

**Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council**  
**Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2021**

**Introduction**

Anna Miller recapped bills 305 and 811 on the docket and flow of the meetings.

Anna started a motion to approve meeting minutes from June 2<sup>nd</sup> GORRC Meeting Two

Jessica Simmons makes the motion

Kelly Dudley seconds the motion

The motion is approved

**HB 305**

Anna Miller states the draft findings:

The profession of Massage Therapy requires specialized training and continued education.

This legislation would assure that the Board has access to a national credentialing entity to assist in certifying educational programs needed to obtain or renew licensure. Massage therapists have been licensed since 2006, yet continued education and specialized training remains a necessary component to renew licensure. Allowing the Board access to a national credentialing entity will ensure education and training standards align with national standards and remain up to date with industry changes.

Anna opens the floor to the council for comments and questions...there are none

Anna requests for the council to make a motion

Kelly Dudley makes a motion to move forward as written

Sam Teasley seconds the motion

The motion is approved

Anna Miller moves to recommend HB 305 pass as currently written

Council unanimously votes to approve

OPB – YAY

House – Yay

Senate – Yay

DPH – Yay

AG – (Absent)

DNR – Yay

Revenue – Yay

SAO - Yay

SOS - Yay

Anna Miller adjourns HB 305 participants

## **HB811**

Anna Miller opens the floor for Composite Medical Board Director to give overview...

LaSharn Hughes gives cost of \$200,000 for HB 811 if Medical Composite Board

Anna asks the breakdown of \$200K

LaSharn begins but loses internet connection...will email Anna Miller full cost analysis

Anna Miller opens the floor for public comments

Jessica Simmons asks will there be a statutory change or will a new board be created?

Anna reiterates Jessica's question - is there a way other than state regulation to address the issue with new licensures

Anna opens the floor for council to ask questions

Dawn Moore speaks on current requirements for licensure. Credentials have to be maintained for best practice and safety

Rep. Ehrhart responds yes, the statute can be amended

Dawn speaks that before taking credentialing exams one would need adequate education to ensure patient safety

James Reaves speaks on issues of how to address the statute without inconveniencing current licensees

Anna opens the floor to Sen. Kirkpatrick

Chairman Sharon Cooper speaks on a person having credentials would be similar to licensing. Licensing is the way to govern proper education and training.

Sen. Kirkpatrick asks what issue the legislation would resolve

Dawn Moore speaks on radiologist with minimal training perform work without proper training and credentials and a way to track them.

Anna asks council of expectations in order to resolve

Gabriel Sterling reminds council of structural problems and the sponsors will work to fix those in order for the bill to function properly

Anna Miller asks for follow up and council will work on recommendations

Sen. Kirkpatrick suggests Medical Board should be involved

Chairman Cooper agrees and also willing to make changes Gabriel Sterling suggests to be more effective

James Reaves says the education needed for licensing is imperative and should continue as changes come

Clarification that the medical association should be involved with the bill

Bethany Sherrer states medical association is looking and discussing the issue to ensure patient safety

Anna Miller last call for comments on HB 811

Anna Miller adjourns HB 305 and 811 participants and speakers

## **HB 430**

Matthew Couper provides the overview and state-by-state comparison

- This bill would amend Titles 31, 40 and 43 to provide for licensure of advanced practice registered nurses, and to authorize advanced practice registered nurses to order home health care services.
- The legislation aligns advanced practice registered nurses (nurse practitioners) with registered nurses (R.N.s) pertaining to licensure requirements

The Georgia Board of Nursing is one of just five states that does not license or recognize by endorsement the advanced practice roles of nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner, according to the 2020 advanced practice registered nurse survey conducted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The remaining four states are Florida, Idaho, Minnesota and New Hampshire; together, these five state boards represent just 9% of responding boards. In contrast, 89% of responding boards license or recognize by endorsement advanced practice nurse practitioners.

Anna Miller opens the floor to Julianna McConnell as speaker

Julianna speaks about 8840s does not include home health, that was removed and the 8840s has the workforce data and our presentation will address

Lisa Eichelberger begins PowerPoint presentation with an overview of HB430, requirements for APRN to practice, and explains it would replace the current authorization to practice with a separate license

Anna Miller asks the council for any comments or questions

Sam Teasley speaks about concerns of costs

Gabriel Sterling speaks in detail about costs of replacing licenses for each professional and an increase in workload and speed of process

Desiree Clement speaks on concerns for having multiple licenses and the cost associated for professionals

Anna opens the floor for council questions and comments

Anna Miller begins public comments

Nancy Petra speaks on behalf of AARP and their support for HB 430

Johnessa Smith speaks on behalf of GA Commission on Women to support and encourages the council to approve HB 430

Tim Davis speaks on behalf of GA Nurses Assoc and expresses support for HB430

Dr. Lucy Marion speaks on behalf of GA Nursing Leadership Coalition offers strong endorsement of HB 430 and all three components

Welsey Carcher on behalf of GANA expresses support for HB430

Ashely Blackmon on behalf of UAPN expresses support for HB 430

Victoria Gordon on behalf of American College of Nurse/Midwives states whole heartedly support HB 430

Serena Fritz on behalf of GANDD expresses full support of HB430

Bethany Sherrer on behalf of Medical Association expresses concerns and would like to review current revision of HB 430 before making comments

Background checks and finger printing will be required for renewals and new applicants

Anna Miller advises next meeting will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>, will cover 811 and 430

Anna Miller moves to adjourn

Sam Teasley motions to adjourn

Kelly Dudley seconds motion

Meeting is adjourned