



Board of Nursing

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

OPEN SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 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, MSN, APRN – CNS, CCRN, CCNS	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, Ph.D., RN, CNE	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, DNP, 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	

Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General		X
Board Staff			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director	X	
Camille Forbes-Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Schenequa Brown	Executive Assistant	X	
Michelle Powell	Paralegal	X	
Sheila Green	Education Consultant	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Mitzi Fishman	Director of Legislative Affairs	X	
Jennay Ghowrwal	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Brian Stallsmith	MBON IT Department	X	
Carolyn Bailey	Backgrounds	X	
Jennay Ghowrwal	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Others (Not all attendees are documented)			
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Elias B. Snyder	UMMC	X	

Open Session

1. **Call to Order:** J. Hill made a motion to go into open session. Hayward seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:10 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. With a focus on improving customer service, MBON's Google reviews are going up (previous rating at 1.4, current rating at 2.3).
 2. Ten positions have been requested and approved by the Department for non-nurse investigators to assist with reviewing cold cases.
 3. Dr. Forbes-Scott will serve a dual role as the Deputy Director and the Director of Education until a replacement is procured and trained in the role of Director of Education.
 4. The Governor's Appointment Office has sent out appointment letters to the new and reappointed Board members. All who have been selected need to be sworn in with the expectation that they will be ready to serve for the January meeting.
 - C. Review of Open Session Minutes: March through August of 2023 Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve transcripts as the Open Session Minutes for March through August of 2023. Lechlitter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** J. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lechlitter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Items A, B, and C were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee.

- A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Program Seeking Board Approval:**
 1. Future Care Cherrywood (CNA/GNA)
 2. Future Care Chesapeake (CNA/GNA)
 3. Future Care Pineview (CNA/GNA)
 - B. Renewal of Approved Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Programs:**
 1. Allegany College of Maryland (CNA/GNA)
 2. Care 'Xpert Academy (CNA/GNA)
 3. Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) (CNA/GNA)
 4. Chesapeake College (CNA/GNA)
 - C. Approval for Faculty for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs:**
 1. ItWorks
 - Stefanie Siniscalchi, R257120
 2. Future Care Pineview
 - Barbara Coppedge, R205764
 - Carol Marks, R192040
 - Kim Meehan, R136910
 - 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: None.**
- 4. Education (Sheila Green, Education Consultant)**
- A. PULLED.
 - B. Evolution Health Academy, Miami Gardens, Florida, Associate Degree Registered Nursing and Licensed Practical Nursing Programs, Not Substantially Equivalent
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the recommendation that Evolution Health Academy of Miami Gardens, Florida Associate Degree Registered Nursing and Licensed Practical Nursing programs, are not substantially equivalent for the 2022 graduation year. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Certification (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)**
None.
- 6. Licensure and Advanced Practice (Carolyn Bailey, Manager, Renewals)**
None.
- 7. Legislative Affairs (Jennay Ghowrwal, Health Policy Analyst)**
- A. Licensed Certified Midwives (LCM) Regulations Package

1. Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve the drafted licensed certified midwife regulations package. Steinberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Items 8.A-B have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee. Item 8B has additionally been reviewed by the Practice and Education Committee, with recommendation for approval.

- A. Request for approval of the Applications for Renewal of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery received by the Board for:
 1. Shanna Mastrangelo, LDEM (DEM00004)
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve the recommendation to renew the license for direct-entry midwifery for Shanna Mastrangelo (DEM00004). J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Susan Blaum-DiNatale, LDEM (DEM00010)
 - J. Hill made a motion to approve the recommendation for renewal of license to practice direct-entry midwifery for Susan Blaum-DiNatale (DEM00010). Gibbons-Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee request the Board to approve the “Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct Entry Midwifery”
 1. Gibbons-Baker made a motion to approve the Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Direct-Entry Midwifery. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Quarterly Reports

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

10. Other

- A. Nurse Practitioners and Acupuncture Dr. Snyder, B. Elias – FYI

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. J. Hill made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. R. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

December 13, 2023 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 10:02 a.m. to 3:39 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 with a criminal history:
 - License 2 RN applicant(s);
 - Certify 9 MT applicant(s);
 - Certify 11 CNA applicant(s);
 - Certify 7 CNA applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter.

(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.)