

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

February 29, 2024

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

In Person Meeting Notice

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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 February 29, 2023

	<u>Roll Call</u>	VS
OS-0229-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u>	
OS-0229-02	<u>Executive Director’s Report:</u> A. Operational Status Update B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-0229-03	<u>Chairperson’s Report:</u>	VS
OS-0229-04	<u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u>	JD
OS-0229-05	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 29, 2024, meeting.	
OS-0229-06	<u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u> <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. <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.	
OS-0229-07	<u>OGR Updates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Board to take appropriate action if required. <u>Background:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act• Councilmember McDuffie introduced the Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0619) on December 16, 2023.• This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional	

	<p>licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.</p> <p>§ This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>o This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.</p> <p>o There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents. § 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 then passed on final reading on November 7th, was signed by the Mayor on November 21st, and became official law on January 23, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DC Health Performance Oversight Hearing• DC Health had its performance oversight hearing in the Committee on Health for Fiscal Year 2023. <p>§ The first part of the hearing was held on January 18th, 2024. That hearing featured public witnesses and included representative from advocacy organizations, healthcare systems, and non-profit providers. That hearing can be watched at the following link.</p> <p>§ Representatives from DC Health then testified to the Committee on January 22nd, 2024. Testimony was provided by Director Bennett and other members of leadership and subject matter experts. Councilmembers asked questions of DC Health on a variety of topics including health professional licensing, DC Health’s upcoming move, maternal health, food access, opioid</p>	
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	abatement, and school health. That hearing can be watched at the following link.	
OS-0229-08	<p><u>Standard Fine and Assessments</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and discuss the fine and assessments and determine whether to make amendments.</p>	
OS-0229-09	<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> 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 § 2-575(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>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>March 25, 2024.</u></p>	
	<u>Open Session Board FYI only</u>	
OS-0229-10	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Pending:</u> Board Update to draft policy after review of public comments.</p>	

	<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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. The Board has developed a proposed statement on group supervision and would like the public to review and comment.</p>	
OS-0229-11	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
OS-0229-12	<p><u>Endorsement Requirements/Reciprocity Pathway</u></p> <p><u>Pending:</u> Boards contact with the states of VA and MD to pursue reciprocity licensure pathways.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements. ASWB Model Act Section 308. Qualifications for Licensure by Endorsement. (a) To obtain a license by endorsement at the equivalent designation and subject to Article IV of this Act, an applicant currently licensed as a social worker in another jurisdiction must provide evidence satisfactory to</p>	

	<p>the Board, subject to Article III, Section 311, that the applicant: (1) Has submitted a written application and paid the fee as specified by the Board; and (2) Has presented to the Board proof of an active social work license in good standing.</p> <p>The Board has voted to pursue reciprocity licensure pathways with the states of VA and MD. The Board voted not to make any changes to the current endorsement checklist.</p>	
OS-0229-13	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting. <u>Background:</u> 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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