

# BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

## MEETING AGENDA

**APRIL 21, 2023**

**10:00 AM – 2:00PM**

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### **HYBRID MEETING NOTICE**

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.*

*In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002.*

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**OPEN SESSION April 21, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

<b>OS-0421-01</b>	<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	
<b>OS-0421-02</b>	<b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the April 21st Open Session Agenda.	
<b>OS-0421-03</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Operational Status Update</b></li> <li>• <b>COVID-19 Vaccine Update</b></li> <li>• <b>Licensure Census</b></li> <li>• <b>Legislative Updates-</b></li> <li>• <b>Additional Updates</b></li> </ul>	
<b>OS-0421-04</b>	<b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b>	
<b>OS-0421-05</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b>	
<b>OS-0421-06</b>	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from March 17th, 2023, meeting.	
<b>OS-0421-07</b>	<b><u>Remote Supervision</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the policy issued in 2021 and determine if to extend the policy.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board of Professional Counseling (Board) has adopted the following policy and offered this guidance related to the supervision of professional counseling practice in the District. The policy, No. 20-001, was in effect during the calendar year 2020 and expired on December 31, 2020. This policy statement is now issued to extend the guidance. Additionally, the policy also addresses “direct supervision” required for certified addiction counselors (CAC).	
<b>OS-0421-08</b>	<b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b>	

	Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.	
<b>OS-0317-09</b>	<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> 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"> <li>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).</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).</li> <li>4. 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).</li> </ol>	

	<p><b><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></b></p>	
<b>OS-FY1</b>	<p><b><u>Supervised Practice Form</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b> Pending the subcommittee meeting.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>A supervised practice form is listed under section 9105.8 regarding the supervised experience requirement which requires the supervisor(s) to submit the completed form to the Board. The purpose of the graduate professional counseling license is to allow individual to practice under supervision of a licensed professional counselor. However, the regulations also indicate a supervisor or supervisee shall submit a supervised practice form within 2 weeks of commencing supervision. In March 2022, the Board tabled to address the supervised practice form for the subcommittee.</p>
OS-FY2	<p><b><u>Discussion on Supervision</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b></p> <p>Pending Additional Information.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>In April 2022, Ms. Sherk requested interpretation and further guidance to elaborate on the existing regulation regarding the supervision (specifically whether or not to have a primary supervisor).</p> <p>In May 2022, the Board requested to table this matter for the next Board meetings for additional information.</p>

The next open session meeting is **May 19, 2023 IN PERSON at 10:00 am**

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