

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 § 2.2-3708.2 in the provisions of Freedom of Information Act, the Board convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as presented on the agenda necessary for the board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities

A recording of the meeting may be found here:

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/audio/BHP/FullBoardMeeting06252020.mp3>

In Attendance Sahil Chaudhary, Citizen Member
Kevin Doyle, EdD, LPC, LSATP, Board of Counseling
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Board of Nursing
Louis Jones, FSL, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
Steve Karras, DVM, Board of Veterinary Medicine
Derrick Kendall, NHA, Board of Long-Term Care Administrators
Alison King, PhD, CCC-SLP, Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology
John Salay, MSW, LCSW, Board of Social Work
Herb Stewart, PhD, Board of Psychology
James Watkins, DDS, Board of Dentistry
James Wells, RPh, Citizen Member

Absent Sheila E. Battle, MHS, Citizen Member
Helene Clayton-Jeter, OD, Board of Optometry
Allen Jones, Jr., DPT, PT, Board of Physical Therapy
Ryan Logan, RPh, Board of Pharmacy
Kevin O'Connor, MD, Board of Medicine
Martha Rackets, PhD, Citizen Member
Maribel Ramos, Citizen Member

DHP Staff Barbara Allison-Bryan, MD, Deputy Director DHP
David Brown, DC, Director DHP
Elizabeth A. Carter, PhD, Executive Director BHP
Laura Jackson, MSHSA, Operations Manager BHP
Rajana Siva, MBA, Research Analyst BHP
Yetty Shobo, PhD, Deputy Executive Director BHP
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst DHP

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| DHP Staff Cont'd | Corie E. Tillman-Wolf, JD, Executive Director Boards of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Long-Term Care Administrators and Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director, Boards of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology, Optometry and Veterinary Medicine Anthony Morales, DHP Staff Celia Wilson, DHP Staff |
| OAG | Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General |
| Speakers | No speakers signed-up to provide virtual comment. |
| Call to Order | Dr. Stewart, Board Vice Chair, chaired this meeting as Board Chair, Dr. Allen Jones, Jr. was unable to attend. Time: 10:07 a.m. Quorum: Established with 11 members in attendance |
| Public Comment | No public comment was provided to Dr. Carter prior to the June 25, 2020 8:00 a.m. deadline |
| Approval of Minutes | Minutes from the February 27, 2020 meeting were approved as presented. |
| Director's Report | Dr. Brown provided information regarding the Governor's Executive Orders relating to the COVID19 pandemic. He noted provisions that permit electronic meetings; issuance of temporary licenses by the behavioral science, nursing and medical boards; and greater use of telemedicine. He also noted that the Executive Orders provide key information on the specific phases of reopening the state. He reported that, overall, COVID19 patients have not overrun Virginia hospitals. He stated that DHP will continue to hold meetings, virtually and in person based upon current social distancing requirements. He reported that DHP has utilized teleworking to allow employees to continue the work of the Boards. At this time, DHP has approximately 75% of its positions teleworking. Teleworking protects the public, as well as staff, as there are less people in the building allowing for social distancing and the use of masks. DHP is working with the Secretary's office on getting expired board members seats filled. |
| Legislative and Regulatory Report | Ms. Yeatts provided documents that are included in the agenda packet. |

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| Board Chair Report | Dr. Stewart informed attendees that Dr. Watkins (Board of Dentistry) and Dr. O'Connor (Board of Medicine) have come to the end of their terms on their boards as well as BHP. He thanked them on behalf of the Board for their time and service to the Commonwealth. |
| Executive Director's Report | Board Budget and Agency Statistics/Performance Dr. Carter reviewed the Board's budget and provided insight into the agency's statistics and performance. The 2020 Board work plan will be updated to include the two studies currently underway. |
| Virginia Board of Health Professions Amendments to Document 75-4 Bylaws | At the February 27, 2020 Full Board meeting, a request was made that the Board consider adding a new position of 2nd Vice Chair to the existing board positions. This necessitates amending the Bylaws. The following details the recommended changes: Under ARTICLE IV-Officers and Election. Item 1 should be changed to read as follows: "1. The Officers of the Board shall be the Chair, the First Vice Chair, and the Second Vice Chair." Under ARTICLE V-Duties of Officers. Item 2 should be changed to read as follows:"2.The First Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair, and the Second Vice Chair shall act in the absence of both the Chair and the First Vice Chair." |
| Motion to Amend Article 75-4 Board Bylaws | Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Bylaws be amended as noted above. It was properly seconded. In response to discussion, Ms. Hershkowitz amended the motion to include that the term "Chairman" be replaced with the term "Chair" throughout the entire document. |
| Amended Motion | The amended motion was seconded by Dr. Doyle. The motion passed with all members in favor, none opposed. |
| Healthcare Workforce Data Center | Dr. Carter and Dr. Shobo provided an update on the Center's workforce reports, presentations, and data requests. |
| Board Studies | The General Assembly has requested that the Board of Health Professions perform sunrise reviews on the following two professions: Diagnostic Medical Sonographer and Naturopathic Phvsician. |
| Diagnostic Medical Sonoographer Motion | Ms. Jackson presented the workplan for the Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. A motion was made by Mr. Wells to proceed with the study and was seconded by Dr. Watkins. All members were in favor, none opposed. |
| Naturopathic Physician | Dr. Carter presented the workplan for the Naturopathic Physician. |

Motion

A motion was made by Dr. Doyle and seconded by Ms. Hershkowitz. All members were in favor, none opposed. Both studies will be moved to the Boards Regulatory Research Committee.

Individual Board Reports

- Board of Nursing - Ms. Hershkowitz (Attachment 1)
- Board of Dentistry - Dr. Watkins (Attachment 2)
- Board of Counseling - Dr. Doyle (Attachment 3)
- Board of Social Work - Mr. Salay (Attachment 4)
- Board of Long-Term Care Administrators - Mr. Kendall (Attachment 5)
- Board of Veterinary Medicine - Dr. Karras (Attachment 6)
- Board of Psychology - Dr. Stewart (Attachment 7)
- Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology - Dr. King (Attachment 8)
- Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers - Mr. Jones (Attachment 9)
- Board of Optometry - Dr. Clayton-Jeter was not in attendance (Attachment 10)
- Board of Medicine - Dr. O'Connor was not in attendance
- Board of Pharmacy - Mr. Logan was not in attendance
- Board of Physical Therapy - Dr. Jones, Jr. was not in attendance

New Business

There was no new business.

Next Full Board Meeting

Dr. Stewart advised the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Vice Chair Signature

Herbert Stewart, PhD
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Board Exec. Director Signature

Elizabeth A. Carter, PhD
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