

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2018
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The 417th Board Meeting was convened at 9:44 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Members Present

1. Felicia Anthony, Board Chair
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. Thomas Edmondson
5. Stevanne Ellis
6. Kelly Smith Friedman
7. Jennifer Goldsborough
8. Charell McFarland
9. Luis Navas-Migueloa
10. Phillip Pawlukovich
11. Roy Savoie
12. Belinda Strayhorn
13. Calvin Vain

Representatives of the State

1. Ronda Butler Washington
Executive Director
2. Andrea Hill
Licensing Coordinator
3. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
4. Danielle Vallone
Investigator

Visitor

1. Kim Lang, Maryland Dept. of Health
Director, Health Occupations Boards
and Commissions

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes approved as submitted.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Anthony acknowledged visitor Kim Lang, Director, Health Occupations Boards and Commissions and asked her to introduce herself to the Board. Ms. Lang explained that her role is to serve as a liaison between the Secretary of the Department of Health and the Health Occupations Boards and Commissions.

Board Chair Anthony noted that the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 106.

Office Report

Ms. Washington provided the following office report:

For the month of November:

2 Original licenses were issued
27 Licenses were renewed
1 License went into inactive status
1 License was reinstated
1 License was reactivated

For the month of December:

1 Original licenses was issued
21 Licenses were renewed
1 License went into inactive status
1 AIT application was processed

For the month of January:

21 Licenses were renewed

As of February 14, 2018 there are currently:

514 active LNHA's
31 inactive LNHA's
18 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Update

The Credentials Committee approved the following during these recent meetings:

November 15, 2017

1 new 12-month AIT program
1 endorsement application
2 final reviews of completed AIT programs
1 reinstatement

December 5, 2017

1 new 12-month AIT program

February 6, 2018

- 1 new 12-month AIT program
- 1 change of preceptor for a 9-month AIT program
- 1 change of preceptor and facility for a 12-month AIT program
- 2 endorsement application

AIT Site Visits

The Executive Director conducted the following AIT site monitoring visits:

- November 16th with Calvin Vain
- November 21st with Luis Navas- Migueloa
- December 8th with Felicia Anthony
- February 1st with Debra Buckalew
- February 2nd with Felicia Anthony

Upcoming AIT Site Monitoring Visits

The Executive Director is scheduled to conduct the following AIT site monitoring visits:

- February 15th with Luis Navas-Migueloa
- February 16th with Kelly Friedman
- March 2nd with Felicia Anthony

Update on Legislation

Ms. Washington directed the Board to the material in their packets, which included a flow chart that summarized the steps involved in the legislative process. Ms. Washington then discussed the Health Occupations Boards and Commissions submitted position paper for HB 288 – Health Occupations - Power of Secretary of Health - Boards and Commissions. Ms. Washington noted that all of the Boards strongly oppose this proposed legislation, which would allow the Secretary to vacate disciplinary actions that the Boards make regarding their licensees; this legislation would diminish the Boards’ autonomy and authority to zero. The Legislative Committee voted to submit a Board position of “oppose” for HB 288. Ms. Washington also discussed SB 386 – Maryland Nursing Home Resident Protection Act of 2018. This proposed legislation would require additional State funding for staffing of surveyors in the Office of Healthcare Quality in order to conduct more timely investigations in nursing home facilities. The Legislative Committee did not unanimously come to a conclusion on this bill; therefore, the Committee decided to take no position.