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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Health Systems & Preparedness Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

May 15, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice
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Call to Order:

OS-0515-01	**Roll Call:** **Board Members:** Victoria Sherk – Board Chair Rhonda Pope-Brown – Board Member Laura Golojuch – Board Member **Board Staff:** LaTrice Herndon – Executive Director Brett Bennett – Board Attorney Leonard Howard – Investigator Linda Smith – Health Licensing Specialist **Public:** Angele Moss Baker – Public Robyn Elliott – AAMFT Amanda Darney - AAMFT
OS-0515-02	**Approval of the Agenda** **Board Action**: Consideration of the May 15, 2026, Open Session Agenda. **Motion:** A motion was made by Rhonda Pope Brown to approve the May 15, 2026 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Laura Golojuch. **Vote:** Laura Golojuch, Rhonda Pope Brown and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0515-03	**Board and Department Reports** 1. **Executive Director's Report**: • Operational Status Update: DC Health did go before DC Council for their Budget Hearing. You can watch the replay of that on Councilmember Christine Henderson's YouTube channel or the DC Council's website.

	Board Chair Symposium, May 14, 2026 hosted by DC Health. DC Health Director, Dr. Bennett attended. • Licensure Census: LPC - 2151 LGPC - 483 CACI - 83 CACII – 170 PAT – 25 LPAT – 6 MFT – 291 Dance – 4 • Legislative Updates - None 2. **Board Attorney's Report –** Ms. Bennett also attended the Board Chair Symposium. One of the key discussions focused on determining when the Board should use a private agreement versus a public agreement. In addition, the Office of Open Government provided a presentation on the Open Meetings Act. A new rulemaking has also been enacted that offers clearer guidance on how Board members must vote in order to enter executive session. 3. **Board Chair's Report - None**
OS-0515-04	**Open Session Minutes** **Board Action**: Consideration of the April 17, 2026 Open Session Minutes. **Motion:** A motion was made by Rhonda Pope Brown to approve the April 17, 2026 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Laura Golojuch. **Vote:** Laura Golojuch, Rhonda Pope Brown and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
OS-0515-05	**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. **Motion:**

	A motion was made by Rhonda Pope Brown to approve the May 15, 2026 Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Victoria Sherk. **Vote:** Laura Golojuch, Rhonda Pope Brown and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
	Public Comment: • Angele Moss Baker – Requested an update on the subcommittee status for Certified Addiction Counselors (CAC) as well as the status of ability of CAC to supervise. Ms. Moss Baker also wanted to find out the status of the Counseling Compact.
OS-0515-06	**Motion to Temporarily Close Open Session:** **Board Action**: To go into the closed executive 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. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2- 575(b)(9). At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.
	Roll Call Vote
	This temporarily concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Victoria Sherk to move into the Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Rhonda Brown. **Vote:**

	Laura Golojuch, Rhonda Pope Brown and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
	Executive Session Board Report
OS-0515-07	**Board Action:** Board report, as appropriate, of action taken during the Executive Session meeting. • Number of applications approved - 3 • Number of cases closed - 0
OS-0515-08	**Motion to Adjourn at 1:14 pm** **Motion:** A motion was made by Victoria Sherk to close the May 15, 2026 Board of Professional Counseling meeting. Seconded by Rhonda Pope Brown

The next open session meeting is June 26, 2026 at 10:00 am

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