

**Maryland Department of Health  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2020  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The 433<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting was convened at 9:32 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

**Members Present**

1. Felicia Anthony, Chair
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. David Cherry
5. Thomas Edmondson, Vice-Chair
6. Stevanne Ellis
7. Kelly Smith Friedman
8. Joyce Fritsch
9. Jennifer Goldsborough
10. Phillip Pawlukovich
11. Michelle Rosenheim
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. Lillian Reese  
Legislative & Regulations Coordinator
5. David Bruce  
Investigator
6. Troy Pumphrey  
Investigator

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

**Welcome to New Board Members**

Board Chair Anthony welcomed the two new Board members Mr. David Cherry, Deputy Director, Long Term Care Unit at OHCQ and Ms. Joyce Fritsch, Geriatric Social Worker. She then asked them to introduce themselves.

**Welcome to New Staff Members**

Ms. Washington welcomed Mr. Troy Pumphrey. Mr. Pumphrey was asked to introduce himself to the Board and Board Chair Anthony asked the Board to introduce themselves to Mr. Pumphrey and the new Board Members.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 432<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting held on February 12, 2020 were approved as submitted.

### **Chair's Report**

Board Chair Anthony stated that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:30 am in Room 110.

### **Office Report**

Ms. Washington provided the following office report:

#### **For the month of December 2019**

2 Original licenses were issued  
21 Licenses were renewed  
1 License was reinstated  
2 AIT applications were processed  
2 Endorsement applications were processed

#### **For the month of January 2020**

3 Original licenses were issued  
21 Licenses were renewed  
5 AIT applications were processed  
1 Endorsement application was processed

#### **As of February 12, 2020 there are:**

530 active LNHA's  
21 inactive LNHA's  
157 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's  
19 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

#### **Credentials Committee Updates**

During the February 4, 2020 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

4 12-month AIT programs  
1 10-month AIT program  
2 completed AIT programs ready for licensure  
1 application for Endorsement  
1 application for Reinstatement

#### **The following AIT Site Monitoring Visits were recently conducted:**

December 13, 2019 Calvin Vain (covering for the Executive Director) & Kelly Friedman  
January 31, 2020 Michelle Rosenheim & Ronda Washington

**Contractual Health Occupations Investigator Position**

The Board's full-time contractual investigator, Troy Pumphrey, started his position on February 5, 2020.

**Legislative Committee Update**

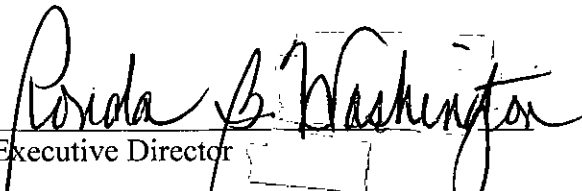
Vice Chair Edmondson and Ms. Washington discussed the two bills that the Board has submitted and that Senator Delores Kelley is sponsoring. Ms. Washington stated that the hearing dates for HB 707 and HB631 will be coming up soon and that Felicia Anthony, Stevanne Ellis and she will be testifying. HB707 would require Maryland assisted living managers to be licensed. HB631 would remove the requirement that all professionally licensed Board applicants must have a letter of recommendation from a professional association or society. HB631 would also allow the Board the flexibility to approve a provisional license for less than 90 days, if warranted. There has been a lot of support for HB707, including written letters from the CEO of NAB, Randy Lindner, and FARB. There has been some opposition to HB707 from LifeSpan, and the Senator has received emails expressing concern that the facilities will end up losing money because the license requirement will cost them more money. Ms. Washington stated that the Board is attempting to provide regulation where regulation does not currently exist.

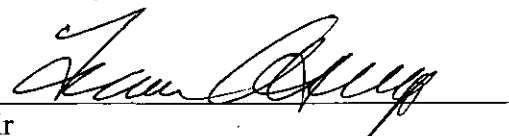
**HB1256**

Very important bill that just came out and the hearing will be March 6, 2020 at 1pm. This bill is attempting to reduce the current number of hours for an AIT program as well as other licensing requirements. Board Chair Anthony stated that she believes that everyone should be in attendance if they can. The Board voted to oppose HB1256 unanimously.

**Meeting Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

  
Executive Director

  
Chair