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8	The Maryland Board of Nursing board meeting was held
9	on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 4140 Patterson Avenue,
10	Baltimore, Maryland 21215, commencing at 9:00 a.m. before
11	Edward Bullock, Notary Public in and for the State of
12	Maryland.
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20	REPORTED BY: Edward Bullock, Notary Public
21	AUDIO RECORDING TRANSCRIBED BY: Edward Bullock, DCR

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Page 3 BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES:	1	Page AUDIENCE MEMBERS:
² GARY HICKS, RN Member, Board President	2	TIJUANA GRIFFIN, Washington Adventist University
3 SUSAN LYONS, APRN Member		NORMA MARZELLA, Cecil Community College (via phone)
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M. DAWNE HAYWARD, RN Member	6	
7 SUSAN STEINBERG, Consumer Member	7	
CHRISTINE LECHLITER, RN Member (via telephone)	8	
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2 SECTION DECSCRIPTION PAGE	2	establish a telephone connection.)
No. 1Call to Order/Roll Call/Updates. 7	3	MR. HICKS: Is there anyone online?
No. 2Approval of Consent Agenda.	4	MS. LECHLITER: This is Christine Lechliter,
No. 3Discussion of Items Removed	5	nurse administrator member. Can you hear me?
From the Consent Agenda. N/A	6	MR. HICKS: Yep. Thank you, Christine.
No. 4Education. 12	7	MS. CASSIDY: Heather says she is online.
No. 5Certifications.	8	MR. HICKS: Dr. Westerfield, can you hear us?
No. 6Licensure and Advanced Practice. N/A	9	(No response)
No. 7Legislative Affairs. 27	10	MR. HICKS: Are there any other Board members
No. 8Direct-Entry Midwives and	11	online?
Electrology. 39	12	(No response)
No. 9Quarterly Reports. N/A	13	MR. HICKS: We are going to stand in recess
No. 10Other Matters. 44	14	until we get the other Board members on the line.
	15	(Whereupon, a brief recess was taken to
5	16	establish a phone connection.)
7	17	MR. HICKS: Good morning, everyone. Sorry for
3	18	that delay. We will go ahead and start over. We will
	19	start with roll call in the room.
	20	MS. HAYWARD: Dawne Hayward, RN member.
ı	21	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Emalie Gibbons-Baker, RN,
Page 7 PROCEEDINGS	1	Page board member, advanced practice.
MR. HICKS: Good morning, everyone. We're going	2	MS. CASSIDY: Audrey Cassidy, consumer member.
to go ahead and get started.	3	MS. LYONS: Susan Lyons, RN member, advanced
If I can get a motion to go into Open Session.	4	practice nursing.
MS. HAYWARD: So moved. Hayward.	5	MS. STEINBERG: Susan Steinberg, consumer
MR. HICKS: Hayward.	6	member.
MS. CASSIDY: Cassidy.	7	MR. HICKS: All right. Board members online?
MR. HICKs: Cassidy. All in favor?	8	Christine Lechliter?
ALL: Aye.	9	MS. LECHLITER: Christine Lechliter, nurse
MR. HICKS: Opposed?	10	administrator member.
(No oppositions)	11	MR. HICKS: Are there any other Board members
MR. HICKS: Motion carries. We will go with	12	online?
roll call. We will start within the room first.	13	(No response)
MS. HAYWARD: Dawne Hayward, RN member.	14	MR. HICKS: All right. We will hear from Ms.
MS. CASSIDY: Audrey Cassidy, consumer member.	15	Scott. Any updates for the Board?
MS. STEINBERG: Susan Steinberg, consumer	16	MS. SCOTT: Sure. Good morning, everyone.
member.	17	Just a couple of updates. We had discussed last month or
MR. HICKS: Board members online?	18	the month before that pursuant to House Bill 611 the
(No response)	19	Board was required to procure an independent consultant
MS. CASSIDY: I don't think they're on. I just	20	to evaluate the Board's infrastructure operations. As a
got a text that Heather is online, Chrissy is online.	21	result, MDH has put out an RFP and procured Ernst and

Page 10 Page 12 1 Young to come in and do the evaluation. So, we received MR. HICKS: Yes, ma'am. Good morning. 2 MS. GREEN: Good morning. The first item that 2 their report, and MDH and the Board are in the process of reviewing the report at this time, and we have a meeting we have this morning is 4A for Education. scheduled. So, that's where we are at this point with 4 This is for Cecil College. They are attempting the evaluation. to introduce an accelerated program track for their Second, we have been receiving quite a few existing associate administrating degree program. This questions from constituents regarding the substantial program is designed for individuals who have either a equivalency assessment that the Board is required to 8 bachelor of science or bachelor of arts degree other than conduct. And so, based on the different questions and nursing who may be interested in entering nursing at the concerns we've received, the Board has determined to associate degree level. 11 11 decide to convene our work group to discuss the actual I would like to acknowledge Dr. Nancy Normanstatutory requirement, and we would like to include 12 Marzella. Are you on the line? 13 stakeholders as well as Board members on this work group. MS. NORMAN-MARZELLA: Yes, I am. Good morning, So we will be putting that together soon, and we will 14 Dr. Green and Board. 15 certainly be reaching out to the appropriate stakeholders MS. GREEN: Good morning. I would like to give 16 to get this together. 16 an overview according to what you had in your packet, 17 And then, I wanted to introduce our new staff Board members. The background, again, is Cecil College's member with us today. She's our Health Policy Analyst. administration program is seeking approval from the Her name is Jennay Ghowrwal. Jennay, do you want to say Maryland Board of Nursing to initiate an accelerated 20 good morning? program track to complement the existing associate degree 21 nursing program. Dr. Nancy MS. GHOWRWAL: Good morning, everyone. Page 11 Page 13 1 MS. SCOTT: So, Jennay is here. She is working Norman-Marzella and the Cecil College administration has with Mitzi, who we introduced last month as our new been in contact with both the Maryland Higher Education Commission as well as the Accrediting Commission for Director of Legislative Affairs. They are working well. Education in Nursing, also known as ACEN, and they are to Since Iman has left us, we are working to rebuild that determine courses of action required for the accelerated ⁵ department, and we are very proud. We think they are program track. In their reviews with MHEC and ACEN, doing really well so far. So, welcome, and thank you 7 Maryland Higher Education Commission found no concerns both. 8 that the new track utilizes existing curriculum, MS. HICKS: Welcome. 9 MS. SCOTT: That's all I have. 9 teaching-learning modalities, style of operation, and 10 degree-type. There are no changes in the what the MR. HICKS: Can we get a motion to approve the Maryland Higher Education Commission has required. 11 Consent Agenda? 12 12 They has also been some dialogue with ACEN. MS. CASSIDY: So moved. Cassidy. 13 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Second. Since ACEN did not recognize the accelerated track as a 14 MR. HICKS: All in favor? 14 new program, and they also did not identify the request 15 as a substantial modification to the existing program, ALL: Aye. 16 MR. HICKS: Opposed? the curriculum, the teaching modality, and degree type. 17 17 (No oppositions) Cecil College was awarded an NSP II grant in 18 May of 2023 to initiate the accelerated program in MR. HICKS: Motion carries. We will go down to 19 19 addressing our continuing workforce shortage. Dr. Green, Education. 20 20 MS. GREEN: Good morning. This is Dr. Green. The staff findings were that Cecil College's Can you hear me? accelerated program track will continue to utilize the

1	Page 14 existing curriculum, teaching-learning modalities, the	1	Page 16 MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker.
2	plan of study that is already approved by the Maryland	2	MS. LYONS: Second. Lyons.
3	Board of Nursing in accordance with COMAR 10.27.03.13;	3	MR. HICKS: Lyons. All in favor?
4	Curriculum, and that the Cecil College's accelerated	4	ALL: Aye.
5	program track will incorporate current ethical practices	5	MR. HICKS: Opposed?
6	for the performance of activities, including recruitment	6	(No oppositions)
7	and advertising in accordance with COMAR	7	MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Thank you, Dr.
8	10.27.03.14(d)10.	8	Norman-Marzella .
9	On August 11th, the Practice and Education	9	MS. NORMAN-MARZELLA: I would like to thank the
10	Committee approved the recommendation to advance the	10	Board for their approval. Thank you.
11	Cecil College accelerated program track proposal to the	11	MS. GREEN: Thank you. Our second item on our
12	Board for final determination. And our recommendation to	12	agenda for the Board would be 4B. This is regarding the
13	the Board is to approve the Cecel College accelerated	13	Frostburg State University Department of Nursing and
14	program track proposal for initiation in September of	14	their new traditional BSN and LPN to BSN programs. In
15	2023.	15	follow-up, this is in regards to the fact that Mrs.
16	Attached in your packet, first of all, the	16	Bonnie Oettinger and myself completed a one-day site
17	email communications with Dr. Norman-Marzella regarding	17	visit on June 20, 2023 at Frostburg State University to
18	questions from our Board, which have been addressed. And	18	look at the brand-new facility that they have at that
19	also, cover letters from Dr. Norman-Marzella that	19	location.
20	explains the intent of the program providing a crosswalk	20	Is Dr. Platt available by phone? Are you're
21	of information in how the program will be administered.	21	here with us, Dr. Platt?
1	There will be no substantial changes in the actual	1	(No response)
2	curriculum that are already in place. It is not	2	MS. GREEN: Okay. In giving you a background,
3	currently published in the 2023-2024 catalog, but then	3	Frostburg State University received an initial approval
4	you do have means of advertisement and so forth that are	4	from the Maryland Board of Nursing on December 14, 2022
5	necessary in order to make sure that the public is aware	5	meeting, for the pre-licensure baccalaureate program. A
6	of the intent of the program.	6	copy of the Frostburg State University Letter of Approval
7	The faculty table is included. As the program	7	is included in the current packet of what we sent post
8	grows they have an intent of adding new faculty to the	8	that meeting in December.
9	program. There is the issue of the Students and Ethical	9	In accordance with COMAR 10.27.03.18.B(2)(c):
10	Consideration. There are no concerns from the staff	10	New Programs and Continuing Approval Requirements, our
11	review of this accelerated programming.	11	one-day site visit was completed by myself and Mrs.
12	We will entertain any questions that you may	12	Oettinger prior to the beginning of the first cohort
13	have regarding the proposal from Cecil College. Thank	13	schedule to start in the Fall of 2023. The attachment
14	you.	14	included in your packet is an email of planning reference
15	MR. HICKS: All right. Are there any	15	for the site visit that took place May 17, 2023. You
16	questions for Dr. Green or Dr. Norman-Marzella?	16	also have in your packet the summary information from Dr.
17	(No questions posed)	17	Platt that we secured as we completed the actual onsite
18	MR. HICKS: All right. Is there a motion to	18	visit regarding the physical space; simulation lab
19	accept the accelerated track program for Cecil Community	19	accommodation; the clinical affiliation updates for Fall
20	College RN Program to begin September, 2023?	20	2023; curriculum progression; the learning management
21	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: So moved.	21	systems and technology; enrollment updates; pre-licensure

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1	Page 18 courses for LPN to BSSN and traditional BSN programs;	1	MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker.
2	resources and supports for faculty and students;	2	MS. LYONS: Second. Lyons.
3	organizational charts; any challenges that were	3	MR. HICKS: Lyons. All in favor?
4	identified and changes associated with the new building	4	ALL: Aye.
5	and college	5	MR. HICKS: Opposed?
6	re-alignment. It pretty much went along smoothly with	6	(No oppositions)
7	regards to that area. There is a campus map and floor	7	MR. HICKS: Motion carries.
8	plans of the 3rd and 4th floors.	8	MS. GREEN: Thank you. Our final item for
9	Just as an FYI to the Board, we did tour the	9	today is 4C, and this is from Allegany College of
10	simulation lab, the faculty work spaces, especially in	10	Maryland: Faculty Waiver Request for Mrs. Renate Brown
11	the new building. Our findings were that Frostburg State	11	and Mrs. Tara Michaels.
12	University met COMAR 10.27.03.18B(2)(c), which is the	12	Mrs. Sandy Clark, are you on the line from
13	site visit requirement. This is just a part, again, of	13	Allegany College this morning?
14	the initial approval that has been granted by the Board,	14	MS. CLARK: I am. Good morning, Dr. Green and
15	and we just wanted to report back to the Board that the	15	Board.
16	site visit was completed and it was satisfactory as it	16	MS. GREEN: Good morning. As the Board can
17	relates to start off this Fall.	17	recall, in July we presented a request for a waiver that
18	The Nursing Education Program is prepared to	18	was approved by the Board for one individual last month.
19	meet the requirements with the cohorts scheduled to begin	19	The Allegany College deemed it necessary to also address
20	in the Fall of 2023. Dr. Pratt has established	20	the need for a waiver of these two individuals. They
21	orientations for the simulation lab coordinator and new	21	were identified by the Nursing Education Faculty at
1	page 19 faculty onboarding. Some of this has already been	1	Page 21 Allegany College of Maryland, and that the individuals
	initiated, and some of these have been completed in		met the COMAR requirements for faculty waiver. They were
3	relation to orientation.		each recognized through faculty searches conducted in
4	The Practice and Education Committee approved		May, 2023 and June, 2023, respectively.
5	the recommendation to accept the findings of the	5	Mrs. Brown is the first candidate. She is a
6	Frostburg State University's one-day site visit, and to		2004 associate degree graduate of Allegany College of
7	advance the information to the Board for final		Maryland. She completed her BSN from Chamberlain
8	determination. Our request today is that the Board		University and is currently enrolled at Chamberlain
9	approve the findings of the Frostburg State University		University in the masters of nursing program. Her
10	one-day site visit as the final component in our initial	10	anticipated date of graduation will be May of 2024. Her
11	approval of the program of operations scheduled to being		nursing background includes medical-surgical nursing and
12			oncology. Her background aligns with the planned
13	If you have any questions, I am willing to	13	teaching position in medical-surgical nursing and
14	address those issues. Thank you.		fundamentals.
15	MR. HICKS: Are there any questions for Dr.	15	The second candidate, Ms. Michaels, is a 2015
16	Green?		associate degree graduate of Allegany College of
17	(No questions posed)		Maryland. She completed her BSN from West Virginia
18	MR. HICKS: All right, hearing none. Is there	18	University in 2017 and has accepted enrollment with
19	a motion to accept the findings for the onsite visit as		Western Governor's University for the Master of Science
20	Dr. Green pointed out?		Nursing Program. Her background includes urgent care,
21	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: So moved.		community health, and care coordination. Her background
	IVIS. GIDDONS-BAKEK: 30 III0Ved.	21	community nearm, and care coordination. Her background

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1	Page 22 aligns with the planned teaching position and simulation,	1	there a motion to approve the faculty waiver request for
2	skills lab, and teaching LPN summer courses.	2	Ms. Tara Michaels?
3	The supporting documents for Mrs. Brown and Ms.	3	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: So moved.
4	Michaels were provided by Ms. Sandy Clark, the nursing	4	MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker.
5	program director of on-campus nursing services for	5	MS. CASSIDY: Cassidy.
6	Allegany College of Maryland.	6	MR. HICKS: Cassidy. Any discussion?
7	The staff findings are that both candidates'	7	(No discussion posed)
8	credentials and background met criteria defined in COMAR	8	MR. HICKS: All in favor?
9	10.27.03.08B(1 to 3b); i.e., Nursing Faculty and Clinical	9	ALL: Aye.
10	Faculty/Waiver of Graduate Degree in Nurisng Require3ment	10	MR. HICKS: Opposed?
11	for Nursing Faculty; as evidenced through the supporting	11	(No oppositions)
12	documents.	12	MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Next is the
13	We also looked at the Allegany College of	13	approval of the faculty waiver request for Ms. Renate
14	Maryland in the context of COMAR 10.27.03.08C(2), where	14	Brown.
15	it indicates: A program may not, in any academic year,	15	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: So moved.
16	fill more that 25 percent of the program's full-time	16	MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker.
17	nurse faculty equivalent positions with clinical nurse	17	MS. CASSIDY: Cassidy.
18	faculty whose highest nursing degree is at the	18	MR. HICKS: Cassidy. Any discussion?
19	baccalaureate level.	19	(No discussion posed)
20	If both current waiver requests are approved by	20	MR. HICKS: All in favor?
21	the Board we will have 14 percent of full-time faculty	21	ALL: Aye.
1	Page 23 with less than a master's degree. This includes the	1	Page 25 MR. HICKS: Opposed?
2	waiver request approved by the Board in July of 2023.	2	(No oppositions)
3	The program currently has 20 full-time master's prepared	3	MR. HICKS: Motion carries.
4	faculty; 3 full-time doctorate prepared nursing practice	4	MS. GREEN: Thank you very much. And thank
5	faculty; and two PhD prepared faculty. In November of		you, Ms. Clark, for joining us this morning for the
6	2023, one faculty will complete her master's degree,		meeting.
7	bringing the MSN prepared full-time faculty total to 21.	7	MR. HICKS: Thank you.
8	The recommendation to the PEC was approved on	8	
9	August 11, 2023, to advance the nurse faculty waiver		MS. CLARK: Thank you to the Board and to you, Dr. Green.
10	requests to the Board for final determination. The	10	MR. HICKS: All right. Dr. Green, that's it?
11	recommendation to the Board is to review the Nurse	11	MS. GREEN: Yes. Thank you very much.
12		12	MR. HICKS: All right. Have a great day.
13	Tara Michaels for final determination. Their licensed to	13	MS. GREEN: You, too.
14		14	MR. HICKS: We will go over to Certifications.
15	practice to RN alignment as required by the Board of		
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	Thank you. I will entertain any question you		MS. RICHARDSON: Yes. Good morning, everyone.
17 18	may have at this time. MR_HICKS: Are there any questions for Dr.		I just wanted to give an FYI regarding the CNA Advisory
19	MR. HICKS: Are there any questions for Dr.		Committee. Our meeting for February, April, May, June, July, and August were all cancelled due to not having a
20	Green?	20	
	(No questions posed)		quorum. We are in need of a CNA for our Adult Medical
21	MR. HICKS: All right. So, hearing none, is		Daycare; a CNA for our teaming union member; a CNA which

Page 26 Page 28 1 Pharmacy, which also led to the revision of the proposal. is an independent contractor; a dialysis technical; and a medication technician. ² The revised proposal was submitted to MDH and will be That was all the information that I wanted to presented for Secretary approval tomorrow, Thursday, present today. I just wanted to give you guys an update August the 24th. on the CNA Advisory Committee. So, that's all I have for Regulatory Updates. MR. HICKS: All right. Thank you, Ms. Again, these regulations were already previously approved Richardson. Yeah, we really encourage folks, if you're by the Board. Did anyone have any questions before I online, to participate. This is really the voice for you 8 move on? to be able to make an impact on your profession. So, if 9 MR. HICKS: Any questions for Ms. Fishman? 10 10 you're interested, please reach out. (No questions posed) 11 11 MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you. MS. FISHMAN: Thank you. So, next on the 12 MR. HICKS: So, for the record, we just want to agenda I will review 7B, the Board's Annual Report for 13 point out that in the Consent Agenda there was topics Fiscal Year 2023. related to the CNA program, the renewal, and the initial 14 So, much of this hasn't changed from last applications of those programs. They were all reviewed year's report, so I will focus mainly on the updates. I 16 by the Practice and Education Committee and then brought 16 believe you all have a copy so you can follow along. 17 forth for final approval. So, Page 2 shows our mission, vision, and core 18 18 MR. HICKS: We will move down to Legislative values. These remain unchanged and are posted on our 19 Affairs. Ms. Fishman? site. The next page outlines the Board's five-year 20 MS. FISHMAN: Good morning, everyone. Again my strategic goal plan. These five goals remain unchanged name is Mitzi Fishman. I am the new director of and are still in progress. Page 4 provides an Page 27 Page 29 introduction to the Board members, which consists of 14 1 legislative affairs with the Board. Today I will be presenting Section 7A and B on the agenda. individuals appointed by the Governor. And then, Table 1 3 So, 7A are just regulatory updates. These two displays an updated list of all the current Board in particular have been already approved by the Board, members, which is also found on our website. 5 however, we're received many inquiries from constituents Figure 1 is the Board's organizational and stakeholders. So, I just wanted to provide brief structure as of July, 2023. This includes Board updates on the two. 7 leadership, directors, managers, as well as direct 8 8 reports. So, the first regulation is COMAR 10.27.01.05: 9 Detailing English Language Proficiency Examinations. So, Moving on to Page 7, this provides a brief 10 this proposal was published in the Maryland Register on introduction to the annual report which lists all of the June 30th of this year. However, during the public Board's designations, including certified dialysis comment period we did receive comments from one of the technicians and licensed certified midwives being our stakeholders which led to a revision of the proposal, newest additions. Listed are approximate numbers of 14 which was then resubmitted to the Maryland Department of 14 active licensees and certificate holders that the Board 15 Health on August 9, 2023. So, this proposal will be ¹⁵ regulated during Fiscal Year '23. 16 presented for Secretary approval on Thursday, August 16 There's also a brief synopsis of the Board's 17 24th. revenue and expenditures from Fiscal Year '21 and Fiscal 18 The second regulation is COMAR 10.27.28: Year '23. The next two pages provide an overview of the 19 Detailing Delegation of Acts by the Advanced Practice Board's operations, including each unit and a summary of Registered Nurse. This proposal received internal their functions. The Board also has 14 committees, which comments from the Board of Physicians and Board of are listed on Pages 10 through 12, along with a brief

Page 30 Page 32 description of each. And then, also on Page 12, is the ¹ reciprocal discipline, 18 percent; standards of practice Board's annual statistics. ² or failure to comply, 15 percent; abandonment/neglect, 11 So, first, there is an addendum concerning percent; diversions/substance abuse, 4 percent; and then, direct entry midwives. The Board, on behalf of the DEM abuse, 6 percent. Advisory Committee, will submit an annual report by Lastly, the number of types. The number and ⁶ December 1st of this year. This report will summarize types of disciplinary action taken by the Board in Fiscal specific information detailed in midwives' reports, which Year '23: Total suspensions not for child support, 92. will then be submitted to the Maryland General Assembly. Out of those suspensions: Continued summary suspension, So that will be reported by December 1st of this year. 34; summary suspension; 49; suspension total, 9; and 10 On Page 13, I will continue with Board then, suspensions for 11 statistics and updates and go through each count 11 non-payment of child support, 4; revocation, 13; one-by-one. So, for initial licenses; registered nurses, reprimand, 11' probation, 7. Denial of license or 13 6,763; licensed practical nurses, 705; licensed certificate, 7, including three reinstatement denials. electrologists, 2; licensed electrologist instructors, 14 So, I did want to discuss nursing workforce 15 zero; licensed direct entry midwives, 3; and licensed data. House Bill 1208, enacted in 2022, requires the 16 certified midwives, zero; for a total of 7,473. 16 Board to collect and analyze information gathered from 17 For initial certificates: Certified nursing renewal applications and evaluate the State's nursing 18 assistants, 7,090; certified medication technicians, workforce. The Board had not compiled this data at this 19 6,895; for a total of 13,985. time, but will collect this data as soon as possible. 20 For renewals: Registered nurse, 40,628; The delay of reporting is due to the Board's technical licensed practical nurses, 5,158; licensed and staffing limitations. Page 31 Page 33 electrologists, 1; licensed electrologist instructor, Moving on to Page 17, this displays trends in zero; licensed direct entry midwives, zero; and licensed the licensure and certification of RNs, LPNs, and APRNs 3 certified midwives, zero; for a total of 45,787. 3 from Fiscal Year 2019 to Fisal Year 2023. As you can For renewal certificates: Certified nursing see, there was an eight percent decrease in active LPN assistants, 24,435; certified medication technicians, licensees from Fiscal Year '19 to Fiscal Year '23. 8,977; for a total of 33,412. 6 However, both RNs and APRNs showed a percentage increase 7 For criminal history: Positive criminal 7 from those years as well. Also shown are CNA and CMT 8 history record check, 396; negative history record certification trends from Fiscal Year '19 to Fiscal Year 9 checks, 15,580. '23. As you can see, both CNAs and CMTs showed a 10 For denials: Positive criminal history check, 10 significant decrease in certification from Fiscal Year 11 1; denial for other reason, 6. 11 '19 to Fiscal Year '23. 12 12 For complaints: New complaints received in This next graph shows licensed electrologists 13 Fiscal Year '23, 1,210; total open complaints including and licensed direct entry midwife certification trends. 14 cold cases at the end of Fiscal Year '23 was 6,269. Out The number of active LE certificate holders has decreased of those open complaints, direct entry midwives were 13; from 62 in Fisal Year '19 to 53 in Fiscal Year '23. The 16 electrologists, 5; med techs, 1,118; licensed practical number of active LDEM certificate holders, however, has 17 increased steadily from 20 in Fisal Year '19 to 36 in 17 nurses/registered nurse/advanced practice, 3,266; and 18 nursing assistants, 1,867. 18 Fiscal Year '23. 19 Most common grounds for complaints: A total 19 Now I will go over important legislative number of 530 complaints were tracked from November, 2022 updates that impacted the Board and its workforce. House Bill 278; cross-filed with Senate Bill 213 defines 21 to June 30, 2023. The percentages: Out-of-state

Page 34 Page 36 clinical nurse specialists and practice as a clinical Nightingale. On January 25, 2023, the Federal Bureau of nurse specialist for the purpose of prescribing. House ² Investigations publicly announced its enforcement against Bill 454; cross-filed with Senate Bill 187 prohibits a a large scale fraudulent nursing diploma scheme operated 4 health occupations board from denying a license, 4 by Florida-based nursing education programs. The Board ⁵ certificate, or registration to an immigrant if the assisted the FBI throughout its criminal investigation 6 individual meets certain requirements. Also required is 6 and has been a national leader in conducting Board each health occupations board to require each applicant investigations into fraudulent nursing credentials. The to disclose a social security number or individual 8 Board received accolades from the National Council of 9 taxpayer ID number in the application file. State Boards of Nursing as well as Special Agent Eddie 10 House Bill 611; cross-filed with Senate Bill Collienus for the systematic approach in identifying and 11 960 refers to the Sunset Law extension and provides that dealing with those individuals who purchased fraudulent the Secretary of Health has authority over the documentation. And then, lastly, the Board received infrastructure operations of the Board. renewal of recognition by the U.S. Department of 14 And then lastly, House Bill; cross-filed with 14 Education after previously being denied and working 15 Senate Bill 772 authorizes the Board to appoint peer through an extensive appeal process. 16 16 advisory committees to provide advise related to Pages 24 and 25 details the Board's goals for midwifery and then also references scope of practice and Fiscal Year 2024. The first is in regards to the 18 18 licensure requirements. advanced practice registered nurse compact. Senate Bill 19 I will now go over regulatory updates from the 439 and House Bill 475 introduced the compact during the ²⁰ fiscal year. Some of these regulations have been 2023 Legislative Session, however, it did not make it submitted to the Maryland Department of Health while past its first reading. The Board is working with key Page 35 Page 37 stakeholders to reintroduce the compact during the 2024 1 others are still being drafted. 2 Legislative Session. The following regulations are anticipating 3 The next goal is in regards to English Language 3 Secretary approval on August 24, 2023: Examination and licensure, COMAR 10.27.01.01.03 and .17; Qualifications Proficiency Examinations. The Board has worked closely of Applicants for Examination, COMAR 10.27.01.05; with The Welcome Back Center of Suburban Maryland and the Criminal History Records Check, COMAR 10.27.01 and World Education Services in evaluating a testing format COMAR0.39.01; and Delegation of Tasks, COMAR 10.27.28. that exams English language proficiency for 8 Dialysis technicians, COMAR 10.39.06 is in the internationally trained nurses. The proposal was 9 process of being drafted. And then, the Electrology published in the Maryland Register on June 30, 2023. ¹⁰ Practice Committee, COMAR 10.53.08 and .09 is still in However, comments, unlike I have mentioned previously 11 the public comment period. during the public comment period, led to a revision of 12 I will now go over the Board's achievements the proposal which was resubmitted to MDH and is 13 during Fiscal Year '23. The first is in regards to currently under review. And then, lastly, a quarterly 14 network reconnection. So, in 2020, MDH experienced a 14 Board newsletter. The Board hopes to publish a quarterly 15 newsletter that will disseminate information to nurses, debilitating ransom ware attack which greatly impacted 16 the Board and its operations. Fortunately, the Board was 16 employers, healthcare providers, and the public concerning the laws and regulations that govern the 17 able to continue its operations by leveraging a temporary 18 Wi-Fi-based solution. However, with the collaboration of 18 practice of nursing in Maryland. 19 departments and resources, as of June 30, 2023 the Board 19 The last section of the annual report are the hardships the Board experienced. Current staffing is reconnected to MDH's internal network. 21 conditions show that the vacancy rate at the beginning of The next achievement is in regards to Operation

1	Fisal Year '23 was 35 percent, and then 27 percent at the	1	Board to add to the currently posted acceptable
2	end of the year. Although the decrease in vacancy rate	2	continuing education providers for direct entry midwives,
3	showed improvement and staffing conditions, the Board	3	the following organization; The International Board of
4	continues to have difficulties filling vacant positions,	4	Lactation Consultant Examiners.
5	particularly professional roles. Vacancies persist due	5	The Direct Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee
6	to a high staff turnover rate and an inability to find	6	is requesting to the Board to accept the committee's
7	qualified applicants, or offer qualified applicants the	7	recommendation for approval of continuing education units
8	competitive salaries. Fiscal analysis shows expenditure	8	issued to a licensed direct entry midwife from the
9	continues to exceed revenue. As you can see, most of the	9	International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners, or
10	licensure fees have not changed since Fiscal Year 2008.	10	IBLCE. The committee reviewed an application for a
11	Despite the Board's increase in applicants per year, the	11	renewal of licensure to practice direct entry midwifery
12	revenues generated from these applications cannot	12	received to the Board that included documentation for
13	sufficiently support the Board's operations. The Board	13	CEUs issued by the IBLCE, and is requesting to add the
14	hopes to complete a thorough fiscal analysis in Fiscal	14	International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners to
15	Year '24.	15	the currently posted list of acceptable continuing
16	Lastly, I've included an appendix with	16	education providers for licensed direct entry midwives on
17	definitions of all the regulatory licensees and	17	the Maryland Board of Nursing website. Included are
18	certificates that the Board oversees. There	18	attachments including the International Board of
19	is also a table of active licensees and certificate	19	Lactation Consultant Examiners strategic plan;
20	holders by type, these are published on the Board's	20	information about the IBLCE; and the list of currently
21	website and they are current as of July 3, 2023.	21	acceptable continuing education providers for licensed
	So, that is all I have for the Board's annual	1	Page 41 direct entry midwives for your review.
	report. I know that was a lot of information, but does	2	Are there any questions about this request?
	anyone have any questions?	3	
4		4	MR. HICKS: Any questions? MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: No. I think that's very
5	MR. HICKS: Are there any questions for Ms. Fishman?	5	appropriate.
6	(No questions posed)	6	
7	• • • •	7	MS. MENTZER: Thank you.
8	MR. HICKS: Thank you. That's a lot of work.	8	MR. HICKS: So, is that a motion?
9	MS. FISHMAN: Thank you so much.	9	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Yes.
	MS. SCOTT: I did want to add one quick point	10	MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker.
10	because we had discussed this during the NCSBN annual meeting and it was quite an actual accomplishment. It's	11	MS. STEINBERG: Second. Steinberg.
		12	MR. HICKS: Steinberg. All in favor?
	that the Advanced Practice Compact Bill actually passed	13	ALL: Aye.
	the House, I think it was 112 to 21, and it was the	14	MR. HICKS: Opposed?
	Senate Bill that didn't make it. So, that was actually	15	(No oppositions)
	better than the previous session. So we're hoping that	16	MR. HICKS: Motion carries.
	the next session is even better. Thank you.		MS. MENTZER: Moving on to Item 8B. We have
17	MS. FISHMAN: Thank you.		received a request for approval of an application for
18	MR. HICKS: Thank you. We will move down to		renewal of a license to practice direct entry midwifery
	Direct Entry Midwives and Electrology. Ms. Mentzer?		for, the first one is, Monica, M-O-N-I-K-A; Karaosman, K-
20	MS. MENTZER: Good morning, everyone. We are		A-R-A-O-S-M-A-N, licensed direct entry midwife, License
21	going to start with Item 8A. This is a request to the	21	Number DEM00026.

1	Page 42 The committee reviewed Ms. Monika Karaosman's	1	Page 44 MR. HICKS: We will move down to under Other.
2	application for the renewal of license to practice direct	2	Ms. Scott does have something.
3	entry midwifery at its August 4, 2023 Open Session	3	MS. SCOTT: I apologize that it's not on the
4	Committee Meeting, and has determined the applicant meets	4	agenda, but this is a request for the Board to recognize
5	the minimum requirements for renewal of a license to	5	the Wild Iris Medical Education Incorporated's Implicit
6	practice direct entry midwifery in Maryland pursuant to	6	Bias Training Program for Nurses and Other Healthcare
7	the requirements in Maryland Code Annotated Health	7	Professionals.
8	Occupations, Section 8-6B-18: Expiration and Renewal;	8	So, during the 2021 Legislative Session, the
9	and the Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 10, Subtitle	9	Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 28;
10	64, Chapter 1, specifically COMAR Regulation	10	cross-filed with Senate Bill 5: Public Health – Implicit
11	10.664.01.17: Term and Renewal of License and	11	Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and
12	Reinstatement of License.	12	Health Disparities.
13	Any questions regarding this request?	13	So, the law requires the applicants for the
14	MR. HICKS: Any questions?	14	renewal of a license or certificate issued by a health
15	(No questions posed)	15	occupations board to attest to completion of an approved
16	MR. HICKS: All right. So, is there a motion	16	implicit bias training program the first time they renew
17	to approve the renewal application for Monika Karaosman,	17	their license or certificate after April 1st of 2022.
18	LDEM with License Number DEM00026?	18	The law also requires the Cultural and Linguistic
19	MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.	19	Healthcare Professional Competency Program, or "The
20	MR. HICKS: Steinberg.	20	Program," in coordination with the Office of Minority and
21	MS. LYONS: Second. Lyons.	21	Health Disparities to identify and approve implicit bias
1	MR. HICKS: Lyons. Any discussion?	1	Page 45 training programs that an individual may complete to
2	(No discussion posed)	2	satisfy this requirement. The law states that the
3	MR. HICKS: All in favor?	3	program may approve only implicit bias training programs
4	ALL: Aye.	4	that are recognized by a health occupations board
5	MR. HICKS: Opposed?	5	established under the Health Occupations Article, or is
6	(No oppositions)	6	accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing
7	MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Is there a motion	7	Medical Education. Wild Iris Medical Education
8	to approve the renewal of license to practice direct	8	Incorporated has submitted its program entitled,
9	entry midwifery for Katrina Nakao, N-A-K-A-O, License	9	"Implicit Bias Training for Nurses and Other Healthcare
10	Number DEM00023?	10	Professionals," for recognition by the Maryland Board of
11	MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.	11	Nursing. Wild Iris Medical Education, Inc. is accredited
12	MR. HICKS: Steinberg.	12	as a provider of continuing nursing education by the
13	MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Gibbons-Baker.	13	American Nurses Credentialling Centers Commission on
14	MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker. Any discussion?	14	Accreditation. Wild Iris Medical Education, Inc. also
15	No discussion posed)	15	proved that the provider of continuing education by the
16	MR. HICKS: All in favor?	16	California Board of Registered Nursing; the Florida
17	ALL: Aye.	17	Department of Health; Division of Quality Assurance Board
18	MR. HICKS: Opposed?	18	of Nursing; and the District of Columbia Board of
19	(No oppositions)	19	Nursing.
20	MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Thank you.	20	In the program, the learning outcome and
21	MS. MENTZER: Thank you.	21	objectives for The Implicit Bias Training for Nurses and

Page 46 Page 48 Other Healthcare Professionals include identifying the appropriate professional organizations about the ² characteristics of implicit bias; its possible impacts on Governor's Appointments Office now taking recommendations healthcare outcome; and strategies in reducing implicit for the Board member vacancies. So, I just wanted to put 4 bias in healthcare setting; specific learning objective that out there that it is on our website and the email ⁵ to address potential knowledge gaps include defining went out earlier this month. 6 6 implicit bias, including examples of biased behavior; Secondly, back in the Legislative Session of describing the impact of implicit bias on disparities and 2022, there was a bill introduced, Senate Bill 82: 8 healthcare outcomes; identifying strategies intended to 8 Certified Nurse Assistant Licensing Requirements, which remedy the negative impact of implicit bias. The course introduced the idea of one designation as opposed to the also differentiates between implicit bias and explicit multiple CNA designations that we have. 11 ¹¹ bias; identifies the types of bias; and discusses So, I've been speaking with the Secretary's ¹² decision-making and implicit bias through a case study. Chief of Staff, and what we would like to do is to ¹³ Additionally, the course discusses the impact of implicit convene a stakeholders work group to revisit the idea of bias on healthcare and strategies to overcome implicit one CNA designation. So, there will be notice sent out 15 to all the interested parties with the scheduling of ¹⁵ bias in healthcare. 16 To earn a certificate of completion, the these meetings. So, I just wanted to put that out there 17 as well. individual must score 70 percent or better on the post 18 18 test and complete the course evaluation. After That's all. Thank you. 19 completing the course and passing the post test, the MR. HICKS: Anything else? ²⁰ individual must pay a \$20 fee to receive the completion 20 MS. SCOTT: Nope. certificate. 21 MR. HICKS: All right. I will go ahead and Page 49 Page 47 1 I was also informed by a representative of Wild open up the floor if anyone wants to address the Board. 2 Iris Medical Education, Incorporated that the program was (No replies) 3 3 also presented to the Office of Minority Health and MR. HICKS: All right, hearing none. Health Disparities, and it has been approved. But I'm In a moment I'm going to ask if there's a motion to close bringing it to the Board to officially recognize it this Open Session, but first I'm going to walk us through pursuant to the language in the law. the written statement that is required by the Open 7 Meetings Act to ensure that all Board members agree with MR. HICKS: Thank you. So, is there a motion 8 8 to approve? its contents. 9 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: So moved. As documented in the written statement, the 10 MS. HAYWARD: Second. 10 statutory authority to close this Open Session and meet 11 MR. HICKS: Gibbons-Baker, Hayward. All in in Closed Session is General Provisions Article 12 favor? 12 3-305(b)13, which gives the Board the authority to close 13 ALL: Aye. 13 the Open Session, to comply with the constitutional 14 MR. HICKS: Opposed? 14 statutory or judicial imposed requirement that prevents 15 public disclosures about a particular matter or (No oppositions) 16 MR. HICKS: Motion approved. What else do you proceeding. The topic to be discussed during Closed 17 have? 17 Session is applications for licensure and/or 18 MS. SCOTT: I just have a couple of more certification. The reason for discussing this topic in 19 announcements that I forgot to mention earlier. So, ¹⁹ Closed Session is to discuss confidential matters that earlier this month the Board put out a notice on its are prohibited from public disclosures by the Annotated website, and then, also email went out to all of the Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article Sections

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1	Page 50 8-303(f), Health Occupations Article 8-320(a), and Health	
	Occupations Article 1-401, and General Provisions Article	
	Section 4-333. In addition, the Board may also perform	
4	Quasi Judicial and administrative functions involving	
5	disciplinary matters during the Closed Session.	
6	Is there a motion to close this Open Session	
7	pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in	
8	the written statement, or any discussion thereof?	
9	MS. CASSIDY: So moved. Cassidy.	
10	MR. HICKS: Cassidy.	
11	MS. STEINBERG: Second.	
12	MR. HICKS: Steinberg. All in favor?	
13	ALL: Aye.	
14	MR. HICKS: Opposed?	
15	(No oppositions)	
16	MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Thank you,	
17	everyone. Have a great afternoon. Board members, we	
18	will reconvene about let's come back around 10:10.	
19	(Whereupon, at 9:55 a.m. the Open Session was	
20	adjourned.)	
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Script for Closing Open Session

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 constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures 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 § 8-303(f), Health Occupations Article § 8-320(a), Health Occupations Article § 1-401 et seq., and General Provisions Article § 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 STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act (Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305)

1.	Recorded vote to close the meeting: Date:August 23, /2023_ Time: 9:55 am
	Motion to close meeting made by: (255, dy Seconded by Steen berg
	Members in favor: Hayward, Gibbons-Booker Consider, Hicks Lyon Steinberg Locklifter
	Opposed: None Abstaining: None
	Members in favor: Hayward, Gibbons-Borker Carsidy, Hicks Lyons Steinburg, Lechliter Opposed: None Abstaining: None Absent: Owoumana, Wisterfield, I. Hill, R. Hill, Turner
2.	Statutory authority to close session. This meeting will be closed under Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 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."

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

Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic To discuss confidential matters prohibited from public disclosure by Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. sections 8-303(f), 8-320(a), 1-401 et seq. and General Provisions section 4-333.	
§ 3-305(b) (13)	Applications for licensure and/or certification		
§ 3-305(b) ()			
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4. This statement is made or adopted by Officer, Maryland State Board of Nursing.

Presiding