

VIRGINIA BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS

BYLAWS

Article I. Officers

Election, Terms of Office, Vacancies

1. Officers

The officers of the Virginia Board of Long-Term Care Administrators (Board) shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

2. Election.

The organizational year for the Board shall run from July 1st through June 30th. At the first meeting of the organizational year, the Board shall elect from its members a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

3. Terms of Office.

The terms of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be for one year. An officer may be re-elected in that same position for a second consecutive term. Nominations for office shall be selected by open ballot, and election shall require a majority of the members present.

4. Vacancies.

A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by a special election at the next meeting of the Board.

Article II. Duties of Officers

1. Chair.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings and conduct all business according to the Administrative Process Act and Robert's Rules; shall appoint all committees except where specifically provided by law; shall appoint agency subordinates; shall sign certificates and documents authorized to be signed by the Chair; and, may serve as an ex-officio member of committees.

2. Vice- Chair.

The Vice-Chair shall perform all duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

Article III. Duties of Members

1. Qualifications.

After appointment by the Governor, each member of the Board shall forthwith take the oath of office to qualify for service as provided by law.

2. Attendance at meetings.

Members of the Board shall attend all regular and special meetings of the full Board, meetings of committees to which they are assigned and all hearings conducted by the Board at which

their attendance is requested by the Executive Director, unless prevented by illness or other unavoidable cause. In the case of an unavoidable absence of any member from any meeting, the Chair may reassign the duties of such absent member.

Article IV. Meeting

1. Number.

The Board shall schedule at least three regular meetings in each year, with the right to change the date or cancel any board meeting with the exception that a minimum of one board meeting will take place annually. The Chair shall call meetings at any time to conduct the business of the Board and shall convene conference calls when needed to act on summary suspensions and settlement offers. Special meetings shall be called by the Chair upon the written request of any three members of the Board.

2. Quorum.

Five members of the Board, including one who is not a licensed nursing home administrator or assisted living facility administrator, shall constitute a quorum.

3. Voting.

All matters shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present.

Article V. Committees

1. Standing Committees.

As part of their responsibility to the Board, members appointed to a committee shall faithfully perform the duties assigned to the committee. The standing committees of the Board shall be the following:

- Legislative and Regulatory Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Special Conference Committees

2. Ad Hoc Committees.

The Chair may appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of two or more members of the Board to address a topic not assigned to a standing committee.

3. Committee Duties.

a) Legislative/Regulatory Committee.

The Legislative/Regulatory Committee shall consist of two or more members, appointed by the Chair. This Committee shall consider matters bearing upon state and federal regulations and legislation and make recommendations to the Board regarding policy matters. The Committee shall conduct a periodic review of the laws and regulations. Proposed changes in State laws or in the Regulations of the Board, shall be distributed to all Board members prior to scheduled meetings of the Board.

b) Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee shall consist of two or more members appointed by the Chair and shall review all non-routine applications for licensure to determine if the applicant satisfies the requirements established by the Board. The committee shall review requests for exemptions from continuing education and may grant such requests for circumstances beyond the control of the administrator on a one-time basis. The Committee shall not be required to meet collectively to complete initial reviews. The Committee chair shall provide guidance to staff on the action to be taken as a result of the initial review.

c) Special Conference Committees.

Special Conference Committees shall consist of two or more members appointed by the Chair. The Committees shall hold informal fact-finding conferences and provide guidance to staff on the disposition of disciplinary cases. The Chair may designate additional board members to serve as alternates who may be contacted to serve in the event one of the standing committee members becomes ill or is unable to attend a scheduled conference date.

Article VI. Executive Director

1. Designation.

The Administrative Officer of the Board shall be designated the Executive Director of the Board.

2. Duties.

The Executive Director shall:

- a) Supervise the operation of the Board office and be responsible for the conduct the staff and the assignment of cases to agency subordinates.
- b) Carry out the policies and services established by the Board.
- c) Provide and disburse all forms as required by law to include, but not be limited to, new and renewal application forms.
- d) Keep accurate record of all applications for licensure, maintain a file of all applications and notify each applicant regarding the actions of the Board in response to their application. Prepare and deliver licenses to all successful applicants. Keep and maintain a current record of all licenses issued by the Board.
- e) Notify all members of the Board of regular and special meetings of the Board. Notify all Committee members of regular and special meetings of Committees. Keep true and accurate minutes of all meetings and distribute such minutes to the Board members prior to the next meeting.
- f) Issue all notices and orders, render all reports, keep all records and notify all individuals as required by these Bylaws or law. Affix and attach the seal of the Board to such documents, papers, records, certificates and other instruments as may be directed by law.
- g) Keep accurate records of all disciplinary proceedings. Receive and certify all exhibits presented. Certify a complete record of all documents whenever and wherever required by law.
- h) Present the biennial budget with any revisions to the Board for approval.

Article VII: General Delegation of Authority

1. The Board delegates to Board staff the authority to issue and renew licenses, registrations and certificates where minimum qualifications have been met.
2. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to reinstate licenses, registrations and certificates when the reinstatement is due to the lapse of the license, registration or certificate and not due to previous Board disciplinary action unless specified in the Board order.
3. The Board delegates to Board staff the authority to develop and approve any and all forms used in the daily operations of the Board business, to include, but not limited to, licensure applications, renewal forms and documents used in the disciplinary process.
4. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to sign as entered any agreement, Order or Board-approved Consent Order resulting from the disciplinary process.
5. The Board delegates to the Executive Director, who may consult with a special conference committee member, the authority to provide guidance to the agency's Enforcement Division in situations wherein a complaint is of questionable jurisdiction and an investigation may not be necessary.
6. The Board delegates to the Executive Director, who shall consult with a member of the Board, the authority to review information regarding alleged violations of law or regulations and determine whether probable cause exists to proceed with possible disciplinary action.
7. The Board delegates to the Chair, the authority to represent the Board in instances where Board "consultation" or "review" may be requested where a vote of the Board is not required and a meeting is not feasible.
8. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the selection of the agency subordinate who is deemed appropriately qualified to conduct a proceeding based on the qualifications of the subordinate and the type of case being convened.
9. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to approve applications with criminal convictions in accordance with Guidance Document 95-12.
10. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to grant an individual request for an extension of continuing education requirements for up to one (1) year for circumstances beyond the control of the administrator upon written request from the licensee prior to the renewal date.
11. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to issue an Advisory Letter to the person who is the subject of a complaint pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(G), when it is determined that a probable cause review indicates a disciplinary proceeding will not be instituted.
12. The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to offer a confidential consent agreement or a Consent Order for action consistent with any board-approved guidance document, or to negotiate a Consent Order in consultation with the chair of a Special Conference Committee or formal hearing.

13. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to delegate tasks to the Deputy Executive Director.

Article VIII. Amendments

A board member or the Executive Director may propose amendments to these Bylaws by presenting the amendment in writing to all Board members prior to any scheduled meeting of the Board.