



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

October 9, 2020

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

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OS-1020-01	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-1020-02	APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA	
OS-1020-03	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	
OS-1020-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-1020-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	
OS-1020-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 11, 2020 meeting.</p>	
OS-1020-07	<p>DISCUSSION - LPC ENDORSEMENT PROCESS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the endorsement process for the LPC and determine next steps.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Health Occupation Revisions Act (HORA) has a general endorsement process that is applicable to all licensure boards. However, the endorsement provision specific to professional counseling is somewhat different from the general HORA endorsement provision and presents possible conflict. The general endorsement process requires applicants to meet the current educational standards applicable to all licensees. However, the professional counseling endorsement provision appear to be more stringent than the general HORA requirement. It is necessary for the Board to review the laws and determine the best way to apply them such that there is no legal conflict. The Board Attorney has provided information for the Board to review and discuss.</p> <p>During the September meeting, the Board tabled this discussion and requested a representative from the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) speak about their proposed endorsement process. A member of AASCB will present to the Board.</p>	

OS-1020-08	<p>TELEHEALTH – DISCUSSION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an interprofessional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach. The Workgroup has decided to focus its efforts on the development of legislation to address telehealth. A subcommittee will be formed with representation from each health professional board.</p>	
OS-1020-09	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p>	
OS-1020-10	<p>MOTION TO ADJOURN</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p>	

The next open session meeting scheduled for November 13, 2020 at 10:00am.

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.