

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 16, 2023
1:30 PM

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Meeting Notice**

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Thursday, March 16, 2023, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
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Johanna Brooks, LMT – Board Member	
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Massage Therapist	
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Vacant – Board Consumer Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	
Ajay Gohil, Assistant General Counsel	
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	
Leonard Howard, Investigator	

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OS-0316-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
OS-0316-02	<u>ROLL CALL</u>	
OS-0316-03	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of March 16, 2023, Open Session Agenda.	
OS-0316-04	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from January 19, 2023, meeting.	
OS-0316-05	<u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u>	
OS-0316-06	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Updates • Board Newsletter • Health Professional Boards and Performance Oversight Hearings • Renewal • Census: 555 Licensed Massage Therapists <p>District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</p> <p>District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</p> <p><u>The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments</u></p> <p>The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat</p>	
OS-0316-07	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Notice of Final Rule Making COVID-19 Requirements For Healthcare Workers <u>Background:</u> The final rule regarding vaccine requirements removed the term mandate and was published on February 24, 2023. The final rule amends 22 DCMR (Health), Subtitle B (Public Health and Medicine), Ch. 2 (Communicable and Reportable Diseases), Sec. 230 (COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Healthcare Workers), Sec. 231 (Exemptions from COVID-19 Requirements for Healthcare	

	Workers), Title 17 (Business, Occupations, and Professionals), Ch. 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules), Sec. 4019 (SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19-Related Obligations of Health Professionals), to include the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine among those vaccines that healthcare workers and other staff can receive to meet the imposed vaccination requirement, and to allow healthcare facilities to determine whether an exemption to the vaccine requirement should be granted to a requesting employee, contractor, volunteer, or privilege or credential holder of that healthcare facility.	
OS-0316-08	<p><u>NCBMBT-INTERSTATE MASSAGE COMPACT</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board To Discuss</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Elizabeth Kirk Administrative Director NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy sent information on the NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy regarding opposition to an interstate compact for the massage and bodywork therapy profession.</p>	
OS-0316-09	<p><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE QUESTION</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board To Discuss</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Jessica L. Edwards, LMT submitted a scope of practice question. She needs to know if it's within her scope and rights as an LMT to practice Myofascial Release Therapy</p>	
OS-0316-10	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>	
OS-0316-11	<p><u>FSMTB's CEU REGISTRY</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to decide whether to approve the FSMTB CEU registry.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Federation sent an email to the Board wanting to know the steps FSMTB would need to take to be considered for approval as a CE sponsor. The Board Attorney recommended that FSMTB should be invited to the open session meeting to make a presentation to the Board. A representative from FSMTB made a presentation during the September 15, 2022, meeting. The Board requested additional information on the matter for the Board to make an informed decision on the matter. FSMTB has submitted additional information for Board review and decision-making. FSMTB provided additional information after the January meeting in order for the Boar to make an informed decision on their request. https://www.fsmtb.org/continuingeducation/ce-registry-course-search/ https://www.fsmtb.org/media/2374/ce-standards-and-registry-</p>	

	<p>guidebook-final-052820.pdf</p> <p>CE Standards and Guidebook https://www.fsmtb.org/media/2374/ce-standards-and-registry-guidebook-final-052820.pdf</p> <p>CE Registry Courses https://www.fsmtb.org/continuingeducation/ce-registry-course-search/</p> <p>REACH https://reach4ce.org/</p>	
OS-0316-12	<p><u>MEETING DATES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 16, 2023 – In-person • May 18, 2023- Virtual • July 20, 2023- In-person • September 21, 2023- Virtual • November 16, 2023- In-person 	
OS-0316-13	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved and items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><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 Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Applications Approved Since January 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rediet Abate • Wallace D. Johnson Jr. • Marilene Olango • Ananya Sunanta • Kitipat Prasert • Nailah Davis • Shannon OConnell • Ramon Fortes Mazeli • Mei Hua • Patricia Tsen • Samantha Washington • Minna Takushi- Ramos • Danielle Simms • Alena Hernandez • Sam Kemper • Alexandria Johnson 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Rose • Marlon Love • Miriah Auth • Sandra Woods • Cheistopher Beaver • Yan Bai • Keesha Barrett 	
OS-0316-14	<p><u>FSMTB CALLS FOR RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discussions</p> <p><u>Background:</u> FSMTB sent an email for calls for resolutions and bylaws amendments.</p>	
OS-0316-15	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); 4. To plan, discuss or hear reports concerning the 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). 	
OS-0316-16	Roll Call Vote	
OS-0316-17	This 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.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023 (Virtual)

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