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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Health Systems & Preparedness Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

JANUARY 23, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice
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Open Session January 23, 2026

Call to Order:

OS-0123-01	**Roll Call:**
OS-0123-02	**Approval of the Agenda** **Board Action**: Acceptance of the January 23, 2026, Open Session Agenda
OS-0123-03	**Board and Department Reports** 1. **Executive Director's Report**: • Operational Status Update: • Licensure Census: • Legislative Updates 2. **Board Attorney's Report** 3. **Board Chair's Report**
OS-0123-04	**Open Session Minutes** **Board Action**: Consideration of the Open Session Minutes of the December 19, 2025, Open Session Board Meeting as amended to include the "B" in Board.
OS-0123-05	**Consent Agenda** **Board Action**: Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.
OS-0123-06	**Updated In-Person Board Meetings for FY26** **Board Action:** The Board is to review the updated in-person meeting dates for FY2026. **Background:** In FY26, the Board is scheduled to meet on the following dates: • September 19, 2025 (in-person) • October 17, 2025 • November 21, 2025 • December 19, 2025 • January 23, 2026

	• February 20, 2026 • **March 20, 2026 (in-person Board Meeting)** • April 17, 2026 • May 15, 2026 (in-person Board Meeting) • **June 26, 2026 (in-person Board Meeting)** • July 17, 2026 • September 18, 2026 (in-person Board Meeting) A motion was made by Victoria Sherk to table the updated in-person board meeting final schedule. Seconded by Laura Golojuch.
OS-0123-07	**LMFT Supervising LGPC** **Board Discussion:** The Board is to discuss allowing licensed marriage and family therapists to supervise licensed graduate professional counselors. A motion was made to table the matter without discussion.
OS-0123-08	**Re-taking the NCE Exam:** **Board Discussion:** The Board is to discuss how many times an applicant can re-take the NCE without remediation course(s) being required. **Background:** Board staff has noticed several applicants re-taking the NCE exam without study courses or remediation before taking the exam again. The Board staff has seen as many as 3-4 re-takes of the exam. The Board is to discuss whether there are remediation or study courses the applicant can take before applying for re-examination. The matter was tabled.
OS-0123-09	**Staff Wellness CEU Request for Approval** **Board Action:** The Board is to review “Staff Wellness” course organized by OSSE. **Background:** Course organizers submitted a request for the Board to approve the continuing education course to provide training for early career school-based

	mental health clinicians with the foundational understanding of the provision of treatment services in a school setting for professional counselors focusing on ways to support staff wellness. This continuing education course is being offered February 11, 2026, being hosted as an in-person course. The course is 1.5 hours of continuing education credit. A motion was made to table the matter until the board staff can request additional information on the content of the course and how does it relate to mental health.
OS-0123-10	**Proposed Update to LGPC/LPC Regulations** **Board Action:** The Board is to review the proposed update to the LGPC/LPC Regulations and supervised practice. The matter was tabled with discussion until updates can be made to the proposed updates to the LGPC/LPC regulations.
OS-0123-11	**Motion to Close:** **Board Action**: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). **Background:** 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. 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 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).

THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY
NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED

OS-FY1	**Request for Nominations for 2025 AMFTRB Board of Directors Open Positions** Dear AMFTRB State Delegates and Executive Directors, AMFTRB's Election Committee is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. The openings for the 2025 election are for President-Elect and Secretary. Both positions begin on January 1, 2026. The position of President Elect is for two years followed by two years as President, and one to two years as Past President. The position of Secretary is for two years. Responsibilities are as follows: A. President. The President shall be the Chief Officer of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall perform such duties as are customary for presiding officers. Subject to the directives of the Board, the President may represent the Association, appoint committees and perform such other duties as required to carry out the policies and serve the purposes of the Association. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Elections Committee. B. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall assist the President in the discharge of presidential duties; shall officiate for the President during his or her absence or incapacity or at the President's request; shall perform and be vested with all the powers and duties of the President in the case of disability or absence of the President, either at the President's request or by a two-thirds majority vote of the currently seated Board of Directors. Such a vote may be made through a telephone conference call, mail, facsimile, e-mail ballot, videoconference, meeting or any combination of the foregoing methods. At the time of the decision, a date must be set for review of this decision; shall assume the office of President should a vacancy occur; shall monitor all meetings using the then current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order; shall review the Bylaws and make suggestions for changes (if any) during the second year of his or her

	term; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board. C. Secretary. The Secretary shall record minutes of all proceedings of the Association and of the Board; shall be responsible, in conjunction with the Executive Director, for maintaining a history of the Association; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Board hopes to maintain a diverse composition in terms of region, state population, state board membership, education, gender, and ethnicity. Please consider nominating your AMFTRB delegate or alternate delegate. To submit a nomination, either email Lois Paff Bergen at lois@amftrb.org the name and email address of your nominee or your nominee may complete the Candidate Survey. Nominations must be received before March 31st. On behalf of the Elections Committee, Lisa V. Merchant, PhD, LMFT (TX) Chair Elections Committee Elections Committee Members are David Fye (KS) and Chilah Brown (MN) Lois Paff Bergen, PhD, LMFT Executive Director AMFTRB 1843 Austin Bluffs Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719-388-1615 lois@amftrb.org

The next open session meeting is virtual February 20, 2026 at 10:00 am

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