4 information has been reviewed with the Practice and Education
5 Committee of the Board. They accepted our recommendation to
6 submit the report to the Board for final determination. And our
7 request - our recommendations to the Maryland Board, number two,
8 are to request admission of an action plan progress report from
9 Mrs. Kuawogai. The submission date was suggested as Tuesday,
10 June 15, 2021, and to please direct the report with a cover
11 letter to Mrs. Evans our executive director. A reminder to Mrs.
12 Kuawogai, to please submit a copy of the ACEN site visit
13 decision letter. That has already been accomplished, and they
14 are doing well and are in good standing with ACEN in accordance
15 with the letter that they already provided. We thank you for
16 that, Mrs. Kuawogai.

17 The third item that the Board was, wants staff to
18 continue to monitor the program's NCLEX examination performance
19 for fiscal year 2021 and beyond, as we do with all of our
20 programs in the state. And the final request is the Board staff
21 wants a follow-up report to the Board regarding the fiscal year

1 2021 performance by September, 2021 in accordance with our usual
2 practices.

3 We also included Attachment Two. We reviewed the
4 COMAR 10.27.03, Nursing Education Program Standards, in
5 accordance with the standard program. At the time that we did
6 these focus site visits in collaboration with ACEN, they are
7 meeting all the requirements to date from that standpoint that
8 we were able to determine during the site visit.

9 We respectfully submit this report to the Board for
10 its final determination, but also, we are available to answer
11 any questions you may have. Are there any questions?

12 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Dr. Green. Are there any
13 questions for Dr. Green?

14 (No questions posed)

15 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none. We will entertain a
16 motion to accept this report and accept the recommendations from
17 Dr. Green and Dr. Kennedy as outlined in the report.

18 MS. STEELE: Motion to accept the report and
19 recommendations.

20 MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Second.

21 MR. RAYMOND: Motion from Steele. Please

1 acknowledge your name when you make a motion and second.

2 MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Hill, J.

3 MR. RAYMOND: We have a motion and a second. All
4 those in favor?

5 ALL: Aye.

6 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

7 (No oppositions)

8 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none opposed. Motion carries.

9 Dr. Green, do you want to go to C?

10 MS. GREEN: Yes, thank you very much. Thank you,
11 Mrs. Kuawogai and Dr. Anderson, from Prince George's Community
12 College. We greatly appreciate you, and it's a very fine
13 progress that you've made over the last couple of years. Thank
14 you very much.

15 I would like to move forward now with 4C, our
16 presentation to the Board. This is with regards to Dr. Marie
17 Nolan from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She has
18 served as of April 15th as serving as interim dean at the
19 program, and is seeking designation as the nursing program
20 administrator in accordance with COMAR 10.27.03.07(a). The
21 cover information provided to you, Dr. Nolan meets the

1 qualifications of nursing program administrator as identified in
2 COMAR 10.27.03.07(a), the qualifications; and (b), the
3 responsibility. She has over 20 years of experience with Johns
4 Hopkins University School of Nursing and has served many roles
5 in administration education. Over the last seven years she
6 served as executive vice dean for the nursing program at Johns
7 Hopkins University. She completed her bachelor's degree from
8 Niagara University of New York; her master's degree from Boston
9 College; and her doctorate degree from Catholic University in
10 Washington, D.C. She holds an active Maryland nursing license,
11 and is professionally and experientially qualified to assume the
12 role of nursing program administrator, and does meet the COMAR
13 requirement for the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

14 The Board staff's recommendation from the Practice
15 Committee was presented and met, and it was approved by them to
16 be able to advance this report forward to the full Board. Our
17 Board staff recommendation to the Maryland Board of Nursing is
18 to approve Dr. Marie T. Nolan as the nursing program
19 administrator for the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
20 in accordance with COMAR 10.27.03.07(a) and (b). Attached are
21 the cover letters from Dr. Sunil Kumar, provost and vice

1 president of Academic Affairs at Johns Hopkins, and the
2 curriculum vitae from Dr. Marie Nolan.

3 Dr. Nolan and Dr. Kumar, are there any - well, first
4 of all, I would like to acknowledge your presence during this
5 time. Hello, good morning.

6 MS. NOLAN: Good morning, Dr. Green. This is Marie
7 Nolan, I am present, and I'm accompanied by Dr. Janet Schreck,
8 associate vice provost for education and accreditation liaison
9 officer representing the university and the provost.

10 MS. SCHRECK: Good morning everyone.

11 MS. GREEN: Thank you very much. Good morning. Do
12 you have anything else that you would like to offer to the
13 discussion?

14 MS. NOLAN: I would certainly like to thank the
15 Board and the board staff for their recommendation and also the
16 Practice Committee. I am very grateful for your consideration.

17 MS. GREEN: Thank you. Dr. Raymond, I we would
18 continue at this point in time with a consideration request that
19 the Board may have that we can review at this time. Thank you.

20 MR. RAYMOND: Board members, any questions for Dr.
21 Green on a recommendation, or specifically for Dr. Nolan?

1 (No questions posed)

2 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing no questions. We will
3 entertain a motion to approve Dr. Nolan as the nurse program
4 administrator for Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in
5 accordance with COMAR 10.27.03.07(a) and(b).

6 MS. STEELE: Motion to approve Dr. Nolan, Steele.

7 MS. DILLON: Second, Dillon.

8 MR. RAYMOND: We've got a motion from Steele and a
9 second from Dillon. All those in favor?

10 ALL: Aye.

11 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

12 (No oppositions)

13 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none opposed. The motion
14 carries. Thank you, Dr. Nolan, and congratulations on your
15 approval.

16 MS. NOLAN: Thank you very much. I appreciate your
17 time this morning. Thank you, Dr. Green.

18 MS. GREEN: You are so welcome. Thank you. I would
19 like to turn the Board's attention to Item 4D, which is also a
20 nursing administrator approval for Dr. Laura Petri. She was the
21 chair of the nursing graduate program and assistant professor of

1 nursing for the School of Health Professions at Stevenson
2 University. She submitted information to us in care through Dr.
3 Feustle for the Board's consideration. Dr. Rebecca Diaz, who
4 was previously approved as one of the two nursing program
5 administrators from Stevenson University, has decided to return
6 to her role in faculty at the university. The information has
7 been provided that Dr. Petri in her role. We would like to
8 consider her now in terms of nursing program administrator to
9 replace the previous role that Dr. Diaz assumed.

10 Dr. Petri and Dr. Feustle, you are present; is that
11 correct?

12 MS. PETRI: Yes.

13 MS. FEUSTLE: Yes.

14 MS. GREEN: Thank you for being here. Is there
15 anyone else we should acknowledge from Stevenson University?

16 MS. PETRI: No.

17 MS. GREEN: Okay. For the Board, I would like you
18 to be aware that Dr. Petri has her diploma from Union Memorial
19 Hospital School of Nursing; her bachelor's degree from Towson
20 University; her master's degree is from the University of
21 Massachusetts; and her doctorate degree is from the University

1 of Maryland, Baltimore. She has thirty-five years as being
2 experienced in nursing practice, nursing education, nursing
3 administration collectively. She has an active Maryland nursing
4 license and is experientially and professionally qualified to
5 serve as nursing program administrator, along with Dr. Judy
6 Feustle, and the students in the university. Judy Feustle has
7 already been approved by our Board.

8 Ms. Petri meets COMAR 10.27.03.07, Nursing
9 Administrator Qualification Requirements, and is recommended for
10 Board approval. The following documents are attached for the
11 Board's review. First is the Stevenson University, Maryland
12 Board of Nursing Letter of Notification to the Board, the second
13 is a letter of appointment at Stevenson University, and the
14 third attachment is Dr. Petri's curriculum vitae.

15 And, Dr. Raymond, in terms with any questions that
16 the Board would have at this time regarding Dr. Petri and her
17 desire and also our request for her serve as nursing program
18 administrator at Stevenson University. Thank you.

19 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Dr. Green. Board members,
20 are there any questions for Dr. Green on the recommendation, or
21 for Dr. Petri?

1 (No questions posed)

2 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none. I will entertain a
3 motion to approve Dr. Petri as nursing program administrator in
4 accordance with the COMAR Regulation 10.27.03.07(a) and (b).

5 MS. STEELE: Motion to approve Dr. Petri, Steele.

6 MS. DILLON: Second, Dillon.

7 MR. RAYMOND: Motion from Steele, and a second from
8 Dillon. All those in favor?

9 ALL: Aye.

10 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

11 (No oppositions)

12 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing no opposed. The motion
13 carries. Congratulations, Dr. Petri. Thank you very much for
14 joining us this morning.

15 MS. PETRI: Thank you. Thank you for your time.

16 MS. GREEN: Thank you, Dr. Feustle, as well. We
17 appreciate you both.

18 MS. FEUSTLE: Thanks, Dr. Green, and thanks to
19 everyone on the board.

20 MR. RAYMOND: Dr. Green, does that conclude your
21 report this morning?

1 DR. GREEN: Yes, it does conclude our report for
2 this morning. Thank you very much, and thank you to the Board.

3 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, Dr. Green, much
4 appreciated. Moving through the agenda, next up is Practice.
5 Monica Mentzer?

6 MS. EVANS: No, Certification.

7 MR. RAYMOND: Oh, I'm sorry, we're moving to
8 Certification, Jaray Richardson.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning. I am going to do the
10 monthly reports for March. Our total number of CNAs is 199,537;
11 active 68,075. Geriatric nursing assistants is 86,225; active,
12 30,799. Certified medicine aides, 4,875; active, 1,504. Home
13 health aides, 549; active, 41. Dialysis technicians, 3,588;
14 active, 1,909. Medication technicians, 176,420; active, 51,244.
15 School health aides, 1,098; active, 361. Endorsement
16 applicants average per week are 10 to 15.

17 That's all I have.

18 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you. We appreciate that report.
19 Moving to Licensure and Advanced Practice, Shetarah Goodwin.

20 MS. GOODWIN: Good morning.

21 MR. RAYMOND: Good morning.

1 MS. GOODWIN: I am going to provide the licensure
2 monthly and quarterly statistics. For registered nurse by exam
3 for the month of March we had 215, and for the quarter we had
4 809. Registered nurse by endorsement; 274 for the month, and
5 664 for the quarter. Licensed practical nurse by exam; 24 for
6 the month, and 93 for the quarter. Licensed practical nurse by
7 endorsement; 10 for the month, and 33 for the quarter.
8 Temporary registered nurse; 109 for the month, and 280 for the
9 quarter. Temporary licensed practical nurse; 6 for the month,
10 and 22 for the quarter. Advanced practice compact; 47 for the
11 month, and 110 for the quarter. The total advanced practice
12 registered nurse - I'm sorry, advanced practice nurses in all
13 categories is 94 for the month, and 257 for the quarter. The
14 total advanced practice registered nurses; 141 for the month,
15 and 367 for the quarter. Forensic nurse examiners; we had 2 for
16 the month, and 7 for the quarter. Worker's compensation medical
17 case managers; 6 for the month, and 20 for the quarter.

18 For renewals, we have registered nurse; 3,455 for
19 the month of March, and 9,636 for the quarter. Licensed
20 practical nurse; 463 for the month, and 1,280 for the quarter.
21 Advanced practice compact; we had 40 for the month, and 113 for

1 the quarter. Advanced practice nurse in all categories; 419 for
2 the month, and 1,140 for the quarter. For a total of advanced
3 practice registered nurses; 459 for the month, and 1,253 for the
4 quarter. Forensic nurse examiners; 6 for the month, and 15 for
5 the quarter. Worker's compensation medical case managers; 18
6 for the month, and 61 for the quarter.

7 Any questions?

8 (No questions posed)

9 MS. GOODWIN: Okay, thank you.

10 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you, much appreciated. We will
11 move to Legislative Affairs, Iman Farid.

12 MS. FARID: Yes. Good morning, can everyone hear
13 me?

14 MR. RAYMOND: Yes, very well. Thank you.

15 MS. FARID: Thank you. So, good morning everyone.
16 Today I will be presenting 8A, which is a brief overview of the
17 2021 Legislative Session. This year's session started on
18 January 13th and ended on April 12th. In that timespan the
19 Board reviewed a total of 68 bills, 62 of which were assigned by
20 the Maryland Department of Health, and six additional that were
21 of interest to the Board. From the bills that were reviewed the

1 Board submitted a total of 40 position letters. To go through a
2 further breakdown, the Board submitted 19 letters of support,
3 seven letters of support with amendments, four letters of
4 information with amendments, five letters of concern, and five
5 letters of opposition. The Board additionally took no position
6 on 22 bills and provided oral testimony on three bills.

7 On Page 2 you will find a compilation of bills that
8 were signed by the governor from the week of April 12th through
9 the week of April 19th. Starting with House Bill 123,
10 cross-filed with Senate Bill 3; titled, Preserve Telehealth
11 Access Act of 2021. The bill summary is that it authorizes
12 healthcare practitioners to provide care utilizing telehealth
13 services through a number of means. Additionally, this bill
14 requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a study
15 on the efficiency of providing telehealth services and its
16 impact on improving health disparities. These bills were signed
17 into law on April 13th under the Maryland Constitution Chapter
18 70 and 71. The Board initially submitted a letter of support
19 for the House Bill, and then later submitted a letter of support
20 with amendments for the Senate Bill.

21 Moving onto Senate Bill 125, titled, State Board of

1 Chiropractic Examiners Sunset Extension. The summary of the
2 bill is that it extends the sunset evaluation for the State
3 Board of Chiropractic Examiners to July 1, 2032. This bill was
4 signed into law on April 13th under the Maryland Constitution
5 Chapter 122. The Board took no position on this bill.

6 And finally, on Page 3 you will find an appendix
7 which just gives a further breakdown of information based on
8 whether bills were cross-filed or filed independently.

9 I can answer any questions at this time.

10 MR. RAYMOND: Do the board members have any
11 questions for Iman?

12 (No questions posed)

13 MR. RAYMOND: No. Just to comment on - I just
14 wanted to express my gratitude on behalf of the Board for
15 chauffeuring the committee through a very busy legislative
16 season. Thank you very much for all you did for the Board this
17 year. Well done.

18 MS. FARID: Thank you so much.

19 MR. RAYMOND: Moving on through the agenda, we will
20 go to Quarterly Reports. We will start with Ms. Amber
21 Havens-Bernal with the Discipline and Compliance Programs.

1 Amber, are you on the line?

2 (Whereupon, Ms. Havens-Bernal entered the meeting
3 room.)

4 MR. RAYMOND: Oh, she is present, even better.

5 MS. HAVENS-BERNAL: Good morning. I'm having
6 difficulty with my phone.

7 MR. RAYMOND: Good morning, Amber.

8 MS. HAVENS-BERNAL: Good morning. My name is Amber
9 Havens-Bernal, and I am representing on behalf of the Discipline
10 and Compliance Programs for the recording period of January
11 through March, 2021.

12 So, for the discipline status report for this
13 quarter: We had a total of seven cases that were voted for
14 charges and transferred to the Office of the Attorney General;
15 one summary suspension order was issued; three cases were
16 scheduled for case resolution conference; three consent orders
17 were executed; four voluntary surrenders were accepted; no cases
18 were rescinded and dismissed; five default cases were
19 sanctioned; and there were two hearings that have been resolved,
20 both show cause and evidentiary.

21 For the compliance status report: We initiated four

1 probation orders; two reprimands with conditions; two cases were
2 scheduled with the program case managers; ten probation orders
3 were terminated; four cases were presented to the Board for
4 violation of probation; and there are currently eighty-two cases
5 on probation with the Board.

6 Does anyone have any question?

7 MR. RAYMOND: Any questions for Amber on her report?

8 (No questions posed)

9 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none. Thank you very much,
10 Amber. You are much appreciated.

11 MS. HAVENS-BERNAL: You're welcome. Thank you.

12 MR. RAYMOND: Certainly. Safe Practice Committee,
13 Tonya Spruill?

14 (No response)

15 MS. EVANS: We will come back to that one.

16 MR. RAYMOND: Go onto the next one?

17 MS. EVANS: Yes.

18 MR. RAYMOND: We will jump around a little bit on
19 the Quarterly Reports. We will wait for Tonya, and go to Jaray
20 Richardson for CNA Advisory Committee and Certification. Jaray
21 Richardson?

1 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, I'm here.

2 MR. RAYMOND: Fantastic.

3 MS. RICHARDSON: The CNA Advisory Committee has
4 fifteen members; the number of CNA and GNA programs and faculty
5 reviews was 13; zero initials; four renewals, and nine faculty.
6 The number of CNA and faculty approved by the Board was 13; zero
7 initials, four renewal, and nine faculty. Number of program
8 change: Clinical classroom size reviewed and approved was one;
9 number of training program site visits, zero; number of CNA
10 program letters sent, renewal application due notification was
11 four; number of onsite visits was zero. We have had no
12 stakeholders' meetings.

13 The total number four January for current numbers:
14 CAN is 197,614; 65,910 are active. Current numbers for GNAs
15 currently are 83,824; active, 30,144. CNAs, 4,875; active,
16 1,490. Home health aides, 549; active, 41. Dialysis
17 technicians, 3,530; active, 1,845. Medication technicians,
18 172,644; active, 48,911. School health aides, 1,098; active,
19 358. Total number of endorsement applicants per week is 10 to
20 15.

21 For the month of February: Certified nursing

1 assistants is 198,915; active, 66,096. GNAs, 86,328; active
2 30,247. Certified medicine aides, 4,875; active, 1,489. Home
3 health aides, 549; active, 41. Dialysis technicians, 3,556;
4 active, 1,851. Medication technicians, 175,874; active, 49,606.
5 School health aides, 1,098; active, 358. Endorsement
6 applicants average per week are ten to fifteen.

7 For the month of March, we had 199,537; active,
8 68,075. GNAs, 86,225; active, 30,799. Certified medicine
9 aides, 4,875; active, 1,504. Home health aides, 549; active,
10 41. Dialysis technicians, 3,588; active, 1,909. Medication
11 technicians, 136,420; active, 51,244. School health aides,
12 1,098; active, 361. Endorsement applicants per week are ten to
13 fifteen.

14 Our quarterly total was 596,056; active for CNAs are
15 200,081. GNAs, 256,377; active 91,190. Certified medicine
16 aides, 14,625; active, 4,483. Home health aides, 1,647; active,
17 123. Dialysis technicians, 10,674; active, 5,605. Medication
18 technicians, 524,938; active, 149,761. School health aides,
19 3,294; active, 1,077. Endorsement applicants are 30 to 45.

20 MR. RAYMOND: Does that complete your report?

21 MS. RICHARDSON: Any questions?

1 MR. RAYMOND: Any questions?

2 (No questions posed)

3 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you very much for the report.

4 MS. SCOTT: Dr. Raymond, I can do the Safe Practice
5 Committee.

6 MR. RAYMOND: All right, fantastic. Thank you. Go
7 ahead, Rhonda.

8 MS. SCOTT: Good morning everyone. My name is
9 Rhonda Scott. I am going to be presenting the quarterly report
10 for the Safe Practice Program on behalf of Tonya Spruill.

11 Committee meetings for this quarter were held on the
12 first two Thursdays of the month, except for the months of
13 November and December, for in-person or recorded meetings; new
14 participant intakes and
15 in-person meetings for non-compliant participants. Confidential
16 meetings are maintained in participant's program file. The
17 quarterly report is based on the coordinator's monthly reports
18 to the director at the end of each month, and submission of
19 committee notes after each meeting. The recorder scheduled for
20 committee meeting, there were 58; new agreements given, there
21 were four; expelled for non-compliance; there were two;

1 discharge from the program, three; revert to complaints and
2 investigations for investigation due to no-shows, there were
3 five; revert to complaints and investigations for not
4 appropriate for program monitoring, there were two; maintained,
5 there were 26 rescheduled; there was 17, and there were nine
6 total record reviews.

7 That concludes the report for Safe Practice
8 Committee. Any questions?

9 MR. RAYMOND: Any questions for Rhonda on Safe
10 Practice Committee?

11 (No questions posed)

12 MR. RAYMOND: All right. You can continue.

13 MS. SCOTT: Thank you. So, I will also be
14 presenting the quarterly report for 10D and E for Direct Entry
15 Midwives and the Electrology Committee on behalf of Monica
16 Mentzer.

17 The committee holds scheduled meetings monthly on
18 the first Friday of each month. The committee meets as
19 necessary conducting any business. The meetings are held when
20 there are sufficient agenda items or when the Board receives
21 applications for initial licensure as a direct entry midwife.

1 During the third quarter for fiscal year 2021 the committee met
2 three times; on January 28th of 2021, February 5th of 2021, and
3 March 5th of 2021.

4 Licensees: There are currently 29 active direct
5 entry midwives licensed in Maryland.

6 Status of work in Progress: Before initiating care,
7 they are also required to obtain a signed copy of the
8 Board-approved informed consent agreement from their clients
9 which the Board in consultation with stakeholders shall review
10 and update as necessary at least every four year. The current
11 Board-approved informed consent agreement was approved by the
12 Board in 2016. Committee members have continued to review and
13 comment on the proposed changes submitted by the association of
14 independent midwives to the currently approved document,
15 informed consent and disclosure preferred with a licensed direct
16 entry midwife.

17 Status of work completed: The committee reviewed an
18 initial application received for licensure as a DEM and
19 recommended that the Board approve the applicant as meeting all
20 of the minimum requirements for initial licensure as a DEM in
21 Maryland at the March 24, 2021 Open Session Board Meeting. The

1 Board approved the applicant on March 24th, and a letter of
2 notification of initial licensure was sent to each of the newly
3 licensed DEMs on March 29, 2021.

4 On January 28th of 2021 the committee reviewed an
5 email received from a newly licensed DEM in Maryland which
6 expressed concern about the licensing or renewal fees for DEMs.
7 Upon review and discussion of the constituent's concern the
8 committee members presented the following recommendation for the
9 Board's consideration: The committee proposed that the Board
10 reduce the initial license and renewal fees charged to DEMs in
11 consideration of equity to be more consistent with other
12 licensees regulated by the full Board, and the committee
13 proposed that the Board prorate DEMs first renewal fee of the
14 licensee is due to renew within 18 months of the issued and
15 initial license, or the committee proposed that DEMs be required
16 to renew their license every two years based on the date their
17 license was issued. The recommendations from the committee were
18 presented to the Board at the Open Session Board Meeting on
19 January 27, 2021. The Board advised the committee that the
20 recommendations would need to be reviewed from a fiscal
21 perspective and that the Board will provide information to the

1 committee when it becomes available.

2 The next meeting of the Direct Entry Midwifery
3 Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 7, 2021.

4 That concludes the report for the Direct Entry
5 Midwives Advisory Committee. Any questions?

6 MR. RAYMOND: Any questions for Rhonda?

7 (No questions posed)

8 MR. RAYMOND: Please continue.

9 MS. SCOTT: Thank you. The next report is the third
10 quarter fiscal year 2021 quarterly report to the Board for the
11 Electrology Practice Committee.

12 The Electrology Practice Committee meets as
13 necessary to conduct committee business. The committee met
14 twice during the third quarter of fiscal year 2021, on January
15 13, 2021 and March 10, 2021.

16 For licensees: The committee recommended two
17 applicants for initial licensure to practice electrology in
18 Maryland. The two applicants were approved for initial
19 licensure on January 27, 2021 by the Maryland Board of Nursing
20 at the Open Session Board Meeting.

21 Status of work completed: The committee reviewed

1 the updated application for electrology instructor license and
2 presented a recommendation to the Board to approve the updated
3 electrology instructor application, and the Board approved the
4 updated application for electrology instructor license at the
5 January 27, 2021 Open Session Board Meeting. A cover letter to
6 accompany the application will provide the applicant with
7 information regarding the additional requirements in COMAR
8 10.53.02.09 and COMAR 10.53.03.03 for a licensed electrologist
9 to be eligible for approval as a licensed electrology instructor
10 in Maryland.

11 Status of work in progress: The committee reviewed
12 the updated application for approval of an electrology program
13 in Maryland and the out-of-state survey versus substantial
14 equivalency determination to meet all of the requirements in
15 COMAR 10.53.06, electrology programs.

16 The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 12,
17 2021.

18 This concludes the report for the Electrology
19 Practice Committee. Are there any questions?

20 MR. RAYMOND: Are there any questions for Rhonda?

21 (No questions posed)

1 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you very much, Rhonda.

2 MS. SCOTT: Thank you.

3 MR. RAYMOND: We will move to Investigations Status
4 Report, Sara Tongue. Sara?

5 MS. BATES: Hi, this is Shawnte Bates. I am going
6 to be giving the stats for investigations.

7 MR. RAYMOND: Okay, thank you.

8 MS. BATES: Can you hear me?

9 MR. RAYMOND: Yes, we can hear you very well. Thank
10 you.

11 MS. BATES: Okay. So, for complaints received for
12 the months; January, 38; February, 55; March, 53, for a quarter
13 total of 146. Complaints closed by take no action by the
14 Complaint Triage Committee recommendation; January, 11;
15 February, 20; March, 16, for a quarter total of 47. Complaints
16 closed by take no action, Pre-charge Case Resolution Conference
17 Committee recommendations; January, 2; February, 4; March, 3,
18 for a quarter total of 9. Complaints -

19 (Whereupon, background interruptions came over the
20 telephone connection.)

21 MR. RAYMOND: If you're not speaking, please put

1 your phone on mute. If you are on this call and you are not
2 providing a report, please put your phone on mute.

3 MS. BATES: Complaints closed by take no action, CNA
4 Advisory Committee recommendations; January, there were none;
5 February, none; March, none, for a quarter total of zero.
6 Complaints closed by take no action, ROI Review Committee
7 recommendations; January, 2; February, 9; March, 1, for a
8 quarter total of 12. Complaints closed by charges; January, 1;
9 February, 2; March, zero, for a quarter total of 3. Backlog
10 complaints closed by take no action, Backlog Review; January,
11 10; February, 70; and March, zero, for a quarter total of 80.
12 Complaints closed administratively; January, 28; February, 31;
13 March, 59, for a quarter total of 118. Number of days between
14 receipt of complaint and the ROI submission; January, 369;
15 February, 316; March, 568, for a quarter average of 418. Total
16 open complaints, Cold Case; 3,363. The previous quarter was
17 3,561. And current case totals are 2,386, our previous quarter
18 total was 2,575.

19 Any questions?

20 MR. RAYMOND: Are there any questions?

21 (No questions posed)

1 MR. RAYMOND: Thank you very much for the report.

2 MS. BATES: Thank you.

3 MR. RAYMOND: We will go to Background Review.

4 Thank you, Della.

5 MS. SANDERS: Good morning. My name is Della
6 Sanders. I am the director of Background Review, and I would
7 like to go over the quarterly report.

8 Some of our activities that we completed this
9 quarter, we've been focusing on customer complaints by tracking
10 productivity. We provided expected minimums from our employees.
11 We're currently restructuring the Background Review Department
12 in preparation of the expected influx of work. We've also
13 developed a new process for rejected fingerprints that we
14 encounter.

15 To go over our statistics, the applications
16 processed for nurse endorsements, we had 697; nurse exams, 967;
17 nurse renewal, 1,915; CNA initial, 1,808; CNA renewal, 437, for
18 a total of 5,824 applications processed. For the fiscal year we
19 actually processed 11,876 applications.

20 And then for the positive cases that we processed
21 this fiscal year; in January, Matrix handled 36; the CHRC

1 Committee handled 7; and 6 went to the Board. In February;
2 Matrix handled 23 positive cases; CHRC handled 6; and 6 went to
3 the Board. In March; Matrix handled 29 cases; CHRC handled 6;
4 and 3 went to the Board.

5 That's it. Any questions?

6 MR. RAYMOND: Any questions for Ms. Sanders?

7 (No questions posed)

8 MS. RAYMOND: Thank you, Ms. Sanders, much
9 appreciated.

10 That concludes our scheduled agenda for today. I
11 will open the floor for anyone, either present or online, for
12 any discussion items that we did not cover today.

13 (No comments posed)

14 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none. In a moment I am going
15 to ask if there is a motion to close the Open Session, but first
16 I am going to walk us through the written statement that is
17 required by the Open Meetings Act to ensure that all board
18 members agree with its contents.

19 As documented in the written statement, the
20 statutory authority to close this Open Session and meet in
21 Closed Session is General Provision 3-305(b)13, which gives the

1 Board the authority to close an Open Session, to comply with the
2 specific statutory requirements that prevents public disclosure
3 about a particular matter or proceeding. The topic to be
4 discussed during the Closed Session is applications for
5 licensure and/or certification. The reason for discussing this
6 topic in Closed Session is to discuss confidential matters that
7 are prohibited from public disclosure by the Annotated Code of
8 Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Sections 8-303(f),
9 8-320(a), and 1-401, and General Provisions Article, Section
10 4-333. In addition, the Board may also perform Quasi Judicial
11 and administrative functions involving disciplinary matters
12 during the Closed Session.

13 Is there a motion to close this Open Session
14 pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the
15 written statement, or any discussion thereof?

16 MR. NEUSTADT: So moved, Neustadt.

17 MS. CASSIDY: Second, Cassidy.

18 MR. RAYMOND: I have a motion from Neustadt, and a
19 second from Cassidy. All those in favor?

20 ALL: Aye.

21 MR. RAYMOND: Any opposed?

1 (No oppositions)

2 MR. RAYMOND: Hearing none opposed. The motion to
3 move out of Open Session and into Closed Session carries. Thank
4 you everyone for joining us this morning. We will now close the
5 conference call. Have a great day.

6 (Whereupon, at 10:05 a.m. the Open Session was
7 concluded.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY

2 I, EDWARD BULLOCK, a Notary Public of the State of
3 Maryland, do hereby certify that the proceedings were recorded
4 via audio by me and that this transcript is a true record of the
5 proceedings. I am not responsible for inaudible portions of the
6 proceedings.

7 I further certify I am not of counsel to any of the
8 parties, nor an employee of counsel, nor related to any of the
9 parties, nor in any way interested in the outcome of this action
10 as witness my hand and notarial seal this 28th day of April,
11 2021.

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Edward Bullock, Notary Public

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in and for the State of Maryland

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19 My commission expires: May, 13, 2023

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Script for Closing Open Session
April 2021

In a moment, I am going to ask if there is a motion to close the open session, but first I am going to walk us through the written statement that is required by the Open Meetings Act to ensure that all Board members agree with its contents.

As documented in the written statement, the statutory authority to close this open session and meet in closed session is General Provisions § 3-305(b)(13), which gives the Board the authority to close an open session to comply with a specific statutory requirement that prevents public disclosure about a particular matter or proceeding. The topic to be discussed during closed session is applications for licensure and/or certification. The reason for discussing this topic in closed session is to discuss confidential matters that are prohibited from public disclosure by the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, sections 8-303(f), 8-320(a), and 1-401 *et seq.*, and General Provisions Article section 4-333. In addition, the Board may also perform quasi-judicial and administrative functions involving disciplinary matters during the closed session.

Is there a motion to close this open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement or any discussion thereof?

MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING

Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting
under the Open Meetings Act (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 4/28/2021 Time: 10:05 am
Location: 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD; Conference Call Line
Motion to close meeting made by: Nvestadt Seconded by Cassidy
Members in favor: Hayward, Raymond, Steele, Dillon, J. Hill, Polk, R. Hill, Cassidy, Turner, Gibbons-Baker, Vickers, Nvestadt
Opposed: None Abstaining: None
Absent: Hicks, ~~Abowitz~~, Harrod-Ovaymanan

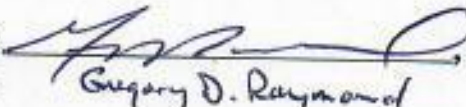
2. **Statutory authority to close session.** This meeting will be closed under General Provisions § 3-305(b) only:

(1)___ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)___ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)___ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)___ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)___ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)___ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7)___ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)___ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)___ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)___ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)___ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)___ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13) X "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)___ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15)___ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the Maryland Board of Nursing's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§ 3-305(b) (13)	Applicants for Licensure/Certification	To discuss confidential information that is prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 8-303(f), 8-320(a), and 1-401 et seq., and Gen. Prov. § 4-333.
§ 3-305(b) ()		
§ 3-305(b) ()		

NOTE: During the Closed Session, the Maryland Board of Nursing may also perform quasi-judicial and administrative functions involving disciplinary matters.

4. This statement is made or adopted by  Presiding Officer, Maryland Board of Nursing.