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MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING

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The Maryland Board of Nursing board meeting was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, commencing at 9:05 a.m. before Edward Bullock, Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland.

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1 ALSO PRESENT:  
 2 RHONDA SCOTT, Interim Executive Director  
 3 SCHENEQUA BROWN, Executive Assistant  
 4 DANIELLE JEFFERSON, Investigations  
 5 SHEILA GREEN, Education Consultant (via telephone)  
 6 MONICA MENTZER, Manager, Practice  
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1 BOARD MEMBER APPEARANCES:  
 2 GARY HICKS, RN Member, Board President  
 3 ANN TURNER, RN Member, Board Secretary  
 4 SUSAN LYONS, APRN Member  
 5 CHRISTINE LECHLITER, RN Member  
 6 AUDREY CASSIDY, Consumer Member  
 7 EMALIE GIBBONS-BAKER, APRN Member (via telephone)  
 8 M. DAWNE HAYWARD, RN Member  
 9 JACQUELINE HILL, RN Member  
 10 SUSAN STEINBERG, Consumer Member  
 11 CHARLENE HARROD-OWUAMANA, LPN Member  
 12 ROBIN HILL, Practical Nursing Educator Member  
 13 HEATHER WESTERFIELD, RN Member  
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1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS:  
 2 TIJUANA GRIFFIN, Washington Adventist University  
 3 JOAN TILGHMAN, Coppin State University  
 4 LORI HARVIN, Coppin State University (via telephone)  
 5 ASHLEY MEISEL, Harford Community College (via telephone)  
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educator member.

MS. STEINBERG: Susan Steinberg, consumer member.

MS. HARROD-OWUAMANA: Charlene Harrod-Owuamana, LPN member.

MS. ROBIN HILL: Dr. Robin Hill, practical nursing educator member.

MS. WESTERFIELD: Dr. Heather Westerfield, RN member, associate degree programs.

MR. HICKS: We will start this morning with Ms. Scott for any updates, Board Updates.

MS. SCOTT: Sure. Good morning, everyone. I just wanted to let everyone know that the MDH Reconnection Team has been working very diligently with the Board's IT Team to get us reconnected. And the great news is we are 100 percent reconnected to a network, hard-wired, so we're no longer relying on WiFi signal. So, staff, and I am sure you all are extremely appreciative of that. What that means for staff is it just helps us speed up the things that they do as far as licensing activity so that they don't have to log out of

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. HICKS: Good morning, everyone. We are going to go ahead and get started. If I can get a motion to go into Open Session.

MS. ROBIN HILL: So moved. Dr. Robin Hill.

MR. HICKS: Dr. Robin Hill.

MS. HARROD-OWUAMANA: Second.

MR. HICKS: Owuamana. All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MR. HICKS: Opposed?

(No oppositions)

MR. HICKS: Motion carries. We will start with roll call.

MS. LYONS: Susan Lyons, RN member, advanced practice nursing.

MS. LECHLITER: Chrissy Lechlitter, nurse administrator member.

MS. CASSIDY: Audrey Cassidy, consumer member.

MS. HAYWARD: Dawne Hayward, RN member.

MS. TURNER: Ann Turner, RN member.

MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Dr. Jacqueline Hill, RN

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one network and log in to another one just to check somebody's status. There is, however, still work to do such as getting our multimedia here in the boardroom connected so that we're able to have access to our speakers and things like that in the boardroom. They are going to be working on that as well.

Additionally, as far as staffing goes, we're working diligently to fill vacant positions. We are currently actively recruiting, meaning that we have things posted. We are waiting for a couple of folks to start in the next couple of weeks. So, we're really working hard to get positions filled.

That's all.

MR. HICKS: Any questions for Ms. Scott?

(No questions posed)

MR. HICKS: All right. Next is to approve the transcripts for the Open Session Meetings that we've had for calendar year '21, '22, and up to May of 2023.

Is there a motion to approve those transcripts in lieu of the minutes?

MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 MR. HICKS: Steinberg.</p> <p>2 MS. LYONS: Second. Lyons.</p> <p>3 MR. HICKS: Lyons. All in favor?</p> <p>4 ALL: Aye.</p> <p>5 MR. HICKS: Opposed?</p> <p>6 (No oppositions)</p> <p>7 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Is there a motion</p> <p>8 to approve the Consent Agenda?</p> <p>9 MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Motion for approval.</p> <p>10 Dr. Jacqueline Hill.</p> <p>11 MR. HICKS: Dr. Jacqueline Hill.</p> <p>12 MS. HAYWARD: Second. Hayward.</p> <p>13 MR. HICKS: Hayward. All in favor?</p> <p>14 ALL: Aye.</p> <p>15 MR. HICKS: Opposed?</p> <p>16 (No oppositions)</p> <p>17 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. We will go down</p> <p>18 to Education. Dr. Green, are you online?</p> <p>19 MS. GREEN: Good morning. This is Dr. Sheila</p> <p>20 Green. Can you hear me?</p> <p>21 MR. HICKS: Yep, good morning.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 Coppin State University pre-licensure program did not</p> <p>2 meet the Maryland required pass rate for fiscal year</p> <p>3 2022. And in accordance with our COMAR Regulation</p> <p>4 10.27.02.16(D)2(d), an action plan was required for the</p> <p>5 Board, and that was submitted May 30, 2023, and the</p> <p>6 attached documents address the requirements for the</p> <p>7 report. The university addressed issues related to</p> <p>8 contributing to determine the curriculum realignment for</p> <p>9 the issues with the pre-licensure program testing and</p> <p>10 test taking skills. The request for the Board notify</p> <p>11 Coppin regarding NCLEX candidate performance and faculty</p> <p>12 ongoing development. All of these elements were</p> <p>13 included in the document.</p> <p>14 Our findings were that the program’s faculty</p> <p>15 had identified the issues believed to have contributed</p> <p>16 to the challenges of NCLEX performance for their</p> <p>17 program. The recommendation that was approved by the</p> <p>18 Practice and Education Committee was to advance the</p> <p>19 findings to the Board for determination, and that the</p> <p>20 recommendation includes the information noted under the</p> <p>21 section below the recommendations to the Board. The</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 MS. GREEN: Good morning. The first item,</p> <p>2 Item 4A, is for Coppin State University Action Plan.</p> <p>3 The Board approved that the Action Plan’s date was</p> <p>4 extended to May 30th for submission, and that has been</p> <p>5 related to internal use for communication with the Board</p> <p>6 that we had to extend the date. It was not because of</p> <p>7 any needs of Coppin at that point. You have the Action</p> <p>8 Plan before you today.</p> <p>9 I would like to know, is Dr. Joan Tilghman or</p> <p>10 Dr. Lori Harvin on the line?</p> <p>11 MS. TILGHMAN: Dr. John Tilghman is here in</p> <p>12 the boardroom.</p> <p>13 MR. HICKS: In the room.</p> <p>14 MS. GREEN: Oh, in the room, very good.</p> <p>15 MS. HARVIN: And Dr. Harvin is on the line.</p> <p>16 MR. HICKS: Dr. Tilghman’s in the room.</p> <p>17 MS. GREEN: Good morning, Dr. Tilghman, and</p> <p>18 good morning, Dr. Harvin, on the line. It’s a good</p> <p>19 thing.</p> <p>20 As you have before you with the document, the</p> <p>21 summary information in the background provides that the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 recommendation to the Board is to approve this Action</p> <p>2 Plan with one exception, and that’s Appendix 7, Page 39,</p> <p>3 that the Action Plan submitted by Coppin State</p> <p>4 University’s School of Nursing. The request on that</p> <p>5 Appendage 7 was a request for consideration from Coppin</p> <p>6 to the Board, asking the Board if any individuals who</p> <p>7 were beyond a 90-day period of time who have not taken</p> <p>8 the NCLEX examination that Coppin be notified of that.</p> <p>9 And what we’re asking is that, we realize, respectfully,</p> <p>10 in accordance with COMAR 10.27.01.05, meaning</p> <p>11 qualification of an applicant for examination, that the</p> <p>12 Board is required to implement the standard or certify</p> <p>13 that the graduates have met all eligibility requirements</p> <p>14 to take the NCLEX examination. So, we’re requesting</p> <p>15 that that one appendix would not be approved within the</p> <p>16 document. And that, as we provide the quarterly report</p> <p>17 and as, I’m sure, Coppin State University Helene Fuld</p> <p>18 School of Nursing is doing their own internal tracking</p> <p>19 as well about graduates who are taking the NCLEX that</p> <p>20 they would remain responsible in terms of any contact</p> <p>21 they would choose to make for individuals who have not</p>

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1 at that point taken the board, although they may be  
 2 eligible to do so, because they met all of the  
 3 requirements through the Board of Nursing.  
 4 And then, the second request I have for the  
 5 Board is to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board  
 6 for a presentation to be provided by Coppin State  
 7 University Helene Fuld School of Nursing in the 6-month  
 8 period, approximately Dec 2023, just to provide the  
 9 Board with an update on progress to date, and recognizes  
 10 that this will take time. They have been very  
 11 aggressive, and that the actual Action Plan began on  
 12 Page 11 of your document -- I'm sorry, Page 7 of your  
 13 document in Appendix One, where they looked at several  
 14 areas; admissions, faculty, and so forth.  
 15 If there are any questions you may have, I am  
 16 here as well as Dr. Harvin and Dr. Tilghman, present in  
 17 the boardroom there, to answer any questions. Thank  
 18 you.  
 19 MR. HICKS: All right. Are there any  
 20 questions for either Dr. Green, Dr. Tilghman, or Dr.  
 21 Harvin?

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1 (No questions posed)  
 2 MR. HICKS: All right. So, is there a motion  
 3 to approve the Action Plan with the exception of  
 4 Appendage 7 that Dr. Green outlined?  
 5 MS. ROBIN HILL: So moved. Dr. Robin Hill.  
 6 MR. HICKS: Dr. Robin Hill.  
 7 MS. WESTERFIELD: Westerfield.  
 8 MR. HICKS: Westerfield.  
 9 MR. HICKS: Any discussion?  
 10 (No discussion posed)  
 11 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 12 ALL: Aye.  
 13 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 14 (No oppositions)  
 15 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Then, is there a  
 16 motion to accept the recommendation to establish an Ad  
 17 Hoc Committee that Dr. Green discussed?  
 18 MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Motion for approval.  
 19 Dr. Jacqueline Hill.  
 20 MS. HARROD-OWUAMANA: Harrod-Owuamana.  
 21 MR. HICKS: Harrod-Owuamana. Any discussion?

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1 (No discussion posed)  
 2 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 3 ALL: Aye.  
 4 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 5 (No oppositions)  
 6 MR. HICKS: Motion carries.  
 7 MS. GREEN: Thank you so much. Thank you, Dr.  
 8 Harvin and Dr. Tilghman, for your continued leadership  
 9 in this capacity. We appreciate you both.  
 10 MS. TILGHMAN: Thank you.  
 11 MS. HARVIN: Thank you.  
 12 MS. GREEN: Thank you. Our next item, Item  
 13 4B, is for Harford Community College Nursing Education,  
 14 Substantial Modification to the Existing Lower Division  
 15 Certificate (LDC) in Practical Nursing. They are  
 16 planning to reinstate their practical nursing program at  
 17 Harford Community College.  
 18 Dr. Meisel, are you online by any chance?  
 19 MS. MEISEL: Yes, good morning. This is Dr.  
 20 Meisel.  
 21 MS. GREEN: Good morning. We just wanted to

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1 make sure you were present. She is our dean at Harford  
 2 Community College in the nursing program and in Allied  
 3 Health, and we are pleased to have her here today for  
 4 this presentation.  
 5 Now, the background here is that Harford  
 6 Community College submitted to Maryland Higher Education  
 7 Commission a substantial modification proposal for the  
 8 existing Lower Division Certificate, the LDC, in  
 9 practical nursing. The request was approved by MHEC on  
 10 April 7, 2023. The Harford Community College Nursing  
 11 Education Program submitted a program proposal to  
 12 Maryland Board of Nursing on May 23, 2023 in accordance  
 13 with COMAR 10.27.03.18(a)to(d) of the new program and  
 14 continued approval requirements. The information  
 15 regarding this request is included in this document.  
 16 The findings are that Harford Community  
 17 College Nursing Education Program met COMAR  
 18 10.27.03.18(a)1, 3, and 4, with pending determinations  
 19 for COMAR 10.27.03.18(a)2 and (b)1 and 2(c) by the  
 20 Board. The Practice and Education Committee approved  
 21 the recommendation for the Board's consideration at its

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1 meeting on June 9th. And now, our recommendation for  
 2 moving forward to the Board seeking approval of the  
 3 proposal of Harford Community College regarding their  
 4 Nursing Education Substantial Modification to the  
 5 Existing Lower Division Certificate, LDC, for the  
 6 re-engagement of their practical nursing program and in  
 7 accordance with, of course, our new program continued  
 8 approval requirement. And our request is to grant  
 9 initial approval for the Harford Community College  
 10 Nursing Education Substantial Modification in Practical  
 11 Nursing in accordance with 10.27.03.18.

12 In Attachment A, gives you an overview of the  
 13 criteria in .18(a), and the particulars that we are  
 14 concerned about that we are requesting the Board to  
 15 grant approval of. First, you will see on the first  
 16 page of the criteria pending, under 10.27.03.18(a)2, the  
 17 nursing program provided onsite didactic or clinical  
 18 instruction shall comply with this chapter. And we're  
 19 asking for the Board's approval of this proposal. And,  
 20 respectfully, we know that an onsite visit by the  
 21 Maryland Board of Nursing Education Staff will need to

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1 be done prior to the admission of the LPN cohort, but we  
 2 would want that approval. And the second is a new  
 3 program review, which you have in your hand at this  
 4 point in time. It's a pending there for 6/28/2023  
 5 meeting. And then on the next page under C, Initial  
 6 Approval Pending, and again, we would want to have  
 7 consideration by the Board to address the initial  
 8 approval that will grant Harford the chance to move  
 9 forward in their finalization and movement forward in  
 10 the program.

11 And then, there are some areas that will be  
 12 pending post the start of the classes that we will need  
 13 to bring back to the Board, but we just wanted to have  
 14 this outlined so you knew where we were from a staff's  
 15 standpoint and what is really required for the help of  
 16 Harford moving forward.

17 If you have any questions, you certainly have  
 18 myself as well as Dr. Meisel to answer any questions you  
 19 may have. Thank you.

20 MR. HICKS: All right. Are there any  
 21 questions for Dr. Green or Dr. Meisel?

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1 (No questions posed)  
 2 MR. HICKS: All right, hearing none. Is  
 3 there a motion to grant initial approval for the  
 4 Substantial Modification to the Existing Lower Division  
 5 Certificate and Practical Nursing for Harford Community  
 6 College?  
 7 MS. LECHLITER: So moved. Lechlitter.  
 8 MR. HICKS: Lechlitter.  
 9 MS. HARROD-OWUAMANA: Harrod-Owuamana.  
 10 MR. HICKS: Harrod-Owuamana. All in favor?  
 11 ALL: Aye.  
 12 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 13 (No oppositions)  
 14 MR. HICKS: Motion carries.  
 15 MS. GREEN: Thank you very much.  
 16 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Dr. Green. Thank you,  
 17 Dr. Meisel.  
 18 MS. MEISEL: Thank you.  
 19 MR. HICKS: All right. We will move down to  
 20 Legislative Affairs. Ms. Scott?  
 21 MS. SCOTT: Sure. Good morning again,

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1 everyone. So, I will be presenting 7A, Legislative  
 2 Affairs. So, 7A-1, this is a request to amend Health  
 3 Occupations Article Section 8-6A-08, and this is under  
 4 Certified Dialysis Technician Continuing Education  
 5 Requirements. This provides the renewal requirement for  
 6 dialysis techs.  
 7 Currently, Section 8-608(e)4(i)2, states that  
 8 before a certificate expires, a dialysis technician  
 9 periodically may renew it for an additional term if the  
 10 certificate holder has completed a 3-hour continuing  
 11 education course approved by the Board.  
 12 So, we interpret that language to mean one 3-  
 13 hour course. However, the issue is that when the Board  
 14 surveyed a number of vendors offering dialysis  
 15 technician continuing education courses, none of these  
 16 vendors actually offer one 3-hour course.  
 17 So, the request is to amend the current  
 18 language to say: Three hours of continuing education.  
 19 Which would then permit the applicant to take three  
 20 one-hour courses, therefore by not having a barrier to  
 21 renewal.

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1 MR. HICKS: Any questions for Ms. Scott?  
 2 (No questions posed)  
 3 MR. HICKS: All right, hearing none. Is there  
 4 a motion to accept the amendment to the dialysis tech  
 5 language from a total of three hours to a cumulative of  
 6 three hours?  
 7 MS. SCOTT: Correct, instead of one 3-hour  
 8 course, yes.  
 9 MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.  
 10 MR. HICKS: Steinberg.  
 11 MS. CASSIDY: Cassidy.  
 12 MR. HICKS: Cassidy. Any discussion?  
 13 (No discussion posed)  
 14 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 15 ALL: Aye.  
 16 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 17 (No oppositions)  
 18 MR. HICKS: Motion carries.  
 19 MS. SCOTT: Thank you. Now, 7A-2, so this is  
 20 a request to amend Health Occupations Article Section 8-  
 21 301, License Required, Exceptions, Multistate

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1 Privileges.  
 2 So, in addition to the current language which  
 3 provides licensure exceptions for registered nurses and  
 4 licensed practical nurses, this amendment would also  
 5 explicitly provide an exception for advanced practice  
 6 nurses. The current language in the Nurse Practice Act  
 7 permitting exceptions to RN licensure is arguably broad  
 8 and not to encompass APRN student or graduate practice,  
 9 but it is not as explicit as it should be so we would  
 10 like to reinforce that such practice is permitted. So,  
 11 as for some clarification, we are concerned that some  
 12 healthcare organizations may question whether the  
 13 practice is permitted in Maryland.  
 14 So, what we would like to do, the proposed  
 15 amendment would add under Section 8-301 would include an  
 16 advanced practice registered nursing section in addition  
 17 to RN and LPNs, and would add under C. The language  
 18 would read: Accepted otherwise provided in this title,  
 19 an individual shall be certified as an advanced practice  
 20 registered nurse before the individual may practice  
 21 advanced practice registered nursing in this state.

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1 This is going to be consistent with the language that's  
 2 currently in there under Registered Nursing and Licensed  
 3 Practical Nursing.  
 4 And then, under Exceptions, there would be  
 5 Section D2, which would read: A student enrolled in a  
 6 nationally accredited education program for advanced  
 7 practice registered nursing while practicing advanced  
 8 practice registered nursing in that program thereby  
 9 permitting that practice as a graduate or student nurse  
 10 without being licensed. And then, Under D5 we would  
 11 just in keeping it consistent with the other language,  
 12 we would add: An individual permitted to practice  
 13 advanced practice registered nursing under rules and  
 14 regulations adopted by the Board.  
 15 MR. HICKS: Any questions for Ms. Scott?  
 16 (No questions posed)  
 17 MR. HICKS: All right. Is there a motion to  
 18 accept the amendments that Ms. Scott has proposed?  
 19 MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.  
 20 MR. HICKS: Steinberg.  
 21 MS. CASSIDY: Cassidy.

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1 MR. HICKS: Cassidy. Any discussion?  
 2 (No discussion posed)  
 3 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 4 ALL: Aye.  
 5 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 6 (No oppositions)  
 7 MR. HICKS: Motion carries.  
 8 MS. SCOTT: Thank you.  
 9 MR. HICKS: All right. We will move down to  
 10 8, Direct-Entry Midwives and Electrology. Ms. Mentzer?  
 11 MS. MENTZER: Good morning.  
 12 ALL: Good morning.  
 13 MS. MENTZER: We are going to start with  
 14 8A-1. This is an application for initial licensure to  
 15 practice direct-entry midwifery.  
 16 Pursuant to, and in accordance with Maryland  
 17 Code Annotated Health Occupations Section 8-6(c)-12:  
 18 Committee Powers and Duties, specifically Section  
 19 8-6(c)-12(a)1.  
 20 On June 2, 2023, the Direct-Entry Midwifery  
 21 Advisory Committee has reviewed the completed

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1 application for initial licensure to practice  
 2 direct-entry midwifery, received to the Board on May 9,  
 3 2023 for Ms. Anne V. Monson.  
 4 The committee finds that the applicant, Ms.  
 5 Anne V. Monson, meets all of the minimum requirements in  
 6 Maryland Code Annotated Health Occupations Section  
 7 8-6(c)-13: License Qualifications, and therefore the  
 8 committee recommends to the Board to accept and approve  
 9 the application for Ms. Anne V. Monson for an initial  
 10 license to practice direct-entry midwifery in Maryland.  
 11 Pursuant to the requirements in Maryland Code Annotated  
 12 Health Occupation Section 8-6(c)-16: License to Issue  
 13 License, and Code of Maryland Regulations, COMAR Title  
 14 10; Subtitle 64; Chapter 1: Application for Licenses  
 15 and Issuance of Licenses, specifically COMAR  
 16 10.64.01.16(a)1 to 5; and COMAR 10.64.01.16(e)1 and 2.  
 17 Are there any questions about this applicant?  
 18 MR. HICKS: Any questions?  
 19 (No questions posed)  
 20 MR. HICKS: Hearing none. Is there a motion  
 21 to accept and approve the application for initial

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1 licensure for Anne V. Monson as a license to practice  
 2 direct-entry midwifery?  
 3 MS. JACQUELINE HILL: Move to approve.  
 4 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Gibbons-Baker.  
 5 MR. HICKS: Dr. Jacqueline Hill, Emalie  
 6 Gibbons-Baker. All in favor?  
 7 ALL: Aye.  
 8 MR. HICKS: Any discussion?  
 9 (No discussion posed)  
 10 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 11 (No oppositions)  
 12 MR. HICKS: Motion carries.  
 13 MS. MENTZER: Thank you. We will move on to  
 14 8A-2. This is an additional application for initial  
 15 licensure to practice direct-entry midwifery.  
 16 Pursuant to and in accordance with Maryland  
 17 Code Annotated Health Occupations Section 8-6(c)-12:  
 18 Committee Powers and Duties, specifically Section  
 19 8-6(c)-12(a)1. On June 2, 2023, the Direct-Entry  
 20 Midwifery Advisory Committee has reviewed a completed  
 21 application for initial licensure to practice

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1 direct-entry midwifery received to the Board's Practice  
 2 Department on May 5, 2023 for Ms. Atara R. Klein. The  
 3 committee finds that the applicant, Ms. Atara R. Klein,  
 4 meets all of the minimum requirements in Maryland Code  
 5 Annotated Health Occupations Section 8-6(c)-13: License  
 6 Qualifications, and therefore the committee recommends  
 7 to the Board to accept and approve the application for  
 8 Ms. Atara R. Klein for an initial license to practice  
 9 direct-entry midwifery in Maryland.  
 10 Pursuant to the requirements in Maryland Code  
 11 Annotated Health Occupations Section 8-6(c)-16:  
 12 License, Issuance of License, and the Code of Maryland  
 13 Regulations, COMAR, Title 10; Subtitle 64; Chapter 01:  
 14 Application for Licenses and Issuance of Licenses,  
 15 specifically COMAR 10.64.01.16(a)1 to 5; and COMAR  
 16 10.64.01.16(e)1 and 2.  
 17 Are there any questions about this applicant?  
 18 MR. HICKS: Any questions?  
 19 (No questions posed)  
 20 MR. HICKS: Hearing none. Is there a motion  
 21 to accept and approve Atara R. Klein for initial

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1 licensure to practice direct-entry midwifery?  
 2 MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.  
 3 MR. HICKS: Steinberg.  
 4 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Gibbons-Baker.  
 5 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 6 ALL: Aye.  
 7 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 8 (No oppositions)  
 9 MR. HICKS: Motion carries.  
 10 MS. MENTZER: Thank you. We're going to move  
 11 on to 8B-1. This an application for initial licensure  
 12 to practice electrology.  
 13 Pursuant to and in accordance with Maryland  
 14 Code Annotated Health Occupations Section 8-6(b)-06:  
 15 Committee Powers and Duties, specifically Section  
 16 8-6(b)-064; and Section 8-6(b)-066.  
 17 The Electrology Practice Committee has  
 18 reviewed the completed application for initial licensure  
 19 to practice electrology for Ms. Fatima Wachuku. The  
 20 committee finds that the applicant, Ms. Fatima Wachuku,  
 21 meets all the minimum requirements in Maryland Code



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1 Annotated Health Occupations Section 8-6(b)-08(a)to(b);  
 2 Section 8-6(b)09; and Section 8-6(b)-10, and recommends  
 3 to the Board to accept and approve the application for  
 4 Ms. Fatima Wachuku for an initial licensure to practice  
 5 electrology in Maryland pursuant to Section 8-6(a)09(b):  
 6 Issuance of License.  
 7 Additionally, the committee recommends to the  
 8 Board that Ms. Wachuku will need to provide  
 9 documentation of three Board-approved continuing  
 10 education units for the first renewal of an initial  
 11 license issued to practice electrology in accordance  
 12 with COMAR 10.54.04.03(d)1.  
 13 Are there any questions about this  
 14 application?  
 15 MR. HICKS: Any questions?  
 16 (No questions posed)  
 17 MR. HICKS: Hearing none. Is there a motion  
 18 to accept and approve the application for licensure to  
 19 practice electrology for Fatima Wachuku?  
 20 MS. LYONS: So moved. Lyons.  
 21 MR. HICKS: Lyons.

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1 MS. CASSIDY: Cassidy.  
 2 MR. HICKS: Cassidy. All in favor?  
 3 ALL: Aye.  
 4 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 5 (No oppositions)  
 6 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Thank you.  
 7 MS. MENTZER: Thank you.  
 8 MR. HICKS: All right. Moving down to Section  
 9 10. Ms. Richardson?  
 10 (No response)  
 11 MR. HICKS: Ms. Richardson, are you online?  
 12 (No response)  
 13 MR. HICKS: All right. While we're waiting on  
 14 Ms. Richardson, I will open up the floor for the Board.  
 15 If there is anyone in the room or anyone online that  
 16 would like to address the Board.  
 17 (No discussions posed)  
 18 MR. HICKS: All right. Ms. Richardson, are  
 19 you there?  
 20 MS. RICHARDSON: Good morning. Yes, I'm here.  
 21 MR. HICKS: Good morning. We will turn it

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1 over to you for the CNA Advisory Committee.  
 2 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay. So, I would just like  
 3 to present to resumes; one, for Kimberly Green for  
 4 alternate acute care CNA; and I would like to present  
 5 Khenae Franklin as alternate homecare CNA.  
 6 MR. HICKS: Okay. And these would be – are  
 7 they permanent members of the committee or Ad Hoc  
 8 Committee members?  
 9 MS. RICHARDSON: They would be alternates for  
 10 the CNA Advisory Committee.  
 11 MR. HICKS: Gotcha, okay. Is there a motion  
 12 to accept the application for Khenae L. Franklin as an  
 13 alternate to the CNA Advisory Committee?  
 14 MS. LECHLITER: So moved. Lechliter.  
 15 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Gibbons-Baker.  
 16 MR. HICKS: Lechliter, Gibbons-Baker. Any  
 17 discussion?  
 18 (No discussion posed)  
 19 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 20 ALL: Aye.  
 21 MR. HICKS: Opposed?

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1 (No oppositions)  
 2 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Next would be to  
 3 accept Kimberly N. Green as an alternate member of the  
 4 CNA Advisory Committee.  
 5 MS. CASSIDY: So moved. Cassidy.  
 6 MR. HICKS: Cassidy.  
 7 MS. TURNER: Second. Turner.  
 8 MR. HICKS: Turner. Any discussion?  
 9 (No discussion posed)  
 10 MR. HICKS: All in favor?  
 11 ALL: Aye.  
 12 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 13 (No oppositions)  
 14 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Thank you, Ms.  
 15 Richardson.  
 16 MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you. Have a good day.  
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 18 MR. HICKS: You, too. In a moment I am going  
 19 to ask if there is a motion to close the Open Session,  
 20 but first I am going to walk us through the written  
 21 statement that is required by the Open Meetings Act to

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1 ensure that all Board members agree with its content.  
 2 As documented in the written statement, the  
 3 statutory authority to close this Open Session and meet  
 4 in Closed Session is General Provisions Article  
 5 3-305(b)13, which gives the Board the authority to close  
 6 the Open Session, to comply with the specific statutory  
 7 or judicial imposed requirement that prevents public  
 8 disclosures about a particular matter or proceeding.  
 9 The topic to be discussed during Closed Session is  
 10 applications for licensure and/or certification. The  
 11 reason for discussing this topic in Closed Session is to  
 12 discuss confidential matters that are prohibited from  
 13 public disclosures by the Annotated Code of Maryland,  
 14 Health Occupations Article Sections 8-303(f), Health  
 15 Occupations Article 8-320(a), and Health Occupations  
 16 Article 1-401, and General Provisions Article 4-333. In  
 17 addition, the Board performs Quasi Judicial and  
 18 administrative functions involving disciplinary matters  
 19 during the Closed Session.  
 20 Is there a motion to close this Open Session  
 21 pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in

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1 the written statement, or any discussion thereof?  
 2 MS. STEINBERG: So moved. Steinberg.  
 3 MR. HICKS: Steinberg.  
 4 MS. HAYWARD: Second. Hayward.  
 5 MR. HICKS: Hayward. All in favor?  
 6 ALL: Aye.  
 7 MR. HICKS: Opposed?  
 8 (No oppositions)  
 9 MR. HICKS: Motion carries. Thank you,  
 10 everyone. Have a great day. Emalie, we will reconvene  
 11 in about ten minutes.  
 12 MS. GIBBONS-BAKER: Great. Thank you so much.  
 13 (Whereupon, at 9:40 a.m. the Open Session was  
 14 adjourned.)  
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1 CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY  
 2 I, EDWARD BULLOCK, a Notary Public of the State  
 3 of Maryland, do hereby certify that the proceedings were  
 4 recorded via audio by me and that this transcript is a  
 5 true record of the proceedings. I am not responsible  
 6 for inaudible portions of the proceedings.  
 7 I further certify I am not of counsel to any of  
 8 the parties, nor an employee of counsel, nor related to  
 9 any of the parties, nor in any way interested in the  
 10 outcome of this action as witness my hand and notarial  
 11 seal this 28th day of June, 2023  
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 15 Edward Bullock, Notary Public  
 16 in and for the State of Maryland  
 17  
 18 My commission expires: May 13, 2027  
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## Script for Closing Open Session

In a moment, I am going to ask if there is a motion to close the open session, but first I am going to walk us through the written statement that is required by the Open Meetings Act to ensure that all Board members agree with its contents.

As documented in the written statement, the statutory authority to close this open session and meet in closed session is General Provisions § 3-305(b)(13), which gives the Board the authority to close an open session "to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular matter or proceeding." The topic to be discussed during closed session is applications for licensure and/or certification. The reason for discussing this topic in closed session is to discuss confidential matters that are prohibited from public disclosure by the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article § 8-303(f), Health Occupations Article § 8-320(a), Health Occupations Article § 1-401 *et seq.*, and General Provisions Article § 4-333. In addition, the Board may also perform quasi-judicial and administrative functions involving disciplinary matters during the closed session.

Is there a motion to close this open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement or any discussion thereof?

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting  
under the Open Meetings Act (Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305)

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 6/28/2023 Time: 9:40am  
Location: **Maryland Board of Nursing, 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD**  
Motion to close meeting made by: Steinberg Seconded by Hayward  
Members in favor: Lyons, Lechliter, Cassidy, Hayward, Turner, Hicks, J. Hill, Steinberg,  
Opposed: None Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

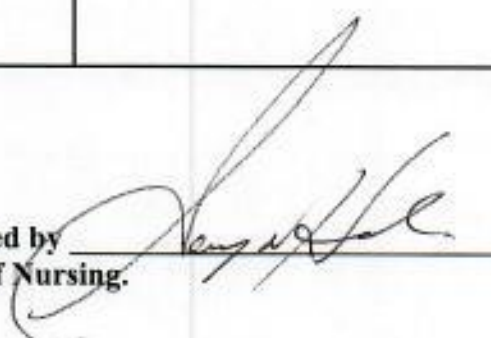
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Westerfield,  
Giddens-Parker*

2. **Statutory authority to close session.** This meeting will be closed under Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 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) X "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."

3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the Maryland State Board of Nursing's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§ 3-305(b) (13)	Applications for licensure and/or certification	To discuss confidential matters prohibited from public disclosure by Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. sections 8-303(f), 8-320(a), 1-401 <i>et seq.</i> and General Provisions section 4-333.
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4. This statement is made or adopted by , Presiding Officer, Maryland State Board of Nursing.