

# BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

## OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

**MARCH 18, 2021**

**1:30PM: 4:30PM**

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#### **Board of Massage Therapy - Open Session**

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Thursday, Mar 18, 2021 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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OS-0318-01	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	
OS-0318-02	<b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b>	
OS-0318-03	<b><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the January 21, 2021 Open Session Agenda.	
OS-0318-04	<b><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b>	
OS-0318-05	<b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></b>	
OS-0318-06	<b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u></b>	
OS-0318-07	<b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting.	
OS-0318-08	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD ORDER</b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> No Action Required  <b><u>Background:</u></b>  Attached is Administrative Order 2021-004 that clarifies and excludes health professionals who are not in good standing in the District of Columbia from obtaining a waiver of licensure requirement pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-02 (Waiver of Licensure Requirements for Healthcare Providers) dated March 13, 2020 and that requires a healthcare facility to check an online database when utilizing Administrative Order 2020-02.	
OS-0318-09	<b>ACCEPTING REMOTE COURSES IN LIEU OF IN-PERSON COURSES IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWING LICENSES AT THE END OF THE CURRENT LICENSURE PERIOD.</b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b>	

	<p>To vote on whether to accept remote continuing education (CE) courses in lieu of some or all of the face-to-face CE that will be required to renew licensure at the end of the current license period (February 1, 2021 – January 31, 2023).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>The Board’s Policy 20-001 to suspend the live, classroom-setting requirement for continuing education and CPR training during the COVID-19 health emergency expired on January 31, 2021. On January 4, 2021, the Director of the Department of Health adopted emergency regulations that provide health professional licensing boards with express regulatory authority to modify some requirements for acceptable CE courses during extraordinary circumstances, such as the current coronavirus pandemic. (<i>Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking</i>, published in the <i>DC Register</i> on January 15, 2021 at 68 DCR 940). Specifically, the emergency rule authorizes Boards to accept remote CE courses (aka “online” or “distance” courses) in lieu of all or part of the face-to-face CEUs required for license renewal. The emergency rule pertains to the CE requirement for license renewals, only.</p>	
OS-0318-10	<p><b>RENEWAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to review and discuss draft delegated authorities.</p>	
OS-0318-11	<p><b><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review of the current scope of practice and regulation for any amendments.</p> <p>-</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board decided to review current scope of practice and regulations to make amendments where necessary.</p>	
OS-0318-12	<p><b><u>FYI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Meeting dates for 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 20,2021</li> <li>• July 15,2021</li> <li>• September 16,2021</li> <li>• November18,2021</li> </ul>	
OS-0318-13	<p><b><u>REGULATION AMENDMENT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p>	

	<p>Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide to accept or not to accept.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board reviewed and discussed the current draft regulation and ended the discussions on section 7503.1 of the draft regulation.</p>	
OS-0318-14	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> <i>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</i></p>	
OS-0318-15	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for **June 20, 2021**.

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