



Board of Nursing

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2025 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 Lechlitter, BSN, MBA, NE-BC	RN, Nurse Administrator Member, Board President	X	
Rachel Jordan, 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	
Board Staff			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director	X	
Dr. Camille Forbes-Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Adrienne Smith	Executive Assistant	X	
Nikki Brown	Manager of Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement	X	
Patrice Burris	Enforcement Division	X	
Carolyn Bailey	Director of Licensure	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Jaray Richardson	Manager of Certification	X	
Dr. Elizabeth Miller	Education Consultant	X	
Trap Jervey	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Mitzi Fishman	Director of Legislative Affairs	X	
Julianne Wynter	Complaints Coordinator	X	
Audience Members (Not all attendees are documented)			
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Yolanda Ogbolu	University of Maryland	X	
Jennifer Fritzges	Carroll Community College	X	

Open Session

1. **Call to Order:** Molina made a motion to go into open session. Jordan 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. Staffing updates: Fiscal Manager started Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Actively interviewing for a Fiscal Assistant. Direct manager of CNA training started. Working diligently to fill all vacant positions to address current staffing needs.
 2. B-More Healthy Expo is set to take place on March 8th. MBON has secured a table to provide information on the licensing and certification process and will also be providing information on what makes nursing a rewarding career.
 - C. Review of Open Session Minutes: None.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Molina made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Gillis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Items B, C and D have been 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. Atlantic General Hospital – Converting from a CNA Only Training Program to a CNA/GNA Training Program (Program Code: 23066)
 - 2. Cedar Care, LLC – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 23023)
 - 3. Devlin Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 22412)
 - 4. Edmondson Westside High School – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 22505)
 - 5. New Destiny Health Career Center – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 23055)
 - 6. Parkside High School – CNA Only (Program Code: 22533)
 - 7. Renaissance Health Institute – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 23063)
- C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:
 - 1. Allegany College of Maryland
 - Kimberly Kaisner, R139246
 - 2. Center for Career & Technical Education
 - Sarah Lynn Taylor, R181096
 - 3. It Works Learning Center, Inc
 - Jennean Hodge, R136353
 - 4. Montgomery College
 - Theresa Obi, R238908
 - 5. Thomas Edison High School of Technology
 - Jose Aguiluz, R203540
- D. Approval of Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved CNA Training Programs:
 - 1. Lexington Healthcare Training Institute CNA/GNA Code: 23015 is seeking approval to add Chesapeake Shores as a clinical facility for its CNA/GNA Training Program.
 - 2. IT Works Learning Center Inc. CNA/GNA Program: Code 22669, is seeking approval to add Autumn Lake Healthcare at Glade Valley as a clinical facility for its CNA/GNA Training Program.
- E. Other
 - 1. Suitland High School closed their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training program on June 30, 2022, following the graduation of its final class in May 2022. In accordance with the closure process, all instructional materials and student records have been securely transferred to the Green Valley Instructional Center, located at 2215 Chadwick Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748.

3. Discussion of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. Withdrawal of Approval – Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 23020)

- Jordan made a motion to accept the findings in the report and withdraw approval of Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care for a minimum of two years – CNA/GNA (program Code: 23020). Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

- A. Allegany College of Maryland Nurse Refresher Program Renewal.
 - Hayward made a motion to accept the findings and approve the continued renewal for the Allegany College of Maryland Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Clinical Only Refresher Programs for five years. Gillis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Anne Arundel Community College Nurse Refresher Program Renewal.
 - Gillis made a motion to accept the findings and approve the continued renewal for the Anne Arundel Community College Hybrid and Online Registered Nurse Refresher Programs for an additional five years. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Molina abstained.
- C. Carroll Community College Full Cycle Site Visit (in collaboration with Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN-CNEA) Report.
 - Hicks made a motion to accept the findings from the Carroll Community College Full Cycle site visit conducted on October 2nd – 4th, 2024, anticipating that it will be renewed for eight years but pending submission of additional information in action plan. This will be brought back to the Board. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. College of Southern Maryland Full Cycle Site Visit (in collaboration with Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Report.
 - Hicks made a motion to accept the findings from the College of Southern Maryland Full Cycle site visit conducted on October 29th – 31st, 2024. This will be brought back to the Board. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. College of Southern Maryland Nurse Refresher Program Renewal.
 - Hicks made a motion to accept the findings and approve the continued renewal for the College of Southern Maryland Nurse Refresher Programs for an additional five years. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Community College of Baltimore County Nurse Refresher Program Renewal.
 - Hicks made a motion to accept the findings and approve the continued renewal for the Community College of Baltimore County Nurse Refresher Programs for an additional five years. Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. University of Maryland Full Cycle Site Visit (in collaboration with Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Report.

- Hayward made a motion to accept the findings from the University of Maryland Full Cycle site visit conducted on October 7th – 9th, 2024. This will be brought back to the Board. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Legislative Affairs (Trap Jervey, Health Policy Analyst)

A. Legislative Updates

1. HB 783 cross-filed with SB 458 Health Occupations – Structural Racism Training. The committee's position was a Letter of Support with Amendments.
2. HB 664: Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives Disciplinary Actions. The committee's position was a Letter of Support.
3. HB 482: Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Predetermination Review Process. The committee's position was a Letter of Concern.
4. HB 696 cross filed with SB 490: State Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, and Work groups – Elimination of Citizenship Requirements and Establishment of Diversity Requirements. The committee took no position.
5. HB 621: Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Adverse Actions and Removal from Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) Systems. The committee took no position.
6. HB 1493 cross-filed with SB 539: Health Occupations – Prescriptions for Children Subject to Shared Custody or Visitation Schedules. The committee's position was a Letter of Opposition.
7. HB 838 cross-filed with SB 854: Health Occupations – Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives – Revisions. The committee's position was a Letter of Opposition.
8. HB 1480: Child Advocacy Centers – Continuity of Care Standards for Health Care Professionals and Reports of Violations. The committee's position was a Letter of Support.
9. HB 1437: Catastrophic Health Emergency – Immunity for Health Care Providers – Repeal. The committee's position was a Letter of Opposition.
10. HB 1399: Health Occupations: Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors – Prohibition (Protect the Kids Act). The committee took no position.
11. HB 1240: Health Care Providers and Health Insurance Carriers – Use of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care Decision Making. The committee took no position.
12. HB 1314: Health Care – Prior Authorizations – Prohibiting Fees and Use of Artificial Intelligence. The committee took no position.
13. HB 845 cross-filed with SB 83: Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program. The committee's position was a Letter of Support with Amendments.
14. HB 1510: Medical Records – Notice of Destruction – Method. The committee took no position.

- Molina made a motion to ratify all positions taken by the committee. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None

7. Quarterly Reports

None

8. Other

None

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 10:10 a.m., 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.

February 26, 2025 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 10:10 a.m. to 3:36 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 a complaint involving 1 CRNP applicant(s);
 - Take no action on a complaint involving 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny for 2 CRNP applicant(s);
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
 - License 1 AC applicant(s);
 - License 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - License 3 RN applicant(s);
 - Certify 5 MT applicant(s);
 - Certify 6 CNA applicant(s);
 - License 2 RN applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter;
 - Certify 9 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.)