



Board of Nursing

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Held at the Maryland Board of Nursing,
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215,
and VIA Conference Call

Attendance

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Board Members			
Gary Hicks, RN	RN Member (Clinician), Board President	X	
Ann Turner, RN	RN Member – Acute Care Nurse, Board Secretary		X
M Dawne Hayward, RN	RN Member Delegating Nurse— Supervised Group Living	X	
Emalie Gibbons Baker, CNM	APRN Member	X	
Susan K. Lyons, NP	APRN Member		X
Jacqueline Hill	RN Member (BS Educator)	X	
Healthier Westerfield, DNP, RN, CNE, CMSRN	RN Member (Associate Degree Nursing Educator)		X
Susan Steinberg	Consumer Member	X	
Audrey Cassidy	Consumer Member	X	
Robin Hill, RN	RN Member (Practical Nurse Educator)	X	
Christine Lechlitter, RN	RN Member, Nurse Administrator	X	
Charlene Harrod-Owuamana, LPN	LPN Member		X
Board Counsel			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General		X
Katherine Cumings	Assistant Attorney General	X	

Board Staff			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director	X	
Schenequa Brown	Executive Assistant	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Jaray Richardson	Certifications	X	
Mitzi Fishman	Director of Legislative Affairs	X	
Jennay Ghowrwal	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Others (Not all attendees are documented)			
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Cathy Negley	DaVita Kidney Care	X	

Open Session

1. **Call to Order:** R. Hill made a motion to go into open session. Cassidy seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:08 a.m.
 - A. Roll call and declaration of quorum: A roll call of the Board members was conducted, and a quorum of the Board was present.
 - B. Board of Nursing Updates:
 1. Rhonda Scott has officially been named the Executive Director for MBON.
 2. Vacancy rate has decreased with contractual and merit positions to under 10.
 3. Office of Legislative Audits visit is currently taking place; auditors will be at MBON for the next few months.
 4. Starting on October 1st, MBON will be accepting tax ID numbers for applicants.
 - C. Review of Open Session Minutes: None.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** J. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Gibbons-Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - A. **Initial Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Program Seeking Board Approval:** None.
 - B. **Renewal of Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Programs:** None.
 - C. **Approval for Faculty for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs:** None.
 - D. **Approval for Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program:** None.

3. **Discussion of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**
Items A through D have been reviewed and recommended for Board approval by the Practice and Education Committee. These items have not yet been reviewed by the CNA Advisory Committee

A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Program Seeking Board Approval: None.

B. Renewal of Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Programs:

1. Autumn Lake Healthcare at Long View (CNA/GNA)
 - Lechlitter made a motion to approve the renewal for Autumn Lake Healthcare at Long View's CNA/GNA program. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Cecil College (CMA and CMA Update)
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the renewal and update for Cecil College's CMA program. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Harford Community College (CMA and CMA Update)
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the renewal and update for Harford Community College's CMA program. Gibbons-Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Prince George's Community College (CNA Only)
 - Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve the renewal for Prince Georges' Community College CNA programs. R. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Randallstown High School (CNA/GNA)
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the renewal for Randallstown High School's CNA/GNA training program. Gibbons-Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Tribute Home Care (CNA only)
 - Pulled

C. Approval for Faculty for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs:

1. Mary Lou Tindale, RN(R105787)- Autumn Lake Healthcare at Long View
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve Mary Lou Tindale, R105787, for Autumn Lake Health Care at Long View CNA/GNA program. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Abigail Wittbecker, RN(R191927)- Carroll County Career & Technology Center
 - Hayward made a motion to approve Abigail Wittbecker, R191927, for Carroll County Career and Technology Center CNA/GNA program. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Daina Flowers, RN(28208355A Indiana Multistate)- Fresenius Medical Care-North America
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve Diana Flowers, Multistate License 28208355A, for Fresenius Medical Care-North America. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Heather Kenschak, RN(R148890)- Fresenius Medical Care-North America

- Hayward made a motion to approve Heather Konschak, R148890, for Fresenius Health Care-North America. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Erica Grubb, RN(R216410)-Parkside High School
 - J. Hill made a motion to approve Erica Grubb, R216410, for Parkside High School's CNA/GNA program. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Fantah Hyson, RN(R205798)- Prince George Community College
 - Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve Fantah Hyson, R205798, for Prince George's Community College CNA/GNA program. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Odette Compton, RN(R055119)- Randallstown High School
 - J. Hill made a motion to approve Odette Compton, R055119, for Randallstown High School's CNA/GNA program. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Khadijah Pettway, RN(R178494)- Randallstown High School
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve Khadijah Pettway, R178494, for Randallstown High School's CNA/GNA program. R. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Jahmelah Pemberton, RN(R178386)- Randallstown High School
 - Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve Jahmelah Pemberton, R178386, for Randallstown High School's CNA/GNA program. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval for Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program: None.

4. Education (Sheila Green, Education Consultant)
None.

5. Certification (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)
None.

6. Licensure and Advanced Practice (Carolyn Bailey, Manager, Renewals)
None.

7. Legislative Affairs (Mitzi Fishman, Health Policy Analyst)

A. FY 23 Annual Report Addendum

- J. Hill made a motion to approve the Annual Report Addendum. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Certified Dialysis Technician Regulations Package

- Discussion was had concerning DT preceptors. Item tabled, with instruction for submission of models from other states for review.

8. Direct-Entry Midwives and Electrology (Monica Mentzer, Manager, Practice)

Items A.1-4 have been reviewed by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee with recommendations from the Committee to the Board to approve. Items B.1-13 have been reviewed by the Electrology Practice Committee with recommendations from the Committee to the Board to approve.

- A. Request for approval of the Applications for Renewal of a License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery for:
1. Hannah Burba, LDEM (DEM00027)
 - Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Hannah Burba, DEM00027, to practice direct-entry midwifery. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Nicole Williams, LDEM (DEM00030)
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Nicole Williams, DEM00030, to practice direct-entry midwifery. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 3. Karen Carr, LDEM (DEM00025)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Karen Carr, DEM00025, to practice direct-entry midwifery. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 4. Atara Klein, LDEM (DEM00041)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Atara Klein, DEM00041, to practice direct-entry midwifery. Gibbons-Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Request for approval of the Applications for Renewal of a License to Practice Electrology for:
1. Sharon L. Muranaka, LE (E01291)
 - Cassidy made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Sharon Muranaka, E01291, to practice electrology. R. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Brian M. Boston, LE (E01474)
 - Cassidy made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Brian Boston, E01474, to practice electrology. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 3. Jennifer Ann Chartrand, LE (E01341)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Jennifer Ann Chartrand, E01341, to practice electrology. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 4. Helen C. Cichan, LE (E01336)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Helen C. Cichan, E01336, to practice electrology. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 5. Unchol Ann Rohrer, LE (E01428)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Unchol Ann Rohrer, E01428, to practice electrology. Lechlitter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 6. Ahuva Lopin, LE (E01477)

- R. Hill made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Ahuva Lopin, E01477, to practice electrology. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Colette Erbe Higgins, LE (E01460)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Colette Erbe Higgins, E01460, to practice electrology. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 8. Soheila Biria, LE (E01402)
 - Steinberg made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Soheila Biria, E01402, to practice electrology. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 9. Carly V. Gates, LE (E01464)
 - Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Carly V. Gates, E01464, to practice electrology. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 10. Ruthann L. O'Malley, LE (E01270)
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Ruthann L. O'Malley, E01270, to practice electrology. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 11. Jacqueline K. Legare, LE (E01379)
 - J. Hill made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Jacqueline K. Legare, E01379, to practice electrology. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 12. Sophia Redmiles (E01128)
 - J. Hill made a motion to approve to renewal of license for Sophia Redmiles, E01128, to practice electrology. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 13. Amber Wood, LE (E01149)
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Amber Wood, E01149, to practice electrology. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 14. Deborah Winter, LE (E01457)
 - J. Hill made a motion to approve the renewal of license for Deborah Winter, E01457, to practice electrology. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. FYI-Definition of Continuing Education Unit (“CEU”) for Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives

9. Quarterly Reports

(Quarterly Reports are presented during January, April, July, October)

10. Other—None

Adjournment: President Gary Hicks walked through the written statement required by the Open Meetings Act to close an open session. The written statement is attached. Cassidy made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

September 27, 2023 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 10:22 a.m. to 1:36 p.m. at 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215. The same Board members present for the open session were present for the closed session (unless recused from a particular matter). The authority for the closed session was Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(13) in order to discuss confidential matters involving applicants for licensure/certification that are prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-303(f), Health Occ. §§ 1-401 et seq., and/or Gen. Prov. § 4-333. The topics actually discussed were confidential matters involving applicants for licensure/certification.

The Board voted to take the following actions during closed session:

- Review of applicants who are the subject of a complaint:
 - Take no action on complaints involving 2 CRNP applicant(s);
 - Take no action on complaints involving 2 RN applicant(s);
 - Take no action on a complaint involving 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - Accept a Consent Order Denial for 1 RN applicant(s);
 - Accept a Consent Order Granting Certification/Order of Probation for 1 CNA applicant(s);
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
 - License 6 RN applicant(s);
 - License 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - Certify 2 MT applicant(s);
 - Certify 11 CNA applicant(s);
 - License 1 RN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Certify 1 CNA applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 LPN applicant(s)
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 CNA applicant(s)

(During the closed session, the Board also performed quasi-judicial and administrative functions that are not subject to the Open Meetings Act and are therefore not summarized above.)