

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY OPEN SESSION MINUTES

December 13, 2023

2:30 pm

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2024, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=mf4b68e687004defcb607071c9897896c>

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Statement:**

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services."

OPEN SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2023

OS-1223-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL December 13, 2023, Open Session meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans Board Chairperson –Present • Dr. Tim Vidale -Present • Ana Quinones – Present • Dr. Nicholas Caylor – Present <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Ortique –Executive Director • Tamika Wells – Health Licensing Specialist • Joanne Drozdoski – Board Attorney • Mark Donatelli – Board Investigator <p>Visitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matto Lieb – Physical Therapist • Cherise Lathan– Physical Therapist • Jaisie Stevens – DC APTA President • Lola Oybefun – Physical Therapist 	
OS-1223-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from December 13, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Caylor to approve December 13, 2023, Seconded by Ms. Quinones</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Caylor, and Ms. Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1223-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Operational Status DC Health is scheduled to relocate at the end of February 2024. The last day at 899 North Capitol St is set for February 23, and the first day at the new building is located at 2201 Shannon Place SE is planned for February 26th.</p> <p>New License Type/Pathway</p> <p>No Updates</p> <p>Board Vacancies/MOTA Update We’ve recently welcomed a new MOTA liaison on board, as Ms. Vida Rangel has taken up a new position elsewhere. Ms. Tierra Williams is our new liaison and will be</p>	

responsible for coordinating with DOH matters related to board appointments, reappointments, and filling vacancies.

Advisory Committees

No Updates

Compact Updates

The PT Compact is now live. Please visit the FSBPT website for more information.

Licensure Census

PT: 1382 PTA: 83

Legislative Updates

Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:

- DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.
- The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0545](#)).
- This legislation received a hearing on [December 7th](#). Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council.

Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0312](#)) on June 2, 2023.
 - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
 - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- This bill received a hearing on [July 13, 2023](#). DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It was voted out of the Committee on Health during a markup on [September 26th](#) and was passed on first reading by the Committee of the Whole on October 3rd.
- The bill passed on final reading on November 7th and was signed by the Mayor on November 21st. It is now undergoing Congressional Review.

DC Health Director Appointment:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity. ▪ The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on October 5th. During the roundtable, Acting Director Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize. ▪ Acting Director Bennett’s nomination was unanimously voted out of the Committee on Health and was then unanimously approved by the entire Council on November 7th. ▪ <p>DC Health Social Media Handles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facebook: @dchealth ○ Twitter: @_DcHealth ○ TikTok: @dchealth ○ Instagram: @dchealth 	
OS-1223-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT Ms. Drozdoski reports her attendance at the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) hearing on December 7, 2023.</p>	
OS-1223-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT Dr. Evans reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members of the board are scheduled to participate in The Pelvic Health Combine Session Meeting (CSM) organized by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). The event is set to take place from February 15-17, 2024, in Boston, MA • Dr. Evans Congratulates Howard University class of 2023 by graduating at a full cohort. • The District currently doesn’t have any schools on probation. • The National Physical Therapy Examination attempts 	
OS-1223-06	<p>MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from November 8, 2023</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Caylor to accept the November 8, 2023, Open Session minutes and to amend OS-1123-08 and OS-1123-11. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale and Ms. Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-1223-07	<p>Open Session Consent Agenda</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Vidale to accept the December 13, 2023; consent agenda as written. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale and Ms. Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1223-08	<p>APTA Pelvic Health Position Statement Pessary Fitting and Management</p> <p>Board Action: Review the course material and determine whether to approve for eight (8) CEUs.</p> <p>Background: The Board received an inquiry regarding the course on Pessary Fitting and Management falling within the scope of the practice of physical therapy. The American Physical Therapy Association Academy of Pelvic Health Physical Therapy (APHPT) endorses pessary fitting and management provided by qualified pelvic health physical therapist.</p> <p>No Motion Made</p>	
OS-1223-09	<p>Flex Therapist CEU</p> <p>Board Action: Review and determine whether to approve Flex Therapist three (3) out of the eleven (11) pending CEU applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implicit Bias in Physical Therapy 1.25 CEU. ○ Organ Transplantation- Role of Physical Therapy 2 CEU. ○ Pediatric Physical Therapy 2 CEU. <p>Background: Flex Therapist organization has submitted fifteen (15) applications for CEU approval. The applications have been sent to the Board Chair for initial review.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made to approve Implicit Bias in Physical Therapy for 1 CEUs, Organ Transplantation- Role of Physical Therapy for 2 CEUs, and Pediatric Physical Therapy 2 CEUs. Seconded by Ms. Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale and Ms. Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1223-10	<p>Breathing and Postural Control Part 1 and 2</p> <p>Board action: The Board is to determine whether to approve the Breathing and Postural Control Part 1 for 8 contact hours and Part 2 for 13 contact hours.</p> <p>Background: This course proposes a new definition of “core stability,” redefining it as the dynamic control of trunk pressures to optimize postural stability (balance). Part 1 lays</p>	

	<p>foundational information and presents numerous quick interventions utilizing positioning and ventilatory strategies. Clinical cases will be used throughout the day to illustrate concepts. The course applies to any pediatric or adult patient (or therapist) breathes! Participants are encouraged to follow up later with “LINKED Part-2,” a two-day in-person lab course, assessing “normal” breathing patterns, learning neuromotor retraining techniques, and learning manual assistive cough techniques.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Caylor to approve Breathing and Postural Control Part 1 for 6 contact hours and for the certificate state live, in real-time or in-person and to approve Breathing and Postural Control Part 2 for 12 contact hours and for the certificate to state live, in real-time or in-person. Seconded by Ms. Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale and Ms. Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1223-11	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: 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 Open Session Agenda continues the next page with ‘Motion to Adjourn’. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024 (Virtual)</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Caylor to close the open session on December 13, 2023, at 3:51pm. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Caylor, Dr. Vidale and Ms. Ana Quinones voted in favor of 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.

FYI

FY-1223-08	<p>Administrative Fee Schedule and Standard Fines</p> <p>Update: Administrative Fee Schedule and Standard Fines has been updated.</p> <p>Background: On May 12th, 2021, the Board conducted a review of the Administrative Fee Schedule and Standard Fines. The Board staff are requesting the Board review and</p>	
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make any necessary revisions to the schedule.

- **Practicing with an Expired License**
Physical Therapist \$500
Physical Therapy Assistant \$250
- **Practicing without a license or certification**
Physical Therapist \$1000
Physical Therapy Assistant \$500
- **Aiding and Assisting Unlicensed Practice**
Physical Therapist \$1500 per month
Physical Therapy Assistant \$1500 per month
- **Continuing Education Unit Deficiency**
Physical Therapist \$ 200 per CEU
Physical Therapy Assistant \$ 100 per CEU
- **Misrepresentation/Failure to Disclose**
Physical Therapist
 - \$ 1000 One-time feePhysical Therapy Assistant
 - \$ 500 One-time fee