

Maryland Department of Health
STATE BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS

FEBRUARY 8, 2023
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 457th Board Meeting was convened at 9:45 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215 in Room 110 on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Members Present

1. John Beyer
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. Stevanne Ellis
5. Kelly Freidman, Board Chair
6. Kimberly Malin
7. Andre Moshenberg
8. Michelle Rosenheim (by phone)
9. Earl Runde
10. Nader Tavakoli-Jalili
11. Michael Willis, Vice Chair

Representatives of the State

1. Ciara J. Lee
Executive Director
2. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
3. Clarine Henderson, Health Occupations
Investigator

Visitors

1. Andrea Dwyer, LNHA

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

Recognition of Visitors

Board Chair Friedman welcomed visitors to the Board Meeting and allowed them to introduce themselves. Ms. Andrea Dwyer attended as a visitor.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 456th Board Meeting, held on Wednesday December 14, 2022 were approved as submitted.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Friedman stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 106.

Office Report

Ms. Lee gave the following report:

For the month of December:

- 3 Original licenses were issued
- 15 licenses were renewed
- 1 AIT application was processed
- 1 Reinstatement application was processed

1 Endorsement application was processed

For the month of January:

- 2 Original licenses were issued
- 5 licenses were renewed
- 1 AIT application was processed
- 1 Endorsement application was processed

As of February 8, 2023, there are currently:

- 492 active LNHA's
- 21 inactive LNHA's
- 423 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's
- 25 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Update

During the January 3, 2023 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

- 1 new 12-month AIT program
- 1 resumption of a 12-month AIT program at a new facility with a new preceptor
- 1 endorsement application
- 1 reinstatement application

Credentials Committee Update

During the January 19, 2023 (Ad-Hoc) Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

- 1 resumption of a 12-month AIT program with a new preceptor

Credentials Committee Update

During the February 7, 2023 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

- 3 new 12-month AIT program
- 1 endorsement application

AIT Site Visits – Virtual or On-Site Format

Ms. Lee facilitated a conversation with the Board to discuss their preference to move forward with continuing to conduct AIT Site Visits virtually or to return to the in-person format. After thorough discussion, a motion was made to review State and federal COVID-19 guidance and protocols in May 2023 and return to in-person AIT Site Visits at that time, if allowable. It was second and carried.

Legislative Updates

Ms. Patricia Cash, Legislative Committee Chair, provided an overview of the legislative bills that were introduced during January and February 2023 and the positions that were made by the Legislative Committee.

Date Received	Bill Number	Position
1/11/2023	SB 78	No Position
1/18/2023	HB 136	No Position
1/21/2023	HB 214	No Position
1/21/2023	SB 187	No Position

2/1/2023	HB 196	No Position
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Ms. Stevanne Ellis notified the Board that SB 665, sponsored by the President of the Office of the Attorney General, would possibly be introduced this session. Ms. Ellis urged the Board to review the bill because the bill focuses on unlicensed assisted living programs, and it may have a possible impact on Maryland assisted living managers as they will be required to be licensed under our Board by October 1, 2024.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to move to Closed Session. It was seconded and carried.


Board Chair Friedman provided the following Closed Session Statement: "Pursuant to Section, 3-305 of the Maryland General Provisions Article, by majority vote to close its meeting on February 8, 2023 at 10:02 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue Room 110, Baltimore, MD 21215, for the purpose of complying with Section 3-305(b) (7) (13) of the General Provisions Article, Section 1-401 of the Health Occupations Article, and COMAR 10.33.01.16C(1) which prevent the public disclosure of particular proceedings and discussions the Board goes into Closed Session."

Return to Open Session

The Board Meeting was reconvened at 11:37 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The Board returned to Open Session from Closed Session, where the Board ruled on five provisional license applications.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.


Executive Director


Board Chair