

## **BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

**March 20, 2025**

**1:30 p.m.**

### **OPEN SESSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Hybrid Meeting**

The Board will have a hybrid in-person and virtual meetings schedule. Please see the hybrid schedule in the Meetings Dates section of the agenda.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Pl, SE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20020. Information on how to access virtual Board meetings is listed below:

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Thursday, March 20, 2025, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 473 998 269

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<b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b>	
OS-0320-01	<p>Call to order at 1:44 pm</p> <p><b><u>Introduction:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johanna Brooks, Chair Board Member- Present</li> <li>• Hope Carlisle, Board Member- Present</li> <li>• Maisha Goss Johns- Board Consumer Member - Present</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>• Tiguist Zerihun- Health Licensing Specialist-Present</li> <li>• Whitney Moore, Investigator- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Legal Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney - present</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Public Attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No attendees</li> </ul>
OS-0320-02	<p><b><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Acceptance of <b>March 20, 2025</b>, Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>A motion was made to accept <b>March 20, 2025</b>, Open Session Meeting Agenda, by Hope Carlisle, and seconded by Maisha Goss Johns.</p> <p>Johanna Brooks, Hope Carlisle, and Maisha Goss Johns, all voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0320-03	<p><b><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes of <b>January 16, 2025</b>, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Open Session minutes from <b>January 16, 2025</b>, by Hope Carlisle, and seconded by Maisha Goss Johns.</p>

	Johanna Brooks, Hope Carlisle, and Maisha Goss Johns, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
<b>STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-0320-04	<p><b><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></b> Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal: The renewal for board of Massage Therapy closed on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</li> <li>• The director of DC Health has shared the new public health priorities for continuing education; all information is posted on our website.</li> <li>• The next annual meeting for FSMTB will be held in Kansas City, celebrating their 20 years of service to the massage therapy.</li> <li>• The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We currently have two vacancies for Massage Therapists that are licensed in DC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Board Meeting Scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ May 15, 2025 (Virtual)</li> <li>➤ July 17, 2025 (In-Person &amp; Virtual)</li> <li>➤ September 18, 2025 (Virtual)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
OS-0320-05	<p><b><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></b> The Board Attorney reported on the vacancies on the Board as well as the requirements to serve on the Board. He also reported that in celebration of FSMTB's 20th anniversary, the FSMTB Board of Directors is sponsoring TWO members from each state board or agency to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting which is October 5-7 in Kansas City. In addition to the voting delegate, each Board can select an additional person to serve as the alternate delegate and attend this event with all expenses paid (registration, travel, lodging).</p>	
OS-0320-06	<p><b><u>Board Chair’s Report:</u></b> No report</p>	

CONSENT AGENDA		
OS-0320-07	<p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Consideration of the application(s) approved and the items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board Actions taken since the last meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paul Miller</li> <li>2. Aaron Boyd</li> <li>3. Rachel Gao</li> <li>4. Wen Juan Zhou</li> <li>5. Shauna Herron</li> <li>6. Deron Burkhead</li> <li>7. Jaime Jarvis</li> <li>8. Roniza Hauk</li> <li>9. Alexa Matthews</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda by Hope Carlisle and seconded by Maisha Goss Johns.</p> <p>Johanna Brooks, Hope Carlisle, and Maisha Goss Johns, all voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
OS- 0320-08	<b>No Comments</b>	
CLOSING		
OS-0320-09	<p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>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>Motion:</u></b> A motion was made to go into closed session to discuss confidential matters by Hope Carlisle and seconded by Maisha Goss Johns. Johanna Brooks, Hope Carlisle, and Maisha Goss Johns, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	
	This 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.	

This ends the Board of Massage Therapy Open Session Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for **May 15, 2025 (Virtual)**.

**DC Health  
2201 Shannon Place SE  
Washington, DC 20020**

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).