

# BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## MEETING MINUTES

**MAY 9, 2023**  
**2:00 PM**

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES MAY 9, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> Joette James, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Board Member</p> <p><b><u>Absent:</u></b> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson</p> <p><b><u>HRLA Staff</u></b> LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer Carl Filler, Health Policy Analyst</p> <p><b><u>Visitor:</u></b> Sharon Shih, Psychologist Chelsey Bowman, Psychologist</p>	
<p><b>OS-0509-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the May 9, 2023 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the May 9, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0509-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Operational Status Update           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are two vacancies on the Board of Psychology. The Board needs two additional psychologists.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Licensure Census           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1560 licensed psychologists.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 268 registered psychology associates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Legislative Updates           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carl Filler, DC Health Policy Analyst, provided update on the following items:</li> <li>▪ DC Health’s had its Budget Oversight hearing on April 10th (public witnesses) and on April 12th (DC Health representatives). During the hearing there were many topics raised including professional licensing, animal services, and school nursing.</li> <li>▪ The proposed 2024 budget was released.</li> <li>▪ The Committee on Health held its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26th at 11:30am. In that mark-up, changes include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding dementia training for direct care workers</li> <li>• Allocating over \$1.4 million for the high-need healthcare scholarship program</li> <li>• Providing an additional 2.25 licensing professionals within the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards</li> <li>• Enhancing funding for food access programs at DC Health.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Federal legislation regarding possibilities of federal spouse to practice at any jurisdiction. DC Health Regulations Licensing Administration (HRLA) is looking at this matter and taking that into consideration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was no report from Chairperson.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
OS-0509-03	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from March 14, 2023 meeting.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the March 14, 2023, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0509-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>EPPP Part 2</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To continue the discussion on the timing/mechanism for approval to take the EPPP Part 2.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Some psychology associates shared their concerns regarding the conflict between their employment and the EPPP Part 2 requirements. In order to qualify for EPPP Part 1 and Part 2 in DC, an applicant must meet the psychological practice experience (PPE). Prior to EPPP Part 2 requirements, registered psychology associates were able to sit for EPPP Part I in other states (such as Virginia and Maryland) and obtain those other state licenses while completing the required 4000 hours of PPE in DC. Once they've completed their PPE, they would apply for DC psychology license and transfer their EPPP Part 1. However, since DC is now requiring EPPP Part 2, psychology applicants (registered psychology associates) are having difficulties getting approved for the EPPP Part 2 in other states since many states are not requiring EPPP Part 2 yet. Those registered psychology associates will have to wait until the completion of their PPE in DC to qualify for the EPPP 2 in DC. They would like to inform the Board that this is affecting/delaying their hiring date as psychologists.</p> <p>A policy statement will be drafted with the Board's decision.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the proposal of EPPP 2 policy as it is. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p><b>OS-0509-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></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><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0509-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>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> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9).</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</li> </ol>	

	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0509-07	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023.**

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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