

BOARDS OF MEDICINE AND NURSING WORKGROUP MEETING

July 8, 2026

The meeting of the Boards of Medicine and Nursing Workgroup was called to order at 10:15 A.M., July 8, 2026, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia

The Workgroup members participating in the meeting were:

Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC; Committee of Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine Chair
Bo Vaughan, Jr., MD; Board of Medicine President
Richard Szucs, MD, Medical Society of Virginia (MSV)
Karen Ransone, MD; MSV
Cathy Harrison, DNAP, CRNA; VANA's Government Relations Committee Chair
Alysia Pack, DNP, APRN, FNP-C; Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioner (VCNP)
Aimee P. Seibert; Virginia College of Emergency Physicians
David May; VA Academy of Family Physicians
Phyllis Whitehead, PhD, APRN, Associate Professor at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Virginia Nurses Association (VNA) – **joined the meeting via TEAMS**

Staff participating in the meeting were:

William Harp, MD; Board of Medicine Executive Director
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA, Board of Nursing Executive Director
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN; Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice
Matt Novak, DHP Regulatory Coordinator
Huong Vu, Operations Manager, Board of Nursing

In the Audience:

Valerie Wrobel; VCNP
Patrice Lewis; Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (VANA), Gentry Locke Attorneys
Allyson Flinn; MSV
Emily White; VCNP
Amira Williams; VCNP, VECTRE Corporation
Sara Thomas; VCNP, VECTRE Corporation
Benjamin Trayham; Hancock, Daniel & Johnson, PC
Brittany Whitely; American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM)

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morris.

Dr. Parke moved to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Novak noted that the correct bill is HB30 item 488 # 3C. Mr. Novak stated that the charge of the DHP is to convene a stakeholder workgroup to review the structure and purpose of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine and the workgroup will report its findings to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.

Staff provided the following information to the Workgroup:

- The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine's composition and the Committee of the Joint Boards meet five times a year.

- The last time the Committee of Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine recommended legislative or regulatory action to the Boards of Nursing and Medicine for consideration was in April 2026.
- Current count of APRN licenses and numbers of APRN complaints received. Board of Nursing licenses APRNs.
- Cases received from Enforcement regarding APRNs are reviewed by Dr. Mangrum and APRN Agency Subordinates.
- Most APRN cases are heard at the informal conferences, which conducted by Board of Nursing APRN Agency Subordinates, and recommendations are presented to the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine for consideration. The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine usually accept the Agency Subordinate recommendations.
- Some APRN cases are heard by the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine, which consists of three Committee Members.
- The formal hearings are heard by a quorum of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine, which consists of four Committee members.
- §54.1-2957 of the Code of Virginia.
- Review of Regulatory Process Chart and Joint Boards Regulatory Process.

The Workgroup discussion included the following:

- Using Physicians' expertise in disciplinary process instead of their oversight of the regulatory process.
- The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine has institutional knowledge regarding standard of care for APRNs. It would be inconsistent if Board of Nursing was a solely regulator for APRNs without Board of Medicine.
- Possibility Advisory Board where Physicians are part of disciplinary hearings, such as informal and formal hearings. The Workgroup was reminded that Advisory Board is a regulatory process, which will require legislation, and Advisory Board Members are appointed by the Governor.
- The Workgroup voted against recommending dissolution of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine → four members were in favor and five members opposed.

After discussion, the Workgroup decided on the following for the next meeting:

- One more meeting should be convened before September 2026 – staff will poll members for their availability to participate.
- APRN Compact

Mr. Novak reminded the Workgroup that the report is due to the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.