

Due to the COVID-19 declared state of emergency and consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of the Freedom of Information Act including Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2, and with Executive Order 51 (2020) as issued and amended by the Governor due to the current state of emergency declared in the Commonwealth, the Board convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as presented on the agenda and as necessary for the board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wells called the virtual meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum was established with 16 members in attendance.

EMERGENCY EGRESS

Dr. Carter provided evacuation procedures for members in physical attendance.

ROLL CALL-BOARD MEMBER VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Kevin Doyle, EdD, LPC, LSATP - Board of Counseling
Louis Jones, FSL - Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
Derrick Kendall, NHA - Board of Long-Term Care Administrators
Brenda Stokes, MD - Board of Medicine, 2nd Vice Chair
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA - Board of Nursing
Helene Clayton-Jeter, OD - Board of Optometry
Ryan Logan, RPh - Board of Pharmacy
Allen Jones, Jr., DPT, PT - Board of Physical Therapy
Herbert Stewart, PhD - Board of Psychology
John Salay, MSW, LCSW - Board of Social Work
Steve Karras, DVM - Board of Veterinary Medicine
Sheila Battle, MHS - Citizen Member
Sahil Chaudhary - Citizen Member, 1st Vice Chair
Martha Rackets, PhD - Citizen Member
Carmina Bautista, MSN, FNP-BC, BC-ADM - Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alison King, PhD, CCC-SLP - Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology
Sandra Catchings, DDS - Board of Dentistry

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: DHP STAFF & GUESTS

Allison-Bryan, MD, Agency Chief Deputy Director
David Brown, DC, Agency Director
Yetty Shobo, PhD, Deputy Executive Director for the Board
Rajana Siva, MBA, Research Analyst for the Board
William Harp, MD, Executive Director for the Board of Medicine
Henry Fisher, Virtual Meeting Technician
Lisa Hahn, Agency Chief Operating Office
Sandra Reen, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Charles Giles, Agency Budget Manager
Leslie Knachel, Executive Director for the Boards of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine
Ralph Orr, Program Director, Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program
Rebecca Schultz, Law Student
Corie Tillman-Wolf, JD, Executive Director for the Boards of Funeral Directors & Embalmers, Long-Term Care Administrator's, Physical Therapy

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE AT PERIMETER CENTER

Elizabeth Carter, PhD, Executive Director for the Board
James Wells, RPh, Citizen Member, Board Chairman
Laura Jackson, MSHSA, Operations Manager for the Board

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: PUBLIC

Ben Traynham
Cassie Schroth
Richard Grossman
Unknown Caller-x37
Unknown Caller-um16173

ORDERING OF AGENDA

Mr. Wells opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the agenda as presented. Ms. Jackson stated that Dr. Allison-Bryan would be presenting the Legislative and Regulatory Report. Dr. Stokes moved to accept the change to the agenda. Ms. Bautista seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous aye vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mr. Wells

Let the record reflect that there were no requests to provide public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 21, 2021 FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Wells opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the draft meeting minutes for the Full Board meeting held on January 21, 2021. Ms. Jackson asked that the minutes be amended to include Attachment 6, a presentation given by Mr. Salay with the Board of Social Work. Dr. Stokes moved to accept the change to the meeting minutes. Dr. Jones, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous aye vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Brown provided a review of the legislation this session with impact to the Board of Nursing (nurse practitioners, advanced practice nurse practitioners, midwives and a study on advanced practice nursing) and the Board of Pharmacy will be impacted by several marijuana bills, including the legalization of marijuana July 1, 2021. The agency was also very involved in the emergency bill expanding the pool of qualified vaccinators. Dr. Brown also provided that the legislature is paying attention to the sunrise reviews that the board has completed, to include art therapy, music therapy and naturopaths, and determining licensure based on the Board's decision.

Dr. Allison-Bryan reported on COVID-19 vaccine statistics in Virginia. She advised that the rate of infection has slowed down and that the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for children age 12 and older.

REGULATORY REPORT

Dr. Allison-Bryan provided an update on the current regulations affecting DHP. The FOIA Code section on electronic meetings was also discussed.

AGENCY BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Giles provided an overview of the agencies budget for FY22.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT - Mr. Wells

Mr. Wells advised the Board that there are nine board members with terms expiring June 30, 2021. He thanked the outgoing board members for their many years of service to their respective regulatory board, the Board of Health Professions and the Commonwealth at large.

Break 11:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Carter provided an overview of the Board's budget and a PowerPoint presentation on the agency's statistics and performance measures. Dr. Carter asked that discussion regarding S1365 be moved to the August 19, 2021 Full Board meeting.

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DATA CENTER

Dr. Shobo provided an update and PowerPoint presentation on the data centers activities since the last meeting. (Attachment 1)

INDIVIDUAL BOARD REPORTS

Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology

Dr. Carter provided the ASLP report on behalf of Dr. King. (Attachment 2)

Board of Counseling

Dr. Doyle provided an overview of the Board of Counseling's activities. Dr. Doyle's term with the Board of Counseling and the Board of Health Professions is ending June 30, 2021. He thanked staff and stated that he enjoyed his service on BHP. (Attachment 3)

Board of Dentistry - no report provided

Funeral Directors & Embalmers

Mr. Jones provided an overview of the Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers activities. Mr. Jones stated that he enjoyed his service on both Boards and thanked the agency staff. (Attachment 4)

Long-Term Care Administrators

Mr. Kendall provided an overview of the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators activities. Mr. Kendall's term on both boards is ending June 30, 2021. He thanked board staff and stated that he was honored to be appointed by the Governor to represent the long-term care community, especially during such a trying time. (Attachment 5)

Board of Medicine - Dr. Stokes

Dr. Stokes provide an overview of the activities of the Board of Medicine. She advised that the Board has been holding committee, hearing and board meetings virtually. She noted changes in legislation of surgical technologists and midwives, and that Virginia is the first of ten states to sign on for the occupational therapy compact. Dr. Kevin O'Connor, prior Board of Medicine representative, received the leadership award given by the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Board of Nursing - Ms. Hershkowitz

Ms. Hershkowitz provided an overview of the Board of Nursing's activities. She advised that her term on both Boards ends June 30, 2021 and that she appreciated serving on the BHP and thanked agency staff. (Attachment 6)

Board of Optometry - Dr. Clayton-Jeter

Dr. Clayton-Jeter provided an overview of the Board of Optometry's activities. (Attachment 7)

Board of Pharmacy - Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan provided an overview of the Board of Pharmacy's activities to include cannabis regulation and an amendment to the Boards workforce survey question regarding statewide protocol. His term on both boards ends June 30, 2021, thanking staff and the agency for the opportunity to serve.

Board of Physical Therapy - Dr. Jones, Jr.

Dr. Jones, Jr. provided an overview of the Board of Physical Therapy's activities. (Attachment 8)

Board of Psychology - Dr. Stewart

Dr. Stewart provided an overview of the Board of Psychology's activities. Dr. Stewart's term on both boards ends June 30, 2021 and he thanked staff and fellow board members for their service. (Attachment 9)

Board of Social Work

Mr. Salay provided an overview of the Board of Social Work's activities. Mr. Salay's term on both boards ends June 30, 2021 and he stated it was an honor and pleasure to serve on both boards. (Attachment 10)

Board of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Karras provided an overview of the Board of Veterinary Medicine's activities. (Attachment 11)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wells stated for the record that there was no new business brought before the board.

NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING

The next Full Board meeting will be held August 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

SIGNATURE _____ / / _____
Elizabeth A. Carter, PhD, Executive Director, Board of Health Professions

An audio recording of this meeting may be found at:
<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/audio/BHP/FullBoardMeeting05132021.mp3>