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#### MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 14, 2025
ТО	OMBC Board Members
FROM	Terri Thorfinnson, J.D. Administrative Services Program Manager
RE:	Agenda Item- 15 Rulemaking Update – 2025 Rulemaking for Pending or Proposed Regulations

#### **Rulemaking Update Summary**

Three regulatory packages are moving along in the rulemaking process. The <u>CME/Audit and Cite and Fine</u> package was approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) July 10, 2025. By law rulemaking does not become effective upon approval of OAL, rather rulemaking becomes effective quarterly based on the date approved. The CME and Audits and Cite and Fine rulemaking will become effective October 1, 2025. This rulemaking package is completed.

The Fees and License Status rulemaking documents are still pending review within DCA. Budgets and Regulator staff must sign-off and then it goes to the DCA Director for review and approval. The Board must receive approval from DCA and Agency before it can be submitted to OAL for post for 45-day comment period. July 10, 2025, Board staff was notified of the need for additional revisions to the already Board approved language. The Board will be reviewing these revisions at this meeting. DCA budget staff has not signed off, so we are still waiting for their approval in order to proceed to the next step of regulatory counsel review prior to submitting to DCA Director and Agency for approval to submit to OAL. This first submission to OAL starts the one-year regulatory clock during which the Board must complete the regulatory process and receive approval, appeal for additional time or start over. This first submission is when the Board receives permission to proceed to public comment.

The Disciplinary Guidelines are in the initial stages. Preliminary draft of the proposed language was reviewed by Regulatory Counsel and that draft is being reviewed and revised. It is anticipated that more input and revisions will be made over the summer and fall in preparation for the Board to review in the November board meeting 2025. The Board staff is trying to anticipate as many of the changes needed upfront before the Enforcement Committee and Board review it. This is another large rulemaking package that is complex because it is creating a new Disciplinary Guidelines document that has not been amended since 1996. Since Rebecca Marcos gracefully resumed retirement, I have become involved in both the Licensing and Fees as well as the Disciplinary Guidelines rulemaking working closely with Erika.

## Rulemaking Status: Continuing Medical Education and Cite and Fines

Concept/ Draft language	DCA pre-review	Board approval of Language	Draft Regulatory documents/ review	DCA Director Approval	Agency Approval	DOF Approval	Filing regulatory package with OAL
9.22.2018	3/5/18, 5/25/22, 6/29/23,9/19/23, 6/4/24,9/11/24	5/16/19,1/14/21, 1/19/23,8/17/23, 8/15/24	6/4/24, 9/11/24	October 2024	approved	approved	Submitted and approved to release for comments
45-day comment period	Board Respond to comments	Final review with Regulatory Attorney	Submit to DCA Director, OAL for approval	OAL approval or denial	Effective Date		
Completed January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Board review/ approval 2/13/2025 Board meeting	5.7.2025 from Regulatory Attorney,	5.19.205 to Director, 5.21.2025 Director Approval. 5.29.2025 Budget to DOF. Submission to OAL 5.29.2025. DOF approval 7.1.205	July 10, 2025. OAL posted 7.18.2025	October 1, 2025		

#### Rulemaking Status: Fees and License Status

Concept/ Draft language	DCA pre-review	Board approval of Language	Draft Regulatory documents/ review	DCA Director Approval	Agency Approval	DOF Approval	Filing regulatory package with OAL
1/1/2024	2/1/24,2/15/24 2/28/24, 4/12/24, 4/12/24,5/9/24, 6/5/24,7/10/24, 7/22/24, 7/26/24	8/15/2024	8/16/2024, 7/8/2025, budget approval pending				
45-day comment period	Board Respond to comments	Final review with Regulatory Attorney	Submit to DCA Director, OAL for approval	OAL approval or denial	Effective Date		

## Rulemaking Status: Disciplinary Guidelines

Concept/Draft	DCA Pre-	Board	Draft	DCA	Agency	DOF	Filing
language	Review	Approval	Regulatory	Director	Approval	Approval	Regulatory
		of	Documents	Approval			package
		Language	Review				with OAL
1/31/2020	9/19/23,						
	10/9/2023,						
	11/16/23,						
	3/8/2024,						
	4/16/24.						
	pending						
45 Day Comment	Board	Final	Submit to	OAL	Effective		
Period	Approved	Review	DCA	Approval	Date		
	Response	with	Director,	or Denial			
	to	Regulatory	OAL				
	Comments	Attorney					