

# BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**JULY 13, 2022**

**2:30pm to 3:30pm**

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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OS-0722-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The July 13, 2022, Open Session meeting was called to order at 2:38pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Board Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bernardine Evans – Present</li> <li>• Dr. Tim Vidale Interim Chairperson-Present</li> <li>• Ana Quinones – Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaTrice Herndon – Executive Director</li> <li>• Tamika Wells – Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Joanne Drozdowski – Board Attorney</li> <li>• Emilia Moran – Board Investigator</li> </ul> <p><b>Visitors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matteo Lieb – Legislative Affairs</li> <li>• Thomas Ramirez</li> </ul>	
OS-0722-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from the July 13, 2022 meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Evans to accept the July 13, 2022 Open Session Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Quinones</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones and Dr. Evans, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0722-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT OPERATIONAL STATUS UPDATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the end of July 31, 2022, Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, the director of DC Health, will leave her position. Her replacement has yet to be revealed. The Board will be informed once a decision is announced.</li> <li>• The Board has two contractors working to help current staff members process applications. We ask applicants to be patient with</li> </ul>	

	<p>the Board on processing applications and ensure that supporting documents are submitted timely and to the appropriate Board email address to provide a timely application process. We encourage applicants and members to email the Board for inquiries and allow 24 hours to receive a response from a Health Licensing Specialist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The processing of Supervised Practice Forms will not take 30 days. We advise candidates to request that the direct supervisor forward their paperwork to the appropriate Board email. Applicants will no longer be eligible to receive same-day supervisor practice forms.</li> </ul> <p><b>COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COVID vaccine requirement for licensure in the district. One (2) dose of Moderna, one dose (2) of Pfizer or two dose (1) of Johnson and Johnson. Booster Vaccine are no longer a requirement.</li> </ul> <p><b>LICENSURE CENSUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Therapist: 1317</b></li> <li>• <b>Physical Therapy Assistants: 97</b></li> </ul> <p><b>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES</b></p> <p><b>The Data Privacy Protection Amendment Act of 2021.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has passed and will go into effect January 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>HPLRP and Healthcare Professional Scholarship Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Healthcare Loan Repayment Program Emergency Act of 2022 was passed by Council on June 14. This legislation would also expand the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program to include loan repayments for medical subspecialty professionals, part-time practitioners, and private providers in medically underserved areas. It would also authorize DC Health to pay for expenses incurred by program participants to obtain credentials to serve as healthcare workers in high-need healthcare careers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passed</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Recess:</b> Effective July 15 and will return to session on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.</p>	
OS-0722-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board Attorney acknowledges Dr. Nesbitt's departure and gives her appreciation to Dr. Nesbitt for serving DC Health as the agency director. The Board Attorney also gives her gratitude to the council for the passing of the Criminal Background Amendment.</li> </ul>	

OS-0722-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>No report from Dr. Vidale</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Evans reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Evans will be acting as the delegate for the nominating committee on July 14, 2022, at 7pm</li> <li>• July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Dr. Evans will be attending The Life Leadership in Alexandria, Virginia</li> <li>• Dr. Evans requests that Corey Coleman, executive director of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy, speak and make a brief presentation about Virginia’s Board of Physical Therapy compact.</li> </ul>	
OS-0722-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 8, 2022.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Evans to accept the June 8, 2022 Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Quinones</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones and Dr. Evans, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0722-07	<p><b>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</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>Motion:</b> Motion made by Ms. Quinones to accept the Open Session Agenda as presented. Seconded by Dr. Evans.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones and Dr. Evans, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0722-08	<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</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>	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b>  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><b>Motion:</b>  Motion made by Dr. Evans to close the July 13, 2022 Open Session at 3:06pm. Seconded by Ms. Quinones</p> <p><b>Vote:</b>  Dr. Vidale, Ms. Quinones and Dr. Evans, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
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**The next open session meeting scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 2:30pm.**

**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).**