

## BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

December 20, 2021

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-1220-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>A. Board Members B. Board Staff C. Visitors</p>
OS-1220-02	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the December 20, 2021 Open Session Agenda.</p>

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-1220-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p>	
OS-1220-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></b> New Reporting Requirements</p>	
OS-1220-05	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT:</u></b></p>	
OS-1220-06	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 14, 2021 meeting.</p>	

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-1220-07	<p><b><u>HEALTH OCCUPATION REVISION ACT (HORA) REVISION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to determine whether to accept Board Chairperson’s recommendations for HORA professional scope of practices.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board voted to table this matter and delegate the review to the Board Chairperson to provide final recommendations for the Board.</p>	
OS-1220-08	<p><b><u>DETERMINATION FOR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To determine whether to accept Board Chairperson’s recommendations for Academy of Doctors of Audiology regarding what is part of the DC audiology scope of practice.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board voted to table this matter and delegate the review to the Board Chairperson to provide final recommendations for the Board.</p>	
OS-1220-09	<p><b><u>2021 CLARIFICATION OF BOARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To review the 2021 policy statement related to telehealth, tele-supervision, and face-to-face continuing education and determine if any revisions are needed.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Clarification policy statement was drafted in March 2021 to address the use of telehealth as a method of service delivery, clinical fellows receiving supervision remotely, and continuing education requirements. The Public Health Emergency expired on July 25, 2021. Currently, there is a Public Emergency in place.</p>	
OS-1220-10	<p><b><u>REVIEW – DRAFT FALL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licensees on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p>	

OS-1220-11	<p><b><u>ASHA and DCSHA Presentation:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to allow ASHA and DCSHA to present for 10-15 minutes.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> ASHA &amp; DCSHA requested to speak to the Board about supporting the Audiology &amp; Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.</p>	
OS-1220-12	<p><b><u>MEETING DATES 2022</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss meeting dates for 2022</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board to discuss 2022 meeting dates and make any necessary changes to schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 15</li> <li>• June 14</li> <li>• September 13</li> <li>• December 20</li> </ul>	
OS-1220-13	<p><b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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>	

**MOTION TO ADJORN**

OS-1220-13	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p>	
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	<p><b>Background:</b> Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”</p>	
OS-1220-14	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda; next meeting is scheduled for MACRH 21, 2022.**

**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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).**

**OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED**

FYI-OS-1220-01	<p><b>DC HEALTH COVID-19 PANDEMIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE RECOVERY REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> On May 28, 2021, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt shared the DC Health public health framework for post-pandemic recovery. The report provides an assessment of the District's current and emerging health needs while offering solutions for improving our health system in five domains: workforce, healthcare facilities, health information technology, health planning, and community health service and offers recommendations for collective post - pandemic recovery through the strategic investments in high-impact programs and policies.</p>	
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FYI-OS-1220-02	<p><b><u>COVID-19 VACCINE CONTINUING EDUCATION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> DC Health through emergency rulemaking, has now mandated that a person licensed to practice one of the identified professions (see Appendix) 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> <p><b>Note:</b> The two (2) hour COVID-19 vaccine continuing education CE's will need to be submitted if the applicant is applying for reinstatement, reactivation and the next renewal cycle.</p>	
FYI-OS-1220-03	<p><b><u>LICENSURE WAIVER</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Beginning September 22, 2021, health care practitioners licensed in good standing in other states (who are vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted a medical or religious exemption by the Department of Health) will be able to practice in DC without a license at a health care facility or via telepractice to an existing client/patient for continuing care until March 31, 2022.</p>	
FYI-OS-1220-04	<p><b><u>COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND UNLICENSED HEALTHCARE WORKERS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> All licensed, certified, and registered health professionals and all unlicensed healthcare workers must fulfill the requirement to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) or the single dose Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccine no later than September 30, 2021. Failure to meet this requirement can result in disciplinary action including suspension and revocation of a health professional's license, certification, or registration.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Applicants are now required to complete this information when submitting an initial, reinstatement, and reactivation application.</p>	

FYI-OS-1220-05

**TEMPORARY WAIVER OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

**Background:**

Until October 31, 2021, an individual may engage in the unlicensed practice of providing healthcare to District residents for a particular health occupation if the individual:

- (a) Is licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction in the applicable healthcare occupation.
- (b) Has not been issued a suspension or revocation order by a District of Columbia health occupation board;
- (c) Files an application with the Department of Health by October 1, 2021, or ten (10) calendar days after the individual first engages in the unlicensed practice of providing healthcare to District residents pursuant to this section, whichever is later, for a health occupation license that would allow the individual to continue to provide healthcare services in their health occupation after October 31, 2021; and
- (d) Provides healthcare services pursuant to this section only:
  - (1) At a licensed or certified healthcare entity listed in subsection 4020.2 of this section, which may include the provision of healthcare services by telehealth; or
  - (2) To an established patient who has returned to the District of Columbia, and the individual is providing continuity of care to the patient by telehealth in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.