

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Place Street, SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020.

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OPEN SESSION June 21 2024

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0621-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk - Chairperson • Rhonda Pope-Brown- Board Member <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon-Executive Director • Panravee Vongjaroent – Attorney • Anthea Isaacs- Health Licensing Specialist • Matteo Lieb- Policy Analyst • Mark Donatelli – Investigator <p><u>Guest:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan Potash • David J. Walker, MPA • Shaquita Banks 	
<p>OS-0621-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the June 21st, 2024, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the June 21st, 2024, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Rhonda Pope-Brown.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0621-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Census – CAC I- 89 CAC II – 164 LGPC – 533 LPC – 1816 PAT-3 <p>DC Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health had its Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Oversight hearing in early April. This hearing offers an opportunity for the Committee on Health to review DC Health’s proposed budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year. ▪ There were two hearings, one on April 10th for public witnesses and one on April 11th for representatives from DC Health. During the hearing, there was discussion around staffing for health professional licensing boards and investments to address healthcare workforce issues. ▪ The mark-up for DC Health’s budget in the Committee on Health was held on <u>May 9th</u>. The marked-up FY25 budget was advanced unanimously out of Committee. It then went to the Committee of the Whole where it was passed on First Reading with 11 votes and the Second Reading unanimously. It will now go to the Mayor for approval. <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). ▪ This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. ▪ DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd and on Second Reading on May 7th. The legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29th and will now go through Congressional Review. OGR anticipates this will become law by either early August or early September. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Counseling Compact has been marked up to move forward, more information to come while in the beginning stages. 	
<p>OS-0621-04</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
<p>OS-0621-05</p>	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	

<p>OS-0621-06</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from April 19th 2024, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the April 19th 2024, Open Session Minutes as written. Seconded Rhonda Pope-Brown.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0621-07</p>	<p><u>LMFT Supervisor</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the letter of a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT) and LPC to consider licensed LMFTs as supervisors for LGPCs</p> <p><u>Background:</u> An individual who holds both an LMFT and LPC is inquiring if the Board can consider LMFTs being able to provide supervision for LGPCs.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to Table until the License Marriage and Family Therapy Board is dissolved. Seconded Rhonda Pope-Brown.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0621-08</p>	<p><u>Board Approval</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether to extend the Grandfathering period for Art Therapy. The Board is to further determine who is to be granted under the Grandfathering and the expiration date.</p>	

	<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Art Therapy applicants who have been practicing for years but who may not meet all the educational qualifications for Art Therapy may qualify for the Grandfathering period that has expired.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion made by Rhonda Pop-Brown to not extend the Grandfathering period for At Therapy. Seconded Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p> <p>Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0621-09</p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion made by Rhonda Pope-Brown to accept the Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p> <p>Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0621-10</p>	<p><u>Motion to</u></p> <p><u>Close</u></p> <p>Board</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background:</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"> 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).

Motion:

Motion made by Rhonda Pope-Brown to close the open session agenda. Seconded Victoria Sherk.

Vote:

Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next open session meeting is July 29, 2024 at 10:00

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