

**Boards of Medicine and  
Nursing Workgroup on  
HB30 Item 288 #4s**

August 28, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

In Board Room 4

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**Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Board Room 4  
Henrico, VA 23233**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Emergency Egress Procedures**

**Introduction of Work Group Members**

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Old Business**

**1. July 8, 2026 Workgroup Meeting Minutes – FYI**

**2. Discussion of options to modernize the regulation of APRNs – Matthew Novak**

**3. Adjourn**

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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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2026 Session

Budget Amendments - HB30 (Floor Approved)

Bill Order » Item 288 #4s

**Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine Workgroup (language only)**

Item 288 #4s

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## **Health and Human Resources**

Department of Health Professions

### **Language**

Page 333, after line 10, insert:

"E. The Department of Health Professions shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to review the structure and purpose of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine. The work group shall consider pathways to modernize the Joint Boards structure and governance of advanced practice registered nurses. The work group shall consist of representatives from the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, Virginia Nurses Association, Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Medical Society of Virginia, and other stakeholders deemed appropriate by the Department. The workgroup shall report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2026."

### **Explanation**

(This amendment is a language only amendment directing the Department of Health Professions to convene a stakeholder workgroup to review the structure and purpose of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine. The workgroup will report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2026.)



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## **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.

## Options for modernization of joint regulation of APRNs

Budget language: The workgroup shall consider pathways to modernize the Joint Boards' structure and governance of advanced practice registered nurses.

### Advisory Board for APRNs

- Governor-appointed advisory board created in statute for the purpose of advising the Board of Nursing on the regulation and discipline of APRNs.
- Members possibly made up of each type of APRN, physicians, citizens.
- Regulation and discipline would be solely handled by Board of Nursing, with recommendations provided as needed from advisory board.
- A member of the advisory board would be required to sit on any disciplinary panel adjudicating the conduct of an APRN. (Va. Code § 54.1-2409.3)
- Dedicated APRN positions on the Board of Nursing would revert to RN or LPN positions. Those members could be APRNs, but the requirement for appointment would be limited to holding an RN or LPN license.
- Could cause issues for disciplinary panels. If member of advisory board fails to attend disciplinary hearing, could delay disciplinary action. Potential impact for public safety.

### Solely governed by Board of Nursing with physician-required participation in discipline

- APRNs solely governed by Board of Nursing. This eliminates regulatory actions and guidance documents requiring approval of both boards.
- Statute would require physician/podiatrist member(s) of the Board of Medicine participate in disciplinary panels for APRNs.
- This would require statutory language.
- President of Board of Medicine could appoint members to serve as needed and available.
- Could cause issues obtaining appropriate quorum for disciplinary panels. If 1 or 2 Board of Medicine members are required to proceed and the appointed members cannot attend, disciplinary action may be delayed. Potential impact to public safety.

### APRNs governed solely by Board of Nursing with no specific disciplinary requirement

- APRNs solely governed by Board of Nursing. This eliminates regulatory actions and guidance documents requiring approval of both boards.
- Board of Nursing handles disciplinary cases as needed.

- No statutory requirements for makeup of disciplinary panel, similar to Board of Medicine.
- Board of Nursing obtains expert testimony as needed, similar to Board of Medicine.