



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing
Administration**

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

September 10, 2021

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Currently, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public emergency.

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Join by Web

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OPEN SESSION SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

OS-0921-01	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0921-02	APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA	
OS-0921-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction of the New Executive Director ○ Operational Status Update ○ Update related to the Licensure Waiver ○ Update regarding the HORA Revisions ○ Mention any upcoming meetings related to the Board ○ Licensure Census ○ Audits ○ Board Vacancies 	
OS-0921-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-0921-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	
OS-0921-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 9, 2021 meeting.</p>	
OS-0921-07	<p>DISCUSSION – CAREER AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELING</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss whether career and/or vocational counseling require licensure in the District of Columbia.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board’s current scope of practice states the following:</p> <p>Engaging in counseling or psychotherapy activities, including cognitive behavioral therapy or other modality, with or without compensation, to facilitate human development and to identify and remediate mental, emotional, or behavioral conditions and associated difficulties that interfere with mental health and wellness. The practice of professional counseling also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conducting interviews, tests, and other forms of assessment for the purpose of diagnosing individuals, families, and groups, as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of 	

	<p>Disorders or other appropriate classification schemes, and determining treatment goals and objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assisting individuals, families, and groups through a professional relationship to achieve long-term effective mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, social, educational, or career development and adjustment 	
OS-0921-08	<p>DISCUSSION – SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REGULATORY REVISIONS & ART THERAPY REGULATIONS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Determine how the Board would like to move forward regarding the regulatory updates and drafting of the art therapy regulations.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Over the past year a subcommittee of the Board has met to review the recommendations submitted regarding revisions to the LPC and LGPC regulations. Since the passing of the Art Therapy law, a subcommittee of the Board and external stakeholders have begun to work together to draft regulations for the purpose of licensing Art Therapists and Graduate Art Therapists. Due to the recent increase in Board vacancies, how Board would like to move forward needs to be determined.</p>	
OS-0921-09	<p>DISCUSSION – CHANGE OF MEETING TIMES AND DATES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss times and dates for the Board’s meetings.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Board Staff would like to discuss changing the time and dates of meetings to ensure the Board’s work is completed in the most effective manner.</p>	
OS-0921-10	<p>REVIEW – DRAFT FALL/WINTER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p>	

OS-0921-11	<p>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.</p>	
OS-0921-12	<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>	

The next open session meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2021 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.

OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED

FYI-OS-0921-01	<p>TELEHEALTH</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an inter-professional 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.</p>
FYI-OS-0921-02	<p>COUNSELING COMPACT LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT 2021</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Counseling Compact Legislative Summit provided an opportunity for state officials and stakeholders in the Counseling profession to learn more about this initiative to improve license portability for Licensed Professional Counselors and increase access to care for clients.</p> <p>You may access the recording here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwHkwgpNJPQ&ab_channel=CSGovts</p> <p>And the slide deck here: https://counselingcompact.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CC-Summit-Slides-2021.pdf</p>
FYI-OS-0921-03	<p>EXPIRATION OF LICENSURE WAIVER</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The licensure waiver expired on July 25, 2021. Out of state licensees using the waiver have 60-days from July 25, 2021 to finalize services with DC residents and/or become licensed in DC. At this time, the waiver has not been extended.</p>
FYI-OS-0921-04	<p>COVID-19 VACCINES CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REQUIREMENT</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health through emergency rulemaking, has now mandated that a person licensed to practice one of the identified professions must complete two (2) hours of continuing education on COVID-19 vaccines, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 vaccine safety, best practices for counseling patients about COVID-19 vaccines, and COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and effectiveness, on or before September 30, 2021. These hours of continuing education may be counted as hours required for public health priorities training hours or optional training hours where applicable.</p>