

# BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## MEETING MINUTES

**NOVEMBER 14, 2023**  
**2:00 PM**

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**OPEN SESSION AGENDA NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 2.17PM and a quorum was established.

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><b><u>HRLA Staff</u></b> LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Mavis Azariah Armattoo, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator Kera Johnson, Policy Analyst</p> <p><b><u>Visitors:</u></b> David Hollingsworth, PsyD Engin Ontiveros, PsyD Helen Rathburn, PsyD John Laughlin-Presnel, PsyD Lauren Depompeo, PsyD</p>	
<p><b>OS-1114-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the November 14, 2023 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the November 14, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-1114-02</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>○ Ms. LaTrice Herndon provided updates on the following items:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Operational Status Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DC Council has confirmed Dr. Ayanna Bennett as the Director for DC Health.</li> <li>▪ Psychology Renewals are ongoing, and Ms. Herndon encouraged psychologists to submit early renewals to avoid the</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

delays due to processing of background checks and renewals. Ms. Herndon advised that if a renewal is submitted within the last two weeks of the cycle its most likely the renewal may not be processed by 12/31/2023.

B. Licensure Census

- Psychologists: 1626
- Psychology Associates: 286

C. Legislative Updates

- Kera Johnson provided the updates on the following:

***New Legislation and Upcoming Hearings: Alternative Restorative Therapy (ART) Options for Youth Amendment Act of 2023.***

- Councilmember Henderson, alongside Councilmembers Pinto, Frumin, Allen, Lewis George, McDuffie, and R. White introduced the *ART Options for Youth Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0500)* on September 26, 2023.
- This bill amends the *Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977* with the goal of expanding therapy options for children under the care of CFSA. It proposes the inclusion of alternative therapies including art therapy, music therapy, drama therapy, dance or movement therapy, and narrative therapy to facilitate opportunities for youth to express their experiences non-verbally and physically.
- A hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2023.

***Behavioral Analyst Licensure Amendment Act of 2023***

- Councilmember Henderson, alongside Councilmembers T. White, Parker, R. White, and Frumin introduced the *Behavioral Analyst Licensure Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0566)* on November 6, 2023.
- This bill establishes the profession of Behavior Analysts (BAs) as a licensed healthcare profession. This bill would place the profession under the oversight of the DC Health Board of Professional Counseling, aiming to enhance the professionalism of the field and expand the scope of practice for BAs, ultimately enabling them

to address a broader range of behavioral and mental health challenges.

- A hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2023.

**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, has been introduced in the Council as the *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0545)*, and referred to the Committee on Health on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- A hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2023.

**Council Approved Legislation:**

**DC Health Director Appointment:**

- Acting Director Bennett's nomination has officially been approved as of November 7, 2023.

**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 permits non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
  - There are restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members are still required to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- The bill passed it's final reading on November 7<sup>th</sup> and is awaiting Mayoral approval.

- **BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

- Joanne Drozdoski highlighted that on December 7, 2023 there will be a marathon hearing for the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) updates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Board Chair reported on ASPPB Annual Meeting which was held in Cleveland, Ohio.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>OS-1114-03</b>	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from September 12, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the September 12, 2023, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<b>OS-1114-04</b>	<p><b><u>Standard Fine and Assessments</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review and discuss the fine and assessments and determine whether to keep it as it is.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Joette James for staff to use delegated authority to determine new fines for non-disciplinary monetary assessments and potential disciplinary actions. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Joette voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<b>OS-1114-05</b>	<p><b><u>Discussion on Applied Behavioral Analyst (ABA)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to discuss Applied Behavioral Analyst (ABA) and determine whether to license this profession.</p> <p>This Item was tabled to the January Meeting</p>	
<b>OS-1114-06</b>	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p>	

	<p>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 Dr. Joette James to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-1114-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE &amp; ADJOURN</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>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 Dr. Joette James to close the open session meeting at 3.32pm. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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The Open Session Agenda continues on the next page with '**Motion to Adjourn**'. The next meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024.**

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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