

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

September 28, 2026

10.00 AM to 12:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Virtual Meeting Notice

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BOSW Mission Statement:

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services."

OPEN SESSION AGENDA September 28, 2026

	<u>Roll Call</u>	WW
OS-0928-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u>	
OS-0928-02	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from July 27, 2026, meeting.	
OS-0928-03	<u>Open Session 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>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.	
OS-0928-04	<u>Executive Director's Report:</u> A. Operational Status Update: B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-0928-05	<u>Chairperson's Report:</u>	WW
OS-0928-06	<u>Board Attorney's Report:</u>	BB
OS-0928-07	<u>OGR Updates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Board to take appropriate action if required. <u>Background:</u> Certified Nurse Aides Roundtable On September 24th, the Committee on Health held a public roundtable titled, "DC Health and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's Ongoing Challenges with Training and Testing Certified Nurse Aids."	WD

	○ The roundtable consisted of testimony from the Office of State Superintendent of Education, with support from DC Health. ▪ The roundtable addressed the frequent scheduling challenges and cancellation of CNA examinations, lack of coordination between agencies and testing contractors, and low student participation and test passage rates. Student Health Care Amendment Act of 2026 ▪ On May 11th, at the request of the Mayor, Chairman Mendelson introduced the <i>Student Health Care Amendment Act of 2026</i> (B26-0688). ○ The legislation establishes that the Certificate of Health and Oral Health Assessment are standardized documents that incorporates lead poisoning testing that parents and legal guardians are required to submit on an annual basis. It also codifies DC Health’s responsibility for undesignated epinephrine in schools and defers to the agency’s undesignated emergency medications action plan. The bill also designates the Maryland Poison Center of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy as the District’s poison control center. Lastly, the bill repeals provisions that govern the Perinatal and Infant Health Advisory Committee. ▪ The bill has been jointly referred to the Committee on Health and the Committee of the Whole, but no hearing has been scheduled yet. School Health Certificate Modernization Amendment Act of 2026 • On July 6th, Councilmember Henderson introduced the <i>School Health Certificate Modernization Amendment Act of 2026</i> (B26-0725). ○ The legislation would require the Department of Health to create a digital system for receiving certificates of health and oral health for students attending public and private schools from health	
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	care providers. It would prohibit health care providers from charging for a certificate of health or certificate of oral health. It would require the Department of Health to create a tiered fee structure for health professional licensing and registration. • The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health with comments from the Committee of the Whole, and a hearing has been scheduled for September 24th. Vaccine Administration Protection Amendment Act of 2026 ▪ On February 26th, at the request of the Mayor, Chairman Mendelson introduced the <i>Vaccine Administration Protection Amendment Act of 2026</i> (B26-0606). ○ This legislation protects District healthcare providers seeking to provide access to safe and effective vaccines to District residents, and the organizations that employ them. If enacted, the proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 7-401 to ensure healthcare providers are not held liable for any injury caused by the prescribing, dispensing, ordering, furnishing, or administering of eligible vaccines or other immunizing agents. These include ones required by law or recommended by leading medical and public health entities. ▪ The bill has been referred to the Committee on Health and a hearing is scheduled for September 24th.	
OS-0928-08	<u>Board Goals for 2027 Fiscal Year</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Board to discuss and determine the goals for the 2027 Fiscal year <u>Background:</u> The Board is required to have set goals for each fiscal year. The goals for the year 2026 were:	

	• Explore the use of AI in social work and create a policy statement if necessary. • Explore how Board Members can assist in membership recruitment through educational outreach to social work students and other social workers working in the district.	
OS-0928-09	<u>Determination of the Board Meetings for FY27</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is alerted of the proposed meetings for FY 2027. All SW Board Meetings will be Virtual until further notice. <u>Background:</u> In FY 27, the Board is scheduled to meet on the following dates: • October 26, 2026 • November 23, 2026 • January 25, 2027 • February 22, 2027 • March 22, 2027 • April 26, 2027 • May 24, 2027 • June 28, 2027 • July 26, 2027 • September 27, 2027	
OS-0928-10	<u>MOTION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To temporarily close the go into closed 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). 3. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14). The next meeting is scheduled for <u>October 26, 2026.</u>	
	<u>Open Session Board FYI only</u>	
OS-0928-11	<u>Use of AI to Complete Social Work Documentation</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to begin discussions about how they wish to regulate it here in the District of Columbia.	
OS-0928-12	<u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim's Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u> <u>Pending:</u> Confirmation of proposed date from the Board of Professional Counseling and which Board member to represent the SW Board <u>Background:</u> The Board received an email from Ms. Sherrod regarding the DC law on Teen advocates. The DC Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Amendment Act of 2019 included the right to an advocate for 13 to 17-year-old youth in DC who have experienced sexual assault. For youth in this age range who were specifically impacted by peer-on-peer or stranger assault, the right to an advocate comes with an exemption to mandated reporting. A licensee would like the Board's guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers. The Professional Counseling Board has agreed to have a subcommittee with the SW Board to draft a response for this enquiry.	

OS-0928-13	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting. <u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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