

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

**APRIL 10, 2019
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The 427th Board Meeting was convened at 9:32 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

Members Present

1. Felicia Anthony, Chair
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. Thomas Edmondson, Vice Chair
5. Stevanne Ellis
6. Kelly Friedman
7. Margie Heald
8. Charell McKenzie
9. Phillip Pawlukovich
10. Michelle Rosenheim
11. Belinda Strayhorn

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. Lillian Reese
Legislative & Regulations Coordinator
5. David Bruce
Health Occupations Investigator
6. Michael Weinstein
Health Occupations Investigator

Visitors

1. Kimberly Lang, MDH
2. Daren Cortese, Health Facilities
Association of Maryland
3. Joseph DeMattos, Jr. Health Facilities
Association of Maryland

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

Recognition of Visitors

Board Chair Anthony recognized Mr. Daren Cortese, Board Chair of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland (“HFAM”) and Mr. Joseph DeMattos, Jr., HFAMS’s President and CEO.

Mr. David Bruce introduced Mr. Michael Weinstein. He is the new part-time Investigator.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 426th Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Chair’s Report

Board Chair Anthony stated that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. She also stated that, due to date of the NAB Annual Meeting (which she will attend with Ms. Washington), the June Board meeting has been rescheduled to June 19, 2019 at 9:30 am.

Legislative Update

The Board reviewed the pending legislation and associated position papers, and Ms. Reese gave the following updates:

HB 22 Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History – Ms. Reese stated that this bill passed with the amended verbiage.

SB 974 Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History – Ms. Reese stated that this died in committee.

Legislative Committee Report

Vice Chair Dr. Edmondson explained the proposed amendments the Committee has been working on. He explained that they have been discussing changing the process by which licensed practitioners may apply to be appointed to the Board. Currently, licensed practitioners must be affiliated with a professional association that provides a letter of recommendation. The Committee is suggesting that this process limits the pool of eligible licensed practitioners that apply and so if that is no longer a barrier, the Board may receive more applications from qualified professionals.

Board Vote on Proposed Legislative Amendments

Board Chair Anthony spoke to the Board about the proposed changes to the following regulations on Membership:

To add to §9-202 (b) (2) a section (iii) **The Secretary may recommend a licensed practitioner who is not affiliated with a professional association or society if the licensed practitioner is actively practicing and has a minimum of 5 years of practice experience.** After some discussion it was decided by the Board to have the Legislative Committee come back with new language that better clarifies the Secretary's role in appointing practitioners to the Board.

For §9-301. License required; exception. Amending sub-section (b) (2) (ii) by replacing #3 with a new section and re-numbering #3 to #4. The new section #3 would read: **The Board has the discretion to issue a provisional license for a period of less than 90 days, upon the Board's determination that a period of less than 90 days is warranted.** It was explained that using the new verbiage makes the decision more difficult to challenge, because it leaves it at the discretion of the Board. The Board approved the amendment with the formatting changes discussed.

Maryland's supply of LNHA's – Daren Cortese, Board Chair, HFAM

Mr. Cortese passed out a handout in regards to suggestions that HFAM has put together relative to the Board's licensing standards and AIT program requirements that they believe would help entice more candidates to join the nursing home administrator profession.

AIT Meet and Greet

Ms. Washington stated that the Meet and Greet would be held on May 3, 2019 at the new offices of OHCQ in Columbia.

Office Report

Ms. Washington provided the following office report:

For the month of March:

- 1 Original license was issued
- 24 Licenses were renewed
- 2 Licenses went inactive
- 1 License was reinstated
- 1 AIT application was processed
- 4 Endorsement applications were processed

As of April 10, 2019, there are currently:

537 active LNHA's
29 inactive LNHA's
265 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's
18 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Update

On April 2, 2019 the Credentials Committee voted to approve the following:

2 changes of preceptor
1 change of preceptor and location
1 final review of a completed AIT program
2 licensure by endorsement applications

AIT Site Monitoring Visits

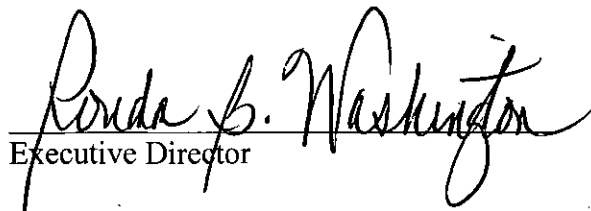
The Executive Director conducted the following recent AIT Site Monitoring Visits:

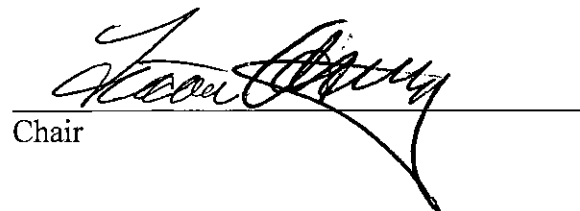
March 29, 2019 with Board Member Kelly Friedman

Contractual Health Occupations Investigator

Michael Weinstein began working with the Boards on April 3, 2019 and will be an assistant investigator to the Board's senior investigator, David Bruce.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.


Executive Director


Chair