



Board of Nursing

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES AUGUST 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			
Christine Lechliter, BSN, MBA, NE-BC	RN, Nurse Administrator Member, Board President	X	
Rachel Sherman, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN	Advanced Practice Member, Board Secretary		X
Iskra Gillis, MSN, RN, NEA-BC	Licensed Nurse Member, LPN, RN, APRN	X	
Dawne Hayward, RN, CM/DN, CDDN	RN, Delegating Nurse Member	X	
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CNE	RN, BSN Educator Member	X	
Irene Molina, DrPH, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CPH	RN, Associate Degree Educator Member	X	
Robin Hill, DNP, RN	RN, Practical Nurse Educator Member	X	
Dawn Pfluger, BSN, RN, CPN, CRRN, CWOCN	Acute Care Nurse Member	X	
Ameera Chakravarthy, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, CNE	Advanced Practice Member	X	
Gary N. Hicks, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE	RN Clinician Member	X	
Tyler Adamson, MPH	Consumer Member		X
Board Counsel			

Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Tiffany Shannon	Assistant Attorney General		X
Board Staff			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director	X	
Dr. Camile Forbes-Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Adrienne Smith	Executive Assistant	X	
Nikki Brown	Manager of Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement	X	
Dr. Sheila Green	Education Consultant	X	
Patrice Burris	Enforcement Division	X	
Carolyn Bailey	Director of Licensure	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Dr. Elizabeth Miller	Education Consultant	X	
Jaray Richardson	Manager of Certifications	X	
Mitzi Fishman	Director of Legislative Affairs	X	
Deb Boyd	Chief Nurse Investigator	X	
LaQuisha Harvey	Fiscal Manager	X	
Audience Members (Not all Attendees are Listed)			
Dr. Jennifer Fritzges	Carrol Community College	X	
Dr. Heather Gable	McDaniel College	X	
Nayna Philipsen	Maryland Nurses Association	X	
Barbara Biedrzydei	Maryland Nurses Association	X	

Open Session

1. **Call to Order:** Hayward made a motion to go into open session. Molina seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:04 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:
 - Executive Director Rhonda Scott along with representatives from the MBON Education Department met with NACIQI for the Board's renewal petition to remain an accrediting body recognized by the USDOE and received approval for 4 years.
 - Credentia related concerns regarding cancellation of events for the GNA examination. A meeting was held to address concerns and the Board received an action plan from Credentia, which is currently being reviewed. Credentia will meet with the Secretary's office and MBON to address concerns.
 - Office of legislative affairs completed an audit (4 findings) and the OIT presented an action plan, results due 6/30/25.

- Staff development event to occur on 9/6 (MBON will be closing at noon, posted on website, phone recording and sign on door)
 - New phone system to be put in place is delayed for 2 weeks.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** R. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Molina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Items 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:

None

C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:

- Cecil College
 - Vivian Aiken, R263501
 - Carolyn Cash, R091581
 - Meredith Darabasz, R177843
- Chesapeake College
 - Trisha Lewis, R211326
- Community College of Baltimore County
 - Carlotta Day Lindhorst, R184090
- Dominion Academy
 - Michelle Green, R204869
- Genesis Franklin Woods Center
 - Arlene Broderick, R207557
- Edmondson-Westside High School
 - Dorothy Pinder-Wright, R164138
- Montgomery College
 - Jessica Mikuliak, R139818
- North Point High School for Science, Technology, & Industry
 - Megan O'Rourke, R226576

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

- IT Works Learning Center is requesting to add Lorient Health Systems Mt Airy and Kensington Healthcare Center as clinical sites for its CNA/GNA program.
- Dominion Academy Inc. is requesting to add Doctors Community Rehabilitation Patient Care Centre as a clinical site for its CNA/GNA program.

E. Other

- Effective August 16, 2024, Cristina Santos will no longer serve as the program coordinator for Stella Maris Inc. Esther Brant (previously approved at May's Board Meeting) will assume this position.

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. Carroll Community College Faculty Waiver Request, Ms. Sarah Haugh
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the faculty waiver for Sarah Haugh and Carroll Community College. Pfluger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. McDaniel College New Program Substantial Site Modification Request- Site Visit
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the facility modification plan at Life Bridge Health Carroll Hospital for McDaniel College and grant initial approval. Pfluger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Legislative Affairs (Mitzi Fishman)

- A. MBON Annual Report FY 2024
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve the annual report. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None

7. Quarterly Reports

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

None

8. Other

- A. Khenae Franklin CNA Advisory Committee Alternate Member-Position Change. (Jaray Richardson)
 - Molina made a motion to approve Khenae Franklin to the long-term care position on the CNA Advisory Committee. Chakravarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Quality Assurance - Progression update on Ernst & Young (EY) and Office of Program Evaluation and Program Accountability (OPEGA) reports recommendations. - FYI
- C. FY2024 Fiscal Report – FYI

Adjournment: President Christine Lechlitter walked through the written statement required by the Open Meetings Act to close an open session. The written statement is attached. At 10:16 a.m.,

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

August 28, 2024 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 10:16 a.m. to 5:00 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 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 3 RN applicant(s);
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
 - License 3 LPN applicant(s);
 - License 8 RN applicant(s);
 - Certify 7 MT applicant(s);
 - Certify 8 CNA applicant(s);
 - License 1 LPN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - License 6 RN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Certify 1 MT applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Certify 6 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.)