



# Board of Nursing

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## OPEN SESSION MINUTES MARCH 27, 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 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| <b>Board Members</b>                       |                                              |         |        |
| 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       |        |
| Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CNE              | RN, BSN Educator Member                      | X       |        |
| Rachel Sherman, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN   | APRN Member                                  | X       |        |
| Ameera Chakravarthy, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, CNE | APRN Member                                  | X       |        |
| Dawne Hayward, RN, CM/DN, CDDN             | RN Member (Delegating Nurse)                 | X       |        |
| Christine Lechlitter, BSN, MBA, NE-BC      | RN, Nurse Administrator Member               | X       |        |
| Robin Hill, DNP, RN                        | RN, Practical Nurse Educator Member          | X       |        |
| Tyler Adamson, MPH                         | Consumer Member                              | X       |        |
| <b>Board Counsel</b>                       |                                              |         |        |

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Michael Conti                                              | Assistant Attorney General      | X |  |
| Carla Boyd                                                 | Assistant Attorney General      | X |  |
| <b>Board Staff</b>                                         |                                 |   |  |
| Rhonda Scott                                               | Executive Director              | X |  |
| Camille Forbes-Scott                                       | Deputy Director                 | X |  |
| Schenequa Brown                                            | Executive Assistant             | X |  |
| Adriene Smith                                              | Executive Assistant             | X |  |
| Mitzi Fishman                                              | Director of Licensure           | X |  |
| Carolyn Bailey                                             | Manager, Renewals               | X |  |
| Monica Mentzer                                             | Manager of Practice             | X |  |
| Dr. Sheila Green                                           | Education Consultant            | X |  |
| Jennay Ghowrwal                                            | Health Policy Analyst           | X |  |
| Amber Havens-Bernal                                        | Discipline Division             | X |  |
| <b>Audience Members (Not all attendees are documented)</b> |                                 |   |  |
| Tijuana Griffin                                            | Washington Adventist University | X |  |
| Hyunjeong Park                                             | Towson University               | X |  |

### **Open Session**

**1. Call to Order:** R. Hill made a motion to go into open session. Lechlitter seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:05 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:

- Staffing updates (A new fiscal manager has been hired, a new executive assistant has been hired, seven non-nurse investigators have been hired and three positions are currently being interviewed, and the director of IT position and the director of education and examination position have been posted).
- IT systems (still being updated, migrating over to secure systems and new kiosks in the lobby).
- MBON is still working on upgrades (the licensing system project manager is still scoping options so that an RFP can be developed).

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Lechlitter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Hayward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Items B, C, D and E 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:**

- Allegany College of Maryland-CMA and CMA update programs
- Community College of Baltimore County Dundalk-CNA/GNA program
- Community College of Baltimore County Randallstown-CNA/GNA program
- Homewood at Williamsport-CNA/GNA program

**C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:**

- Lisa Robinson, RN (R226149)- Anne Arundel County School Health Services
- Katelyn Anoff, RN(R244258)-Crossland High School
- Louise Nicole Tayag, RN(R239953)-Fresenius Medical Center
- Lelia Amos, RN(R219445)- IT Works Learning Center, Inc
- Andrea James, RN(R185626)- IT Works Learning Center, Inc
- Melody Johnson-Otero, RN (South Carolina Multi-State 270561)
- John Njonjo, RN(R194511)- IT Works Learning Center, Inc.
- Denise Jacob, RN(R162310)- New Destiny Health Career Center
- Bikash Shrestha, RN(R210701)- St. Elizabeth Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

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

- IT Works Learning Center, Inc. is requesting to add Autumn Lake Healthcare at Loch Raven as an additional clinical site for its CNA/GNA program.
- IT Works Learning Center, Inc. is requesting to add Holly Hill Healthcare Center as an additional clinical site for its CNA/GNA program.
- IT Works Learning Center, Inc. is requesting to add South River Healthcare Center as an additional clinical site for its CNA/GNA program.
- IT Works Learning Center, Inc. is requesting to add Roland Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center as an additional clinical site for its CNA/GNA program.

**E. Other**

- Barbara Harvey, RN(R062589) has voluntarily resigned from New Destiny Health Center effective 4/28/2023.

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

None.

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

*Item A was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee*

A. Dr. Hyunjeong Park, Towson University, New Nursing Program Administrator

- Sherman made a motion to approve Dr. Hyunjeong Park as the new nursing program administrator for Towson University. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Certification** (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)

None

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

None

**7. Legislative Affairs** (Jennay Ghowrwal, Health Policy Analyst)

A. Legislative Updates FYI

- HB 959: Health Occupations – Certified Dialysis Technicians – Continuing Education Requirement. Alters the continuing education requirement for certified dialysis technicians to require three hours of continuing education approved by the Board. This is a change from the previous wording which required a one 3-hour course; now it's just three hours. The bill passed the House unanimously, crossed over into the Senate, and had a hearing in the Finance Committee on the 21st. So, the Board is still waiting for a report. The Board also submitted a Letter of Support on the third reader version of this bill. The only amendment from the first reader version was for the bill to take effect one month earlier than previously drafted.
- HB 1105: APRN Certification Requirements and Exceptions. The bill passed the House unanimously and then had a hearing in the Senate on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the Board is currently waiting for the report. The Board submitted an additional Letter of Support on the third reader version of this bill, and there were no changes between the first and third reader versions.

**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. Request the Board to consider an appointment of a registered nurse certified as a certified nurse midwife to the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee

- Lechlitter made a motion to approve Darcie Tough, certified nurse midwife, for the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee. Chakravarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **9. Quarterly Reports**

None

## **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. At 9:18 a.m., Hayward made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **March 27, 2024 Closed Session Summary**

Closed Session was held from 9:35 a.m. to 3:20 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 a complaint involving 2 RN applicant(s);
  - Take no action on a complaint involving 1 LPN applicant(s);
  - Take no action on a complaint involving 3 CRNP applicant(s);
  - Issue an Intent to Deny to 2 RN applicant(s);
  - Dismiss Charges and Grant Certificate to 1 CNA applicant(s);
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
  - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 CNA applicant(s);
  - Certify 2 CNA applicant(s);
  - Certify 4 MT applicant(s);
  - License 1 RN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
  - Certify 2 CNA applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
  - Certify 1 MT applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;

The Board also held an evidentiary hearing involving 1 RN applicant(s) and took an action concerning the applicant's application. The outcome of the Board's vote will be reflected on the applicant's Look-Up a Licensee page on the Board's website after the Final Order is issued.

(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.)