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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Health Systems & Preparedness Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

March 6, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice
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Open Session March 6, 2026

Call to Order:

OS-0306-01	**Roll Call:**
OS-0306-02	**Approval of the Agenda** **Board Action**: Consideration of the March 6, 2026, Open Session Agenda.
OS-0306-03	**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-0306-04	**Open Session Minutes** **Board Action**: Consideration of the January 23, 2026 Open Session Minutes.
OS-0306-05	**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-0306-06	**CEU Application Review** **Board Discussion:** The Board is to discuss rotating the review of continuing education application.
OS-0306-07	**Applying School Behavioral Health Data to Plan for Tiers 1 and 2 CEU Request for Approval** **Board Action:** The Board is to review "Applying School Behavioral Health Data to Plan for Tiers 1 and 2" 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 who are early in their careers with the foundational understanding of the provision of treatment services in a school setting. This session will focus on how to apply school behavioral health data to plan for tiers 1 and 2. This continuing education course is being offered March 11, 2026, being hosted as virtual live webinar course. The course is 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.
OS-0306-08	**Evidence Based Practices: Treatment Planning, Provision of Services and Progress Tracking at Tier 3 CEU Request for Approval** **Board Action:** The Board is to review "Evidence Based Practices: Treatment Planning, Provision of Services and Progress Tracking at Tier 3" 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 who are early in their careers with the foundational understanding of the provision of treatment services in a school setting. This session is a follow-up session in March that focuses on how to apply school behavioral health data to plan for tiers 1 and 2. This continuing education course is being offered April 8, 2026, being hosted as a virtual live webinar course. The course is 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.
OS-0306-09	**Stakeholder Collaboration in Schools CEU Request for Approval** **Board Action:** The Board is to review "Stakeholder Collaboration in Schools" 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 who are early in their careers with the foundational understanding of the provision of treatment services in a school setting. This session will focus on identifying important stakeholders within the school system as well as within the local DC community. This continuing education course is being offered May 6, 2026, being hosted as a virtual course. The course is 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.

OS-0306-10	**Leveraging Leadership Skills in Schools CEU Request for Approval** **Board Action:** The Board is to review "Leveraging Leadership Skills in Schools" 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 who are early in their careers with the foundational understanding of the provision of treatment services in a school setting. This session will focus on leadership skills that clinicians bring to schools. This continuing education course is being offered June 3, 2026, being hosted as an in-person course. The course is 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.
OS-0306-11	**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
OS-FY2	**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.

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

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