

# BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY OPEN SESSION MINUTES

## JULY 19, 2023

### 2:30 pm

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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 JULY 19, 2023**

OS-0723-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b> July 19, 2023, Open Session meeting was called to order at 2:43 pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Board Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bernardine Evans Board Chairperson –Present</li> <li>• Dr. Tim Vidale -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 Drozdoski – Board Attorney</li> <li>• Mark Donatelli – Board Investigator</li> </ul> <p><b>Visitor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matteo Lieb- Legislative Affairs</li> <li>• Kera Johnson- Legislative Affairs</li> </ul>	BE
OS-0723-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from the July 19, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mrs. Quinones to approve the July 19, 2023; open session agenda as written. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0723-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Operational Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DC Health new director Ayanna Bennett start date will be Monday July 24, 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>New License Type/Pathway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In today’s meeting the Board will be exploring more in detail the different license types and license type pathways for licensure. The agency is looking to modify the endorsement license requirements and investigate the possibility of reciprocity pathways.</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Board of Physical Therapy currently has three (3) vacancies on the Board for consumer members, license physical therapist assistants, and license physical therapists. Must not be related to anyone currently on the Board and must be in good standing in the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interstate Medical Licensure Compact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact is now active in the district.</li> </ul>	LH, ML

**Advisory Committees**

- No Report

**Compact Updates**

- The physical therapy compact is currently in process. Additional inquires have been added to the data sharing agreement to ensure the safety of their residents and licensee's information is secure.

**Licensure Census**

- Physical Therapist: 1297
- Physical Therapy Assistant: 80

**Legislative Updates**

**Uniform Telehealth Act of 2023**

- On July 6, 2023, Aisha Nixon (Associate Director for the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards, HRLA) provided an opposition testimony to the Committee on Health regarding the Uniform telehealth Act of 2023.

**Compact Legislation:**

- Councilmember Gray has introduced bills that would have the district join two health professional licensing compacts:
  - The *Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2023* ([B25-0286](#)) would have the District join the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and applies to Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants. The compact is not operational but is scheduled to start accepting applications in mid-2024.
  - The *Counseling Compact Approval Act of 2023* (B25- 0287) would have the district join the Counseling Compact and applies to Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs). Additionally, Councilmember Frumin has introduced the *District of Columbia Nurse Licensure Compact Authorization Act of 2023* (B25-0430) which applies to Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs).
  - DC Health is evaluating these bills. No further action is currently scheduled for either piece of legislation.

**Board Membership Legislation:**

- 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

	<p>innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill.</p> <p><b>Council Recess:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council went on recess effective July 14 and will return to session on September 15.</li> </ul> <p><b>DC Health Director Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director.</li> <li>○ 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</li> <li>○ The Council will therefore consider the Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023 (P R25-0290). The Committee on Health will hold a hearing to discuss this resolution.</li> </ul> <p><b>DC Health Social Media Handles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please utilize our social media channels to ensure you're always well-informed on the latest licensure information. Stay tuned for more updates!</li> <li>○ <b>Facebook:</b> @dchealth</li> <li>○ <b>Twitter:</b> @_DcHealth</li> <li>○ <b>TikTok:</b> @dchealth</li> <li>○ <b>Instagram:</b> @dchealth</li> </ul>	
OS-0723-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Board attorney also encouraged Physical Therapist and Physical Therapy Assistant to renew licenses early since legal reviews may also impact the timely processing of renewal applications.</p>	JD
OS-0723-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mrs. Anna Quinones reports her attendance at the FSBPT Leadership Issue forum in Arlington, Virginia on July 15-16 as the delegate. The Forum provides an overview of the topics and projects that are currently on the “front burner” for FSBPT.</li> <li>○ Dr. Evans will be attending the <b>18<sup>th</sup> Annual Physical Therapy Education Leadership Conference (ELC) 2023 on October 13-15, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information, <b>FSBPT Annual Education Meeting October 19-21, 2023, in Jacksonville, Florida.</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and <b>American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting February 15-17, 2024, in Boston Massachusetts.</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information.</li> </ul>	BE, AQ

OS-0723-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from June 14, 2023.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mrs. Quinones to amend the June 14, 2023, open session agenda. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0723-07	<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 Mrs. Quinones to accept the open session consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0723-08	<p><b>2023 Renewal Audits</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to determine the audit percentage for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants for the 2023 audit cycle.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 6706.10 Applicants for renewal of a license shall only be required to prove completion of the required continuing education credits by submitting proof pursuant to § 6706.9 if requested to do so as part of the random audit, or if otherwise requested to do so by the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mrs. Quinones approve the 2023 random renewal audit cycle for five (5) percent for Physical Therapist and Physical Therapy Assistant. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0723-09	<p><b><u>Flex Therapist CEU</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and determine whether to approve Flex Therapist four (4) out the fifteen (15) CEU applications.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Achilles Tendon Injuries &amp; Rehabilitation</li> <li>○ Ankle Foot Orthoses (AFO)</li> <li>○ Balance Dysfunction</li> <li>○ Cervical Radiculopathy</li> </ul> <p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mrs. Quinones approve the following course Achilles Tendon Injuries &amp; Rehabilitation, Ankle Foot Orthoses (AFO), Balance Dysfunction, Cervical Radiculopathy for two (2) CEUs. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0723-09	<p><b>DELEGATED AUTHORITIES</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board is to review and determine whether to approve The Board delegated authority.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The latest version of the Board Delegated Authorities was approved on April 14, 2021. The approved Delegated Authorities were put in place with the goal of facilitating administrative and standardized Board processes.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mrs. Quinones to accept the delegated authorities previously with the addition of the form called “Application for Continuing Education Course Approval” to be added to the approval process of delegated authorities with forthcoming edits to the form. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0723-10	<p><b>Endorsement Pathway Requirements</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board is to review the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist assistant checklist and determine which request items are no longer necessary for the approval of endorsement applications.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the last meeting the Board agreed to move forward with establishing Endorsement Pathways for easier licensure. <b>Table until next meeting</b></p>	
OS-0723-11	<p><b>Reciprocity Pathway</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b></p>	

	<p>The Board is to review and determine whether to establish reciprocity pathways with Maryland, Virginia and or both states.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the last meeting the Board agreed to move forward with establishing Reciprocity Pathways for easier licensure.</p> <p><b>Table until next meeting</b></p>	
OS-0723-12	<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</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. Vidale to close the Open Session meeting at 4:34pm. Seconded by Mrs. Quinones.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale and Mrs. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>The Open Session Agenda continues the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'. The next meeting is scheduled for <b>September 13, 2023 (Virtual)</b></b></p>	

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**FYI**

FYI-0723-01	<p><b>Interstate Medical Licensure Compact</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The District of Columbia Board of Medicine has announced the launch of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact). This innovative program allows eligible physicians to apply for licensure in multiple member states with just one application. Starting on June 12, 2023, this initiative will greatly simplify the application process and reduce administrative burdens. The Board's</p>	
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