

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**April 24, 2023**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING AGENDA

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#### **BOSW Mission 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 AGENDA April 24, 2023**

	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-0424-01	<b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b>	
OS-0424-02	<b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> A. Operational Status Update B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	
OS-0424-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b>	VS
OS-0424-04	<b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b>	
OS-0424-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 27, 2023, meeting.	
OS-0424-06	<b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></b>  <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.  <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.	
OS-0424-07	<b><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to take appropriate action.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> Ms. Natter on behalf of the Greater Washington Society has submitted a request for the Board to accept group supervision towards individual hours for clinical licensure. The DC Board’s policy has been group supervision are counted towards general supervision hours. The ASWB Model Law recommends that fifty percent of the required individual supervision hours towards clinical licensure can be completed via group supervision and the	

	group supervision may contain no more than 6 supervisees.	
OS-0424-08	<p><b><u>Board Delegated Authorities</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the delegated authorities and determine whether to maintain or update them.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> As the Board of Social Work (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained. Included for review and acceptance are the delegated authorities to staff.</p>	
OS-0424-09	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> 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 § 2-575(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>The next meeting is scheduled for <b><u>May 22, 2023.</u></b></p>	

	<b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b>	
OS-0424-10	<p><b><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board received an email from Ms. Sherrod regarding the DC law on Teen advocates. The DC Sexual Assault Victims’ Rights Amendment Act of 2019 included the right to an advocate for 13 to 17-year-old youth in DC who have experienced sexual assault. For youth in this age range who were specifically impacted by peer-on-peer or stranger assault, the right to an advocate comes with an exemption to mandated reporting. Licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
OS-0424-11	<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>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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