

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

2:00 PM

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Call to Order: 2:00pm

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Joette James, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Consumer 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><u>Visitors:</u> David Hollingsworth, PsyD Susan Goldberg, PsyD GiShawn Mance, PsyD Erica Hart, PsyD Anthony Scerbo, Attorney of office government.</p>	
<p>OS-0912-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the September 12, 2023 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the September 12, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0912-02</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 provided updates on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Operational Status Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health welcomed a new Acting DC Health Director, Dr. Ayanna Bennett. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Board of Professional Counseling is now accepting Art therapist applications for licensure. ▪ Psychology needs to update the regulations. An email was sent to the public as we are looking for a subcommittee. ▪ MOTA is in communication with Board members regarding their reappointments. <p>B. Licensure Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Psychologists: 1606 ▪ Psychology Associates: 304 <p>C. Legislative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kera Johnson provided the updates on the agenda items listed under OS-0912-06. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joanne Drozdoski highlighted the residency requirement. The out-of-state residency on the Board cannot be more than 50% of the total board members. • CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Anthony Jimenez is attending the ASPPB Annual meeting on September 27 to October 1, 2023, in Cleveland, Ohio. Ms. LaTrice Herndon will also be attending the conference. 	
OS-0912-03	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from July 11, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the July 11, 2023, Open Session Minutes with the correction on Chairperson Report. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0912-04</p>	<p><u>Determination of the In-Person Board Meetings for FY24</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine which meetings are in person and which are virtual for FY2024.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In FY24, the Board is scheduled to meet on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 14, 2023 (Virtual) • January 9, 2024 (In-person) • March 12, 2024 (Virtual) Possible of Change • May 14, 2024 (In-person) • July 9, 2024 (Virtual) • September 10, 2024 (In-person) <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the upcoming board meeting dates on the agenda, noting that March 12, 2024 as possible of being changed. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0912-05</p>	<p><u>Clarification on the Licensure Requirements for Clinical Directors</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether a Director of Clinical Training needs to be licensed in DC.</p> <p>Background: Dr. GiShawn Mance and Dr. Erica Hart shared the clinical training director duties in their institutions such as Howard University and American University.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. The Board indicated that the individual who is signing the supervision form must have DC License.</p>	
	<p><u>Clarification on Supervisor of the Psychology Associate:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>The Board is to determine whether or not to consider a licensed professional counselor as a supervisor for a psychology associate.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The current psychology regulation and policy statement indicate that the primary supervisor (licensed psychologist) may, based on his or her professional judgment, delegate some supervisory responsibility to another psychologist, a psychiatrist, or an independent clinical social worker licensed in DC.</p> <p>A question was brought to the Board regarding whether the Board would like to consider a licensed professional counselor (LPC) as a delegated supervisor.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to include licensed professional counselor (LPC) and license marriage family therapist (MFT) as a delegated supervisor for psychology associate as long as primary supervisor is a licensed psychologist effective on October 1, 2023. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0912-06	<p><u>For Board Information:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to read the information.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>1. <u>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023:</u></p> <p>Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the <i>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0312) on June 2, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 	

	<p>more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.</p> <p>This bill received a hearing on July 13, 2023. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It will likely receive a markup in September.</p> <p>2. <u>DC Health Director Appointment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 Public Health’s Office of Health Equity. • The Council will hold a hearing on the <i>Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023</i> (PR25-0290). The Committee on Health will hold a hearing on October 5th at 10AM to hear from the Director. <p>No motion was made. This was for information only.</p>	
<p>OS-0912-07</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. Joette James to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0912-08</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE & ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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"> 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). 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9). 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). <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>The open session agenda is closed.</p>	

The Open Session Agenda continues on the next page with '**Motion to Adjourn**'. The next meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023.**

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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