

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Open Session Minutes

September 20, 2021

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

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BOOT Mission Statement:

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

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	GILLIAN RAI, ACTING CHAIR	Present
	CHARLES BOND, RRT, MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	AISHA NIXON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	LATRICE HERNDON – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	TAMIKA WELLS-HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	JOAN DROZDOSKI- BOARD ATTORNEY	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK- COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD-INVESTIGATOR	Present
Visitors	KRISTEN NEVILLE- AOTA , STATE AFFAIRS MANAGER	Present

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

September 20, 2021

OS-0920-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order at 2.51pm and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0920-02	<p><u>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to accept the September 20, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0920-03	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>No report</p>	
OS-0920-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> Ms. Aisha Nixon provided the Board with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Board Executive , LaTrice Herndon, introduced herself to the Board. • DC Health Operational Status: DC Health remains closed to the public and staff continues to work remotely. On July 7, 2021, all MSS Staff returned to the office a minimum of three days per week. On July 12, all staff returned to the office. Telework policy has been established by DCHR. Approved staff are able to telework up to two days a week. Hours of operation are 8:15 am-4:45 pm. The Processing Center: Processing center is now open to the public and no appointments • Update related to the Licensure Waiver: The District of Columbia is currently under a Public Emergency which is to expire on October 8, 2021. The Public Health Emergency expired on July 25, 2021, along with the Licensure Wavier. Individuals who were working in the District of Columbia under the waiver have until September 23, 2021 (60-days) to finalize their work in the District of Columbia or become licensed in the District of Columbia. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) is in the process of updating the agency HORA for all 19 Boards. The Board of Occupation Therapy recommendations have been submitted. The review process is schedule to start soon. • NBCOT: September 22nd to 23rd, NBCOT is holding a leadership forum. Board members and staff will be attending. • Board vacancies: Three vacancies for 2 Occupational Therapists and 1 Consumer Member • Licensure Census: The OT Board currently has 1,056 active licensees: Dance Therapists: 6 Recreational Therapists: 41 Occupational Therapy Assistants: 82 Occupational Therapists: 927 • Licensure Renewals: To date the following have renewed. Occupational Therapy: 68 Occupational Therapy Assistants: 21 • December Meeting Date: The Board has accepted December 20, 2021 for the next schedule Board meeting. 	
OS-0920-05	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u></p> <p>The new Board Attorney, Joanne Drozdoski, introduced herself to the Board.</p>	
OS-0920-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 21, 2021, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to approve the June 21, 2021 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0920-07	<p><u>REVIEW- DRAFT FALL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p>	

	<p><u>Background:</u> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p> <p>No formal motion needed. Board members will provide feedback to staff in the next few days. Ms. Neville asked that information be included regarding the students need of the vaccinations to complete clinical rotations in DC license healthcare facilities.</p>	
OS-0920-08	<p><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made to delegate to Dr. Gillian Rai to complete an electronic review and approval offline for Continuing Education Applications. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0920-09	<p><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review and determine whether to approve the use of the CEUs by licensees.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made to delegate to Dr. Gillian Rai to complete an electronic review and approval offline for Continuing Education Applications. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0920-10	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	

	<p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to accept September 20, 2021 Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0920-11	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai made to close the Open Session meeting at 3:32 pm. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2021.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED

FYI-OS-0920-01	<p><u>DC HEALTH COVID-19 PANDEMIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE RECOVERY REPORT</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> On May 28, 2021, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt shared the DC Health public health framework for post-pandemic recovery. The report provides an assessment of the District's current and emerging health needs while offering solutions for improving our health system in five domains: workforce, healthcare facilities, health information technology, health planning, and community health service and offers recommendations for collective post - pandemic recovery through the strategic investments in high-impact programs and policies.</p>	
FYI-OS-0920-02	<p><u>COVID-19 VACCINE CONTINUING EDUCATION CEU REQUIREMENT</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health through emergency rulemaking, has now mandated that a person licensed to practice one of the identified professions (see Appendix) must complete two (2) hours of continuing education on COVID-19 vaccines, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 vaccine safety, best practices for counseling patients about COVID-19 Vaccines, and COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and effectiveness, on or before September 30, 2021. These hours of continuing education may be counted as hours required for public health priorities training hours or optional training hours where applicable.</p>	
FYI-OS-0920-03	<p><u>EXPIRATION OF LICENSURE WAIVER</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> The licensure waiver expired on July 25, 2021. Out of state licensees using the waiver, have 60-days from July 25, 2021, to finalize services with DC residents and/or become licensed in DC. At this time, the waiver has not been extended.</p>	

FYI-OS-0920-04	<p>COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND UNLICENSED HEALTHCARE WORKERS</p> <p><u>Background:</u> All licensed, certified, and registered health professionals and all unlicensed healthcare workers must fulfill the requirement to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) or the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine no later than September 30, 2021. Failure to meet this requirement can result in disciplinary action including suspension and revocation of a health Professional’s license, certification, or registration.</p>	
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