

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

February 27, 2023

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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"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 February 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:		
	LATRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	JOANNE DROZDOSKI, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	AMANDA ATTIYA, POLICY ANALYST	Present
VISITORS:	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	
	WILL DOYLE, LICSW	
	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW GWSCSW	
	DEBORAH NEWMARK	
	TAWANA LEE, LGSW	

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	<p>Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 10:13AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0227-01	<p>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the February 27, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Velva Spriggs, Mr. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0227-02	<p>Executive Director’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updated on operational status everything remains the same. • The ASWB Leadership Team will be presenting to the Board at its March Open Session meeting. • Licensure Census: Total of 6,126 active Social Workers: 1,559 LGSW, 4465 LICSW, 43 LISW, and 59 LSWA <p>Legislative Updates</p> <p>Health Licensing Board Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee on Health will host Performance Oversight hearing on five of DC Health’s Health Professional Licensing Boards, including the Board of Social Work. • Ms. Spriggs will be testifying on behalf of the Board • The hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, February 28th. <p>Performance and Budget Oversight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee on Health will once again host DC Health’s Performance and Budget Oversight hearings. • The Performance Oversight hearing is scheduled for this Thursday, March 2nd from 9:30am to 6pm. • The Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 12th at noon. <p>Prior Authorization Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prior Authorization Reform Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0124) was introduced on February 7th by Councilmember Pinto and 7 other Councilmembers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This legislation makes adjustments to the prior 	

	<p>authorization process for insurers in the District. Notably, it would prohibit insurers from denying a treatment based on cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A similar bill was introduced in the previous Council Period (B24-0655). 	
OS-0227-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> ASWB is holding community sessions (community conversations) with social workers in various locations throughout the country to learn about their experiences involving the ASWB qualifying exam and other concerns related to professional practice and the exam. One session was held last month in DC on the campus of Howard University. One of our board members attended the session. It appears these community conversations were inspired by a recommendation made by this board chair at a national education meeting of ASWB, held in November 2022. ASWB recently sponsored an education webinar series to present key practices that guide the development of assessments to ensure reliability, validity, and fairness of the ASWB exam. On March 1, 2023, board chairs of DOH will be providing testimony before the Committee on Health (Chair, Hon. Christina Henderson) of the DC City Council. I will be presenting testimony on the emerging issues and activities of the DC Board of Social Work.</p>	VS
OS-0227-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> As has been stated in prior meetings: only those health care workers who are hired by, employed by, contracted with, or granted privileges or credentials by healthcare facilities regulated by DC health are now subject to the COVID- 19 vaccine “Requirement”. And, if such health care workers wish to request an exemption to the vaccine requirement, they must request such from their employer (facility) if so desired. DC Health is no longer involved in this process. As well, the COVID-19 vaccination is now referred to as a “Requirement” for this group of health care workers. It is no longer referred to as a “mandate.”</p>	
OS-0227-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 23, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the January 23, 2023; Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0227-06	<p><u>Open Session 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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the January 23, 2023; Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0227-07	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to decide whether or not to accept group supervision towards clinical Licensure.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to table this item till May 2023 to allow Board members and stakeholders gather additional information to help the Board to come to a final decision about group supervision, Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0227-08	<p><u>Tele-supervision Policy Extension</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to decide whether or not to extend the current tele-supervision policy in place.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> During the Pandemic the Board developed a policy guidance allowing tele supervision of social practice in the District. This policy was extended until 2/28/2023. The Public have been enquiring if this policy guidance is going to be extended again or not?</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to extend this policy until 12/13/2023. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0227-09	<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 	

	<p>public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).</p> <p>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</p> <p>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).</p> <p>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> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>March 27, 2023</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to close the open session meeting at 11.32am. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	
<p>OS-0227-10</p>	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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-0227-11	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal adjourn the February Board meeting at 12.51pm. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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