

Call to Order

The March 29, 2022, Virginia Board of Health Professions meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

Presiding Officer

James Wells, RPh

Members Present

Sahil Chaudhary, 1st Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Brenda L. Stokes, MD, 2nd Vice Chair, Board of Medicine
Barry Alvarez, LMFT, Board of Counseling
Sheila E. Battle, MHS, Citizen Member
A. Tucker Gleason, PhD, Board of Nursing
Michael Hayter, LCSW, CSAC, SAP, Board of Social Work
Kenneth Hickey, MD, Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers
Allen R. Jones, Jr., DPT, PT, Board of Physical Therapy
Steve Karras, DVM, Board of Veterinary Medicine
Alison R. King, PhD, CCC-SLP, Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology
Sarah Melton, PHARM.D, Board of Pharmacy
Martha S. Rackets, PhD, Citizen Member
Susan Wallace, PhD, Board of Psychology

Members Absent

Carmina Bautista, MSN, FNP-BC, BC-ADM, Citizen Member
Helene D. Clayton-Jeter, OD, Board Chair, Board of Optometry
Mitchel Davis, NHA, Board of Long-Term Care Administrators
Margaret Lemaster, RDH, Board of Dentistry

Staff Present

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
David E. Brown, D.C., Agency Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst DHP
Erin Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst DHP
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Laura Jackson, Board Administrator
Laura Paasch, Licensing & Operations Administrative Specialist

Public Present

W. Scott Johnson
Ben Trayham

Establishment of Quorum

With fourteen board members out of eighteen present, a quorum was established.

Mission Statement

Mr. Wells read the Department of Health Professions' mission statement.

Ordering of Agenda

Mr. Wells opened the floor to any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Public Comment

There were no requests to provide public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wells opened the floor to any additions or corrections regarding the draft minutes from the Full Board Meeting on December 2, 2021. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agency Director's Report

Dr. Brown advised the Board that Dr. Allison-Bryan retired on March 1st. He spoke about the decline in COVID-19 numbers; therefore, the agency will start its "new normal" on April 4, 2022. He indicated that conference center and additional security upgrades will be occurring in the near future.

Ms. Knachel recognized Ms. Yeatts' pending retirement and her service to DHP and the Commonwealth. Erin Barrett will replace Ms. Yeatts as of April 1, 2022.

Policy Analyst's Report

Ms. Yeatts' provided updates on the 2022 General Assembly & Regulatory Actions.

Ms. Knachel presented the amendments to Guidance Document 75-4 Bylaws that were presented at the December 2, 2021, board meeting.

Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the changes to Guidance Document 75-4 Bylaws as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stokes. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

Format for Individual Board Reports

Ms. Knachel gave an update on the format for the individual board reports at Board of Health Professions' meetings. The consensus of the board members is that the Board Executives will provide a brief summary of board actions to be reported. Information on

board statistics will not be included in the reports. The minutes will reflect the information provided in each report.

Board Counsel Report

Ms. Mitchell had no information to report to the Board.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Wells thanked Dr. Jones and Dr. Rackets for their years of service on the Board of Health Professions and to the Commonwealth.

Staff Reports

Ms. Knachel reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022. The meeting will include reports from the Enforcement and Finance Divisions and officer elections.

New Business

No new business was reported.

Next Meeting

The next full board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Mr. Wells adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.