



Board of Nursing

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2024 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, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE	RN Member, Board President	X	
Iskra Gillis, MSN, RN, NEA-BC	RN Member (Clinician)	X	
Irene Molina, DrPH, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CPH	RN Member (Associate Degree Educator Member)	X	
Dawn Pfluger, BSN, RN, CPN, CRRN, CWOCN	Acute Care Nurse Member	X	
Rachel Sherman, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN	APRN Member	X	
Ameera Chakravarthy, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, CNE	APRN Member	X	
Christine Lechlitter, BSN, MBA, NE-BC	RN, Nurse Administrator Member	X	
Robin Hill, DNP, RN	RN, Practical Nurse Educator Member	X	
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CNE	RN, BSN Educator Member	X	
Tyler Adamson, MPH	Consumer Member	X	
Dawn Hayward, RN, CM/DN, CDDN	RN Member, Delegating Nurse		X
Board Counsel			

Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Board Staff			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director	X	
Camille Forbes-Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Nikki Brown	Executive Assistant	X	
Mitzi Fishman	Director of Licensure	X	
Michelle Powell	Paralegal	X	
Carolyn Bailey	Manager, Renewals	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Dr. Sheila Green	Education Consultant	X	
Kia Thompson	Nurse Investigator	X	
Audience Members (Not all attendees are documented)			
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Nicole Harris	The United States Department of Education	X	

Open Session

1. **Call to Order:** R. Hill made a motion to go into open session. Molina 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: Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, provided updates regarding the following: Executive Director Scott along with MBON team members attended the Maryland Association of Nursing Student Conference where they were able to connect with nursing students and provide them with information on how to apply for NCLEX, certifications, and provide NCSBN resources. There are currently four Board member vacancies (two LPN, Nurse clinician and one consumer member). The Governor's Appointment Office is working diligently to get these positions filled.
 - C. Review of Open Session Minutes: Molina made a motion to approve the following as written: January 2019, 2020 and 2021 Closed Session summaries; February 2019, 2020, and 2021; Closed Session summaries, March 2019 Closed Session summary, March 2021 Open Session Minutes; April 2019, 2020 and 2021 Closed Session summaries; May 2019 and 2020 Closed Session summaries; May 2021 Open Session Minutes; July 2019 Closed Session Summary; June 2020 Open Session Minutes; July 2020 Closed Session summary; July 2021 Open Session Minutes; August 2019 and 2020 Closed Session summaries; September 2019 and 2020 Closed Session summaries; October 2019 Closed Session summary; October 2020 Open Session Minutes; November 2019 Closed Session summary; November 2020 Open Session Minutes; December 2019 Closed Session summary, December

2020 Open Session Minutes; December 2023 Open Session Minutes; and January 2024. J. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Lechliter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Molina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Seeking Board Approval:

None

- B. Renewal of Approved CNA Training Programs:

1. Prince George's Community College-Certified Medicine Aide/Certified Medicine Aide Update
2. Sage Point-CNA/GNA-Program Code 22122
3. Stella Maris-CNA/GNA-Program Code 23056

- C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:

1. Caitriona Massengale, RN(R211245)- Anne Arundel County School Health
2. Mariah Sorrell, RN(R244066)- Chesapeake College
3. Khadijah Salim, RN(R195168)- Community College of Baltimore County
4. Laura Nicholson, RN(R174103)- Parkside High School

- D. Approval of Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved CNA Training Programs:

None

- 3. Discussion of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

None.

- 4. Education** (Dr. Sheila Green, Education Consultant)

Items A through H have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee

- A. Prince George's Community College One Day Site Visit Report

- Lechliter made a motion to approve Prince Georges' Community College one-day site visit report conducted on 11/7/2023. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Notre Dame of Maryland University One-Day Site Visit Report

- Lechlitter made a motion to approve Notre Dame of Maryland University's one-day site visit report conducted on 11/8/2023. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. University of Maryland One Day Site Visit Report
- Lechlitter made a motion to approve the one-day site visit report for the University of Maryland and to continue the program approval in accordance with COMAR 10.27.03.15 in Program Evaluations. Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Mountain State University
- Lechlitter made a motion to find that Mountain State University was substantially equivalent for the year of graduation of 2010. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. University of Maryland- Curriculum
- Lechlitter made a motion to accept the identification and correction of the total lab hours and clinical hours for the BSN plan of study that was originally recommended by the Practice and Education Committee on August 12, 2022 and approved by the Board on August 24, 2022. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Coppin State University- Dr. Lori Harvin
- Chakravarthy made a motion to approve Dr. Lori Harvin's credentials as the MBON-recognized nursing program administrator for the prelicensure baccalaureate nursing education program representing Coppin State University's College of Health Professions Helene Fuld School of Nursing. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
- G. University of Maryland Dr. Kathleen McElroy
- Molina made a motion to approve Dr. Kathleen McElroy as the associate professor and associate dean and BSN program administrator for the University of Maryland School of Nursing. Lechlitter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. Nurse Refresher Program Revised Application
- Presented for the Board's information only. There was a recommendation from the Practice and Education Committee for the section that refers to the required MHEC waiver. There needed to be an option for those approved with special programs from out-of-state that would not require an MHEC waiver. That option was added.

5. Certification (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)

None

6. Licensure and Advanced Practice (Carolyn Bailey, Director of Licensure)

None

7. Legislative Affairs (Mitzi Fishman, Director of Legislative Affairs)

A. Legislative Updates Bill Review

- HB 790 cross-filed with SB 347: Medical Cannabis – Employees in Health care Settings Caring for Qualifying Patients. The legislative committee (“committee”) took no position.
- HB 340 cross-filed with SB 388: Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority for Upper Payment Limits and Funding (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Act of 2024). The committee took no position.
- HB 411 cross-filed with SB 408: Public Health – Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs – Standing Orders. The committee took no position.
- HB 545 cross-filed with SB 441: Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award – School Nurses. The committee’s position was a Letter of Support.
- HB 576 cross-filed with SB 453: Mental Health – Emergency Evaluation and Involuntary Admission Procedures and Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs. The committee took no position.
- HB 482 cross-filed with SB 398: Criminal Injuries Compensation Board – Victims of Nonfatal Strangulation. The committee took no position.
- HB 522 cross-filed with SB 492: Public Schools – Student Telehealth Appointments – Policy and Access. The committee’s position was Letter of Support.
- HB 642: Apprenticeships in Licensed Occupations Act of 2024. The committee’s position was Letter of Information.
- HB 722: Health – Minors – Gender and Sex Transition Procedures. The committee took no position.
- HB594 cross-filed with SB 811: Legal Advertisement or Legal Notice – Publication in Newspaper or Newspaper in General Circulation – Digital Newspapers. The committee took no position.
- HB 676: Right to Try Act – Individualized Investigational Treatments. The committee’s position was Letter of Concern.
- HB 581 cross-filed with SB 472: State Government – Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024). The committee took no position.
- HB 84 cross-filed with SB 332: Hospitals and Urgent Care Centers – Sepsis Protocol (Lochlin’s Law). The committee’s position was Letter of Information
- HB 759 cross-filed with SB 996: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – Professional Liability Insurance Coverage – Notification Requirements. The committee took no position.
- HB 809: Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, or Workgroups – Removal of Suspension. The committee took no position.
- SB 718: Maryland Pathway to Nursing Pilot Program and Advisory Committee – Establishment. The committee took no position.

- HB 1277 cross-filed with SB 729: Use of Force Reporting – Health Care-Related Physical Interventions. The committee took no position.
- HB 858: Health – Abortion – Ultrasound and Waiting Period. The committee took no position.
- HB 863: State Board of Nursing – Technology Upgrade Study. The committee took no position.
- HB 959: Health Occupations – Certified Dialysis Technicians – Continuing Education Requirement. The committee’s position was Letter of Support.
- HB 934 cross-filed with SB 830: Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance – Limited Licensed Radiologic Technologist. The committee took no position.
- HB 1368 cross-filed with SB 754: Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Clinician-Administered Drugs and Related Services. The committee took no position.
- HB 1171 cross-filed with SB 944: Nonprescription Drugs and Devices – Provision by Registered Nurses and Sale of Contraceptives Through Automatic Devices. The committee took no position.
- HB 1125 cross-filed with SB 999: Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates. The committee’s position was Letter of Support with Amendments.
- SB 1016: Health Occupations – Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody. The committee took no position.
- HB 1201 cross-filed with SB 1072: Occupational and Professional Licensing – Military Training and Military Spouses. The committee’s position was Letter of Opposition.
- HB 1053: State Board of Nursing – Executive Director Qualifications – Study. The committee took no position.
- HB 1105: APRN – Certification Requirement and Exceptions. The committee’s position was Letter of Support.
- HB 1121: Public Health – Opioids and Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs - Information. The committee took no position.
- HB 1127 cross-filed with SB 950: Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth – Reimbursement and Study. The committee took no position
- HB 1132: Drugs, Biological, Products, and Devices – Off-Label Use – Promotion. The committee took no position.
- HB 1233: Public Health Abortion. The committee took no position.
- BH 1047 cross-filed with SB 949: Consumer Protection – Self-Administered Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits. The committee took no position.
- HB 1260 cross-filed with SB 926: Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Reimbursement. The committee took no position.
- HB 1327: Maryland Department of Health – Body Altering Aesthetics Advisory Committee. The committee took no position.

- HB 1388: Labor and Employment – Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses – Veterinary and Health Care Professionals. The committee’s position was Letter of Support.

Molina made a motion to ratify and approve the recommendations that have been outlined by the Legislative Committee. Chakravarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Item A has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee

- A. Notification to the Board of resignation of Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee appointee: Roxann Gordon, CNM (FYI)

9. Quarterly Reports

None

10. Other

- A. The University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center has closed its CNA training program, effective November 1, 2023. (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. At 10:40 a.m., Adamson made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

February 28, 2024 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 11:06 a.m. to 4:37 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 3 RN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 2 RN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 CNA applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 DDA applicant(s);
 - Accept a Consent Order of Suspension for 1 RN applicant(s);
 - Administratively Deny 1 RN applicant(s);

- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
 - License 6 RN applicant(s);
 - License 2 LPN applicant(s);
 - Certify 3 CNA applicant(s);
 - Certify 6 MT applicant(s);
 - License 1 RN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - License 1 LPN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Certify 8 CNA applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Certify 1 MT applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Issue an Intent to Deny and Charge 3 CNA applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny and Charge 1 MT applicant(s);
 - Charge 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.)