

**Health Regulation and Licensing
Administration**

**Board of Professional
Counseling**

MEETING MINUTES

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Friday, April 12, 2019
10:00am – 2:00pm**

APRIL 12, 2019 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	Absent
Staff:		
	Aisha Nixon – Interim Executive Director	Absent
	Frank Meyers – sitting in for Ms. Nixon	Present
	David Walker – Licensing Specialist	Present
	Van Braithwaite – Board Attorney	Present
	Leonard Howard – Investigator	Present
	Gregory Scurlock – Chief Compliance Officer	Present
Visitors:		
	Vikram Chiruvolu - Licensee	Present
	Arkilah Womack – Community Connections	Present

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	Meeting was called to order at 10:22 am and a quorum was established.	
OS-0419-01	APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion: Made by Ms. Ruffin-Coldert to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Ferrari. Dr. Sardi-Brown and Ms. Ferrari voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Ruffin-Colbert abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0419-02	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Mr. Meyers announced that Ms. Aisha Nixon was named Interim Executive Director for the Boards of Allied and Behavioral Health.	
OS-0419-03	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT No Report	
OS-0419-04	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Public Comments: The Chairperson asked the public if they had any items for discussion. A member of the public was present to advocate for the ability of Licensed Professional Counselors to be able to diagnose and treat patients at DBH. The Board requested legal counsel provide more information for a contact at DBH who can assist with the issue.	
OS-0419-05	APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2019 OPEN SESSION MINUTES Motion: Motion made by Ms. Ferrari to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Sardi-Brown. Dr. Sardi-Brown, Ms. Ferrari voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Ruffin-Colbert abstained. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0419-06	DISCUSSION: STANDARD FINES Motion:	

	<p>This item was for informational and discussion purposes only. The Board discussed how other boards in HRLA utilize fines, and whether this Board wants to follow such a model?</p> <p>The Board felt “Option 2” was the preferred option of the Board, although the dollar amounts should be increased. Additionally, the Board wants violations for CEUs to be by the hour, not broken out in group.</p> <p>This information will be shared with the Executive Director to research changing the dollar amounts to a higher amount (i.e., what was the reason for the current amounts, and what will it take to be increased?). Changes should be incorporated into future Proposed Board Delegated Authorities.</p>	
OS-0419-07	<p>DISCUSSION: EXAMINATION LIMITS</p> <p>Motion: This item was for informational and discussion purposes only. The Board felt no changes to existing policy should be made at this time. Applicants have three (3) chances to sit for the NCE. After the third attempt, the applicant must appear before the Board to discuss a plan to pass the examination until the applicant passes the examination.</p>	
OS-0419-08	<p>ADJOURNMENT – 11:44 am</p> <p>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 is scheduled for May 10, 2019 at 10:00am.</p>	