

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00PM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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OPEN SESSION SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0916-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk – Chairperson-Present <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon- Executive Director • Fatima Abby – Health Licensing Specialist • Lakisha Ross- Health Licensing Specialist • Whitney Moore- Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant General Counsel • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator • Gregory Scurlock-Board Investigator • Amanda Attiya, Policy Analyst <p><u>Visitors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angele Moss Baker, Past President AMHCA and DCMHCA 	
<p>OS-0916-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the September 16, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the September 16, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0916-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Latrice Herndon provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An overview of the new positions of the current DOH senior staff: Dr. Sharon Lewis is now the Interim DOH Director, Mr. Arian Gibson is the Interim Director of HRLA, and Ms. Aisha Nixon is the new Associate Director of Allied and Behavioral health boards. ○ In person meetings will begin starting 2023. For the Board of Professional Counseling the in-person meetings will start in May 2023. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are Board member vacancies on the Board of professional Counseling. If anyone is interested, please contact the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA). ○ Licensure Census: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional Counselors: 1477 ▪ Graduate Professional Counselors: 516 ▪ Certified Addiction Counselors I: 87 ▪ Certified Addiction Counselors II: 171 	
OS-0916-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report from the Board attorney. 	
OS-0916-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report from the Board Chair. 	
OS-0916-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from July 22, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the minutes from July 22, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0916-07	<p><u>Licensure Portability: Discussion on Counseling Compact</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to continue discussing the Counseling Compact.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In July the Board Chair requested to place this matter at the September Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to support and join the Counseling Compact. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0916-08</p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></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 of the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><u>Addendum (Public Comment)</u></p>	<p><u>Open Statement-</u> Ms. Angele Moss Baker, Past President AMHCA and DCMHCA, expressed concern with the status of the one-person board for the Board of Professional Counseling. She also expressed concern on the criteria used for joining the Board.</p>	
<p>OS-0916-09</p>	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to close Open Session Meeting. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next open session meeting is October 21, 2022, at 10:00 am

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