

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2022

2:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA JANUARY 11, 2022

Call to Order: 2:49pm

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> <u>Board Members:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Board Member Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Dr. Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator Gregory Scurlock, Supervisory Compliance Officer</p>	
<p>OS-0111-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the January 11, 2022 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to accept the January 11, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0111-02</p>	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director, reported on Licensure Waiver. She stated that as of September 22, 2021, healthcare practitioners licensed in good standing in other states (who are fully 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 tele-practice to an existing client/patient for 	

	<p>continuing care until March 31, 2022. The licensure waiver will continue until August 10, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney, indicated that health professional’s employers are required to submit a report notifying the Board/licensing authority regarding any previous disciplinary actions or criminal actions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Board requested to include this reporting to licensing information on the Board’s website. • CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was no report from the Board Chair. 	
<p>OS-0111-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from September 14, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Tabled from the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to accept the September 14, 2021, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0111-04</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from November 9, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to accept the November 9, 2021 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0111-05</p>	<p><u>Telehealth- Supervision Guidance</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To discuss and determine whether or not to extend the policy statement.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and the allowance of telehealth.</p> <p>The Board drafted a guidance on tele-psychology and remote supervision during the COVID-19 Health Emergency policy statement. This policy guidance governs practice and supervision from March 11, 2020 to December 31, 2020. It was then extended until January 2022.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to extend the tele-psychology and remote supervision to August 31, 2022 with additional language that this will be continue to be reviewed in the future. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0111-06</p>	<p><u>Discussion-Change To Meeting Times and Dates</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss times and dates for the Board’s meetings.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board’s staff would like to discuss changing the time and dates of meetings to ensure the meetings are conducting within DC Health hours of operations. In September, the Board Executive Director provided recommendation which will require to move the meeting to earlier time and meet monthly. In November, Ms. LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director, indicated that she would send a doodle and to see what time works for everyone.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Tabled for the next month.</p>	

<p>OS-0111-07</p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0111-08</p>	<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> 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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to close the Open Session. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

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