

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2021

1:30PM: 4:30PM

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Thursday, Jan 21, 2021 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA JANUARY 21, 2021

OS-0121-01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u> 1:30PM</p>	
OS-0121-02	<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p> <p>Cary Bland – Chairman Darlene Jackson -Member Johanna Brooks-Member Joseph Reo – Member Tiffany Ferriss- Member Ericka Walker – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Ajay Gohil – Assistant Attorney General Christopher Boone- Assistant Attorney General Leonard Howard – Investigator Christine Hooper- Visitor</p>	
OS-0121-03	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the January 21, 2021 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to accept the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bland.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Ferris, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0121-04	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0121-05	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ms. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Processing Center is opened on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, by appointment only. • DC Health launched The DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN), a new tool to help residents know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. • The Board Newsletter has been sent out to all licensees. • The 2021 renewal is open until January 31, 2021. • The criminal background check result procedure is mandatory for 	

	<p>this renewal period.</p>	
OS-0121-06	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2021 meeting dates are posted. • Christopher Boone was introduced as the new Board Attorney. • Recommended that the Board review the current scope of practice to determine if there is a need for revisions. • Dr. Jacqueline Watson, the Chief of Staff for the Department of Health is planning on scheduling a meeting for all Board Chairs to discuss the issue of telehealth. • Recommended that the Board review the delegated authority to Board staff. 	
OS-0121-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Ferris and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0121-08	<p><u>FYI</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Meeting dates for 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 18, 2021 • May 20, 2021 • July 15, 2021 • September 16, 2021 • November 18, 2021 <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>No Action was required.</p>	
OS-0121-09	<p><u>REGULATION AMENDMENT</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide to accept or not to accept.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board reviewed and discussed the current draft regulation and ended the discussions on section 7503.1 of the draft regulation.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> The Board decided to review and revise the scope of practice and add it to the revision of the regulations. The matter was tabled.</p>	
OS-0121-10	<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> <i>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B 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.</i></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to close the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Ferris and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0121-11	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Ferris and Ms. Brooks voted in favor</p>	

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This ends the January 21, 2021 meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021.