



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing
Administration**

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

January 10, 2020

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 2020 PUBLIC SESSION ATTENDANCE

Board Members:	Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown, Chairperson	Present
	Laurie Ferreri, Board Member	Present
	Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, Board Member	Present
	Victoria Sherk, Board Member	Present
Staff:		
	Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	Absent
	Frank Meyers – Executive Director, Boards of Chiropractic and Medicine	Present
	David Walker – Licensing Specialist	Present
	Van Braithwaite – Board Attorney	Present
	Leonard Howard – Investigator	Present

OPEN SESSION JANUARY 10, 2020

OS-0120-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 10:22am and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0120-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>Ms. Ferreri made the motion to approve the Open Session January 2020 agenda. Ms. Sherk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0120-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Mr. Walker provided an update on the licensure census for the licensees regulated by the Board of Professional Counselors on behalf of Ms. Nixon.</p> <p>LPC – 1,213 LGPC – 299 CACII – 169 CACI – 95</p>	
OS-0120-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>i. DC Council Hearing – Art Therapy The Board Attorney provided an update on the recent council hearing regarding licensure of Art Therapists.</p> <p>ii. LPC/LGPC Sub-Committee The LPC Sub-Committee has completed its initial work updating the regulations for LG and LPC practitioners in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee is still working on other amendments to 66 and 91, which will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. The Board requested they be provided a copy of the finalized regulations for their own review first, then meet to discuss the revisions, and then meet with the sub-committee to discuss. The expected timeframe for the regulations for Board review is March 2020.</p> <p>Additionally, the Board discussed doing something to recognize the sub-committee members for their work.</p> <p>Dr. Sardi made the motion to grant 10 CE units to each member of the sub-committee, for a total of twenty (20) CE contact hours, as</p>	

	well as a certificate of appreciation. Ms. Ruffin-Colbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0120-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT No Report	
OS-0120-06	MINUTES Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the December 13, 2019 meeting. Motion: Ms. Sherk made the motion to approve the December 2019 open session minutes. Ms. Ferreri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0120-07	DISCUSSION – STATE OF CACI/CACII JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION Board Action: To determine whether to implement an attestation form in lieu of the jurisprudence examination. Background: The regulations for the CACI and CACII require all applicants to sit for the jurisprudence examination. Currently, Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) offers the jurisprudence examination. PTC informed DC Health that it is changing testing providers and provided the agency with a new contract. The new agreement is currently under review. Due to this, CACI and CACII applicants will no longer be able to sit for the jurisprudence examination effective January 1, 2020. Board Staff has provided an example of an attestation form from the Board of Psychology to review. Motion: Ms. Dr. Sardi made the motion to create an attestation for use pending creation of the new jurisprudence examination, that will require applicants agree to take a future jurisprudence examination once it is established. Ms. Ruffin-Colbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0120-08	MOTION TO CLOSE Board Action:	

	<p>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> <p>The next open session meeting scheduled for February 14, 2020 at 10:00am.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Dr. Sardi made the motion to end open session. Ms. Sherk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
--	---	--

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.