

# BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**September 19, 2022**

**2:30 pm**

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## **HYBRID 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."**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0922-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 2:26 pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr.Gillian Rai - Present</li> <li>• Charles Bond- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>• Joanne Drozdoski , Board Attorney- Present</li> <li>• Tamika Wells, Health Licensing Specialist-Present</li> <li>• Leonard Howard, Investigator-Present</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Visitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meghan Pudeler (American Occupational Therapy Association)</li> <li>• Shaun Conaway (National Board for Certification and Occupational Therapy)</li> <li>• Delvin Champagne (DC Occupational Therapy Association)</li> <li>• Scott Tiffin (Public Policy Partners)</li> <li>• Carl Sims (Council State Governments)</li> <li>• Robyn Elliott</li> </ul>
OS-0922-02	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from the September 19, 2022 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Bond to approve the September 19, 2022; open session agenda as amended. Seconded by Dr. Rai.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Mr. Bond and Dr. Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-0922-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Operational Status Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Director of DC Health, Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt has resigned from DC Health on July 29, 2022. Dr. Sharon Lewis will be the Interim Director of DC Health. Mr. Arian Gibson will be the Interim Senior Deputy Director of Health Licensing Regulation and Administration (HRLA) and Ms. Aisha Nixon is now the Associate Director for HRLA Licensing Boards.</li> <li>○ The Board Occupational Therapy has a vacancies for Board members (Occupational Therapist and Consumer Member). For more information please contact Executive Director Ms. LaTrice Herndon at <a href="mailto:laTrice.herndon@dc.gov">laTrice.herndon@dc.gov</a> .</li> </ul>

	<p><b>B. COVID-19 Vaccine Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Practice under the licensure waiver ends on August 10, 2022, and there will be no extensions. Licensees who have been practicing under the waiver must ensure to be licensed in DC by this date or cease to practice.</li> <li>○ The COVID Vaccine requirement is still a requirement for licensure or renewal of a license in the district.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Licensure Census</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Occupational Therapist 861</li> <li>○ Occupational Therapy Assistant 60</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Legislative Updates Council Recess:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Councils currently on summer recess.</li> </ul>
OS-0922-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An amendment to the HIV/AIDS Data Privacy Protection and Health Occupation Revision Clarification Amendment Act of 2022 restores the ability of Health Occupations Boards to consider convictions of applicants and those licensed, certified, or registered by a Health Occupations Board; (this effectively repeals the portion of the Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing Act which precluded Boards from considering any convictions that were not directly related to the duties of the particular health occupation for which they were applying.) Thus, if the Board Attorney reviews a CBC for an applicant that she truly believes is of concern, she can once again send it before the Board for review prior to licensure, if necessary.</li> </ul>
OS-0922-05	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p><b>No Report</b></p>
OS-0922-06	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 20, 2021, meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Bond to approve the December 20, 2021; open session agenda as amended. Seconded by Dr. Rai.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Mr. Bond and Dr. Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>
OS-0922-07	<p><b><u>American Occupational Therapy Association Presentation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The American Occupational Therapy Association would like to hold a presentation with the Board member and Board staff about District, Maryland, and Virginia Licensure compact.</p> <p><b><u>No motion made</u></b></p>

OS-0922-08	<p><b>MEETING DATES 2023</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board is to review and approve 2023 Board meeting dates. *IP (in-person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 20, 2023, IP*</li> <li>• June 19, 2023, IP*</li> <li>• September 18, 2023</li> <li>• December 18, 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Bond to accept the 2023 meeting dates except for June 19, 2023. An alternative date will be determined in mid-2023. Seconded by Dr. Rai.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Mr. Bond and Dr. Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0922-09	<p><b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Bond to accept as written with modification for Mr. Bonds Recreational Therapy Seconded by Dr. Rai.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Mr. Bond and Dr. Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	

OS-0922-10	<p><b><u>Motion to Close</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> 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> Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(14)</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Bond to close the Open Session at 3:40pm. Seconded by Dr. Rai.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Mr. Bond and Dr. Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>
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***The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2022***