

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

September 25, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

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Call to Order:

OS-0925-01	<u>Roll Call:</u> <u>Board Members:</u> Laura Golojuch – Acting Board Chair Rhonda Pope – Board Member <u>Board Staff:</u> LaTrice Herndon – Executive Director Brett Bennett – Board Attorney Leonard Howard – Investigator Linda Smith – Health Licensing Specialist <u>Public:</u> Amelia Bigesby Jocelyn Collins - AAMFT Jessical Seelinger - AAMFT
OS-0925-02	<u>Approval of the Agenda</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the September 25, 2026, Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by Rhonda Pope to approve the September 25, 2026, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Laura Golojuch. <u>Vote:</u> Laura Golojuch and Rhonda Pope Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0925-03	<u>Board and Department Reports</u> 1. Executive Director’s Report: i. Updated Scam Alert • Operational Status Update: This is the final meeting of the fiscal year, and the Board is currently in need of additional members. To the public: if you or someone you know may be interested in serving on the Board of

	Professional Counseling, please visit the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) at mota.dc.gov for more information. In FY27, the Board will focus on establishing subcommittees for Certified Addiction Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapy. The Board will also begin working on the regulations related to Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists. • Licensure Census: LPC - 2208 LGPC - 519 CACI - 81 CACII – 177 PAT – 28 LPAT – 8 MFT – 317 Dance – 4 • Legislative Updates - None 2. Board Attorney’s Report – OAG plans to appeal the Brokamp Decision 3. Board Chair’s Report - None
OS-0925-04	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the July 24, 2026 Open Session Minutes. <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by Rhonda Pope to approve the July 24, 2026 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Laura Golojuch. <u>Vote:</u> Laura Golojuch and Rhonda Pope Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0925-05	<u>Consent Agenda</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting. <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by Rhonda Pope to approve the September 25, 2026

	Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Laura Golojuch. <u>Vote:</u> Laura Golojuch and Rhonda Pope Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0925-06	<u>Determination FY27 Board Meetings</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine which meeting dates will be in person and which meeting dates are virtual for FY2027. <u>Background:</u> In FY27, the Board is scheduled to meet on the following dates: • September 25, 2026 • October 16, 2026 (in-person) • November 20, 2026 • December 18, 2026 • January 8, 2027 • February 19, 2027 • March 19, 2027 (in-person) • April 16, 2027 • May 21, 2027 • June 25, 2027 (in-person) • July 23, 2027 • No August 2027 Board Meeting • September 17, 2027 (in-person) <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by Laura Golojuch to approve the FY27 Board Meeting schedule. Seconded by Rhonda Pope. <u>Vote:</u> Laura Golojuch and Rhonda Pope Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0925-07	<u>Motion to Temporarily Close Open Session:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To go into the closed executive session to discuss confidential matters as

	permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). <u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following: 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a). 2. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2- 575(b)(9). At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.
	<u>Roll Call Vote</u>
	This temporarily concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion. <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by Laura Golojuch to move into the Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Rhonda Pope Brown. <u>Vote:</u> Laura Golojuch and Rhonda Pope Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
	<u>Executive Session Board Report</u>
OS-0925-08	<u>Board Action:</u> Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session meeting. • Number of applications approved - 3 • Number of cases closed - 0
OS-0925-09	<u>Motion to Adjourn at 1:49 pm</u> <u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by Laura Golojuch to close the Board of Professional Counseling Board Meeting. Seconded by Rhonda Pope Brown. <u>Vote:</u>

	Laura Golojuch and Rhonda Pope Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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The next open session meeting is October 16, 2026 at 10:00 am (in-person)

<u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u> <u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u>	

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