



# Board of Nursing

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P. H., Secretary

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES November 18, 2020 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, RN	RN Member (Clinician), Board President	X	
Gregory David Raymond, RN	RN Member (Nurse Administrator) Board Secretary.		X
Jennette Logan, DNP, RN	RN Member (Baccalaureate Nursing Educator)	X	
Ann Turner, RN	RN Member (Acute Care)	X	
Emalie Gibbons Baker, CNM	RN Member (APRN)	X	
Jenell Steele, RN	RN Member (APRN)	X	
Damare Vickers, LPN	LPN Member	X	
Robin Hill, RN	RN Member (Practical Nursing Educator)	X	
Laura V. Polk, Ph.D., RN	RN Member (Associate Degree Nursing Educator)	X	
Jocelyn Lyn-Kew, LPN	Licensed Nurse Member	X	
M. Dawne Hayward	RN Member (Delegating Nurse)	X	
Mariah Dillon, RN	RN Member (APRN)	X	
Charlene Harrod-Owuamana, LPN	LPN Member	X	
Charles Neudstadt	Consumer Member	X	
Audrey Cassidy	Consumer Member	X	

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<b>Board Counsel</b>			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Lindsey Snyder	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Katherine Giblin	Assistant Attorney General	X	
<b>Board Staff</b>			
Karen Evans	Executive Director	X	
Rhonda Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Ciara Lee	Executive Assistant	X	
Lakia Jackson	Board Counsel Paralegal	X	
Shetarah Goodwin	HR Liaison and Manager of Licensure	X	
Dr. Shelia Green	Consultant, Education and Exams	X	
Dr. Patricia Kennedy	Director, Education and Exams	X	
Monica Mentzer	Director, Practice and Education	X	
Karen Brown	Coordinator	X	
<b>Audience</b>			
Dorothy Holley	Baltimore City Community College	X	
Brenda Overton	Baltimore City Community College	X	
Pameal Ambush-burris	Baltimore City Community College	X	
Kathleen Wisser	Notre Dame of Maryland University	X	
Cheryl Kisinzu	Washington Adventist University	X	
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Helen Wilson	Washington Adventist University	X	
Evelyn Khandangle	Washington Adventist University	X	
Clark Johnson	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology,	X	
Pam Kasemeyer	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Legal Counsel	X	
Hajar Ouhammou	Capscore Academy for Healthcare Education	X	
Tanya Hacker	Capscore Academy for Healthcare Education	X	
Lorraine Diana	Legislative Care of the Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians	X	
Christi Menga	Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission	X	
Beverly Lang	Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland	X	

**Open Session**

1. **Call to Order:** Lyn-Kew made a motion to go into open session. Cassidy seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:00 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: Karen Evans, Executive Director, provided updates regarding the following: Introduction of new board member, Charlene Owuamana, previous CNA Advisory Committee member. New sign will be outside soon and the procurement of new microphones. Again, the best way to get applications to the Board is to drop them off rather than mailing them here. Secretary Neall will be retiring December 1. Still awaiting notice from US Department of Education.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Lyn-Kew made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Items A -C were reviewed and recommended for approval by the CNA Advisory Committee and the Practice and Education Committee*

- A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Seeking Board Approval:
  1. Cedar Care, LLC (CNA/GNA)
- B. Renewal of Approved CNA Training Programs:
  1. Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School (CNA/GNA)
  2. Parkside High School (CNA)
  3. Genesis HealthCare, Spa Creek Center (CNA/GNA)
  4. Nurse One, Inc. (CNA/GNA)
  5. Prince George's Community College (CNA/GNA)
- C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:
  1. Dawn M. Teeple, DNP, RN (R100679) Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
  2. Raena Banes, RN, MSN, WHNP-BC, MHA/Ed. (R102722) Genesis HealthCare, LaPlata Center
  3. Elaine Howard, RN (R185171) Genesis HealthCare, Cromwell Center
  4. Noel Williams, RN, BSN, CM/DN (R159799) Genesis HealthCare, Waugh Chapel Center
  5. Rebecca Skidmore, RN (R215742) Genesis HealthCare, Hammonds Lance Center
  6. Eileen R. Erksine RN, CRNP, MS (R097607) Howard Community College, Public School Program
  7. Chloe Gross, RN, BSN, ACRN (R145681) Community College of Baltimore County
  8. Stephanie Diodato, RN, BSN, MSN (R193936) Community College of Baltimore County

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

1. None.

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

None.

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

*Items A-B were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee*

#### A. Out of State programs/ Substantial Equivalency

1. Capscare Academy for HealthCare Education: Lyn-Kew made a motion to not to approve Capscare Academy. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The school was revisited later in the session, representatives for the school and students joined the session online. Lyn-Kew made a motion to rescind the vote taken this morning. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to rescind and bring Capscare back to the Board meeting in December.
2. Virginia School of Nursing and Medical Institute: Lyn-Kew made a motion not to approve Virginia School of Nursing and Medical Institute as it does not meet the regulatory requirements for approval. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Action Plan Reports Re: FY 2020 NCLR-X-RN Performance

1. Baltimore City Community College: Lyn-Kew made a motion to approve the performance improvement plan. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Notre Dame University of Maryland: Lyn-Kew made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Practice and Education committee to accept the action plan. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Washington Adventist University: Lyn-Kew made a motion to approve the action plan as outlined. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Cassidy made a motion to approve the Practice and Education committee to complete the site visit by September 30, 2021. Lyn-Kew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5. Practice (Monica Mentzer, Manager, Practice)

A. Monthly and quarterly stats were provided.

### 6. Certification (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)

A. None.

### 7. Licensure and Advanced Practice (Shetarah Goodwin, HR Liaison/ Manager, Licensure)

A. Monthly and quarterly stats were provided.

**8. Legislative Affairs (Rhonda Scott, Deputy Director)**

A. Legislative Updates

1. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act:
  - i. Requires the creation of the commission of Health Equity connecting all departments of government and reviews data collected by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission. Allows the commission to establish an advisory committee.
  - ii. Public Health Race and Ethnicity Information: Requires Health Occupations Board and Maryland Healthcare Commission to collect data including racial and ethnic composition of those who hold the license or certificate issued by the Health Occupations Board. The Board will need to track the data, as well as collect it, to have an annual report.
  - iii. Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Disparity: requires the cultural and linguistic healthcare professional competency program to apply a prudent and implicit bias training under Health Occupations Licensure and Certification. Upon renewal the applicant will have to provide the Board with this information. It is attached to the renewal and we will have to update the online application. This should not only be a responsibility of the Board as it will be a large undertaking.
2. LR0987 – Health Occupations – Delegations of Tasks: originally this bill needed to be reintroduced. The Board submitted a letter of support for the amendments of this bill. The bill allows nurse practitioners the ability to delegate nursing or other technical tasks to an assistant.
3. Certified Nursing Assistants – Certificate Renewal – Refresher course: bill will now state regulations to specify circumstances of nursing assistant renewal as a condition of renewal is required to complete either an approved training program or refresher training program. Number of didactic instruction hours and clinical hours must be approved. Regulations must be consistent with federal law. This came about because of the GNA.

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

*Item 9A was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee.*

- A. Summary of annual data collection forms submitted by licensed direct-entry midwives for the Board's annual report of licensed direct-entry midwives. Lyn-Kew made a motion to not make any recommendations at this time concerning question three due to not having enough information. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Lyn-Kew made a motion to not make any

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recommendations concerning question two due to lack of information and support. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### 10. Quarterly Reports

A. None.

### 11. Other

A. Certified Nurse Specialist - Prescriptive Authority

1. Request the Board move forward with updating COMAR with the proposed regulations, replacing the current Special Practice for Clinical Nurse Specialist to the actual scope under which they practice.

B. Maryland Cannabis Commission – Guidelines for Administration of Medical Cannabis to Qualifying Students

1. Proposed amendment to COMAR 10.27.11.01 to add the admission of medical cannabis in schools to a list of exclusions from the regulatory nursing delegation requirements. Gibbon-Baker made a motion to support the proposed amendment presented by the Maryland Medical Cannabis Committee. Lyn-Kew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Music Therapy Licensure

1. Maryland State Task Force asked the Board to consider a licensed profession under the Board. The rationale is that the education clinical settings of nursing and music therapy are the similar. Secondly, the medical setting nursing staff can be a referral source for music therapy services. Lyn-Kew made a motion to defer back that this is not under the Board's expertise and maybe another agency can spearhead it. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 11:30am, Lyn-Kew made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### June 28, 2023 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 11:48am to 12:15pm 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 one (1) RN applicant;

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- Take no action on a complaint involving one (1) CNA applicant.
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
  - License two (2) LPN applicants;
  - Certify one (1) CNA applicant;
  - License one (1) applicant and issue a Public Advisory Letter;

MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING

Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting  
under the Open Meetings Act (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 11/18/2020

Time: 11:34 am

Location: 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD; Conference Call Line

Motion to close meeting made by: Lyn-kew Seconded by Cassidy

Members in favor: Cassidy, Hicks, Lyn-kew, Harrod-Owumana, Mestadt, Polk, Logan, Vickers, Dillon, Steele, Turner, Hill, Hayward, Gibbons-Baker

Opposed: None Abstaining: None

Absent: Raymond

2. **Statutory authority to close session.** This meeting will be closed under General Provisions § 3-305(b) only:

(1)\_\_\_ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)\_\_\_ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)\_\_\_ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)\_\_\_ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)\_\_\_ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)\_\_\_ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7)\_\_\_ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)\_\_\_ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)\_\_\_ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)\_\_\_ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)\_\_\_ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)\_\_\_ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13)  "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)\_\_\_ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15)\_\_\_ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."