

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**February 23, 2026**

**10.00 AM to 12:00 PM**

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Virtual 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 FEBRUARY 2026**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, ACTING CHAIRPERSON	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
	TRACY HAMILTON, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	ANGELA HARDIMAN, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
<b>STAFF:</b>		
	LA TRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Absent
	EMILIA MORON, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	AJAY GOHIL, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Absent
	LENORD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	WARNER DIXON, POLICY ANALYST	Present
	TOMEALA JOHNSON DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL	Present
<b>VISITORS:</b>		
	TAWANNA LEE, LICSW	Present
	GIOVANNA HUNT, LICSW	Present
	RACHEL DOYLE, LICSW	Present

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA February 23, 2026**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call</u></b> Meeting called to order at 10.07AM and a quorum was established.</p>	WW
OS-0223-01	<p><b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u></b> <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Angela Hardiman to accept the February 2026, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Tracy Hamilton.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Tracy Hamilton and Ms. Angela Hardiman voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0223-02	<p><b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Emilia Moron sitting in for Ms. Herndon ED for the Board welcomed everyone to the Board meeting</li> <li>• Licensure Census: 7157 Total of active Social Workers: 1,715 LGSW, 5366 LICSW, 33 LISW, and 43 LSWA</li> </ul>	LH
OS-0223-03	<p><b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b> None</p>	WW
OS-0223-04	<p><b><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></b> None</p>	JD
OS-0223-05	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from January 26, 2026, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Angela Hardiman to approve January 26, 2026; Open Session minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Tracy Hamilton.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Tracy Hamilton and Ms. Angela Hardiman voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed</p>	

	unanimously.	
OS-0223-06	<p><b><u>Submission of ASWB Comments Regarding Amendments to 17 DCMR Chapter 70 (Social Work)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to take appropriate action</p> <p><b><u>Background</u></b>          The comment period for the proposed Rulemaking to the DC SW regulations ended in December 2025. The comment received has been presented to the Board for their review and response.</p> <p><b>This matter was tabled.</b></p>	
OS-0223-07	<p><b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></b></p> <p><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.</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.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>          Motion made by Ms. Tracy Hamilton to approve February 23, 2026; Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Angela Hardiman.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b>          Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Tracy Hamilton and Ms. Angela Hardiman voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0223-08	<p><b><u>OGR Updates</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to take appropriate action if required.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b>  <b>Performance Oversight</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On February 11, the Committee on Health held Performance Oversight hearings for the Boards of Dentistry, Optometry, and Pharmacy. Each Board Chair testified on behalf of the Board and the Department. The hearing can be watched, <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>▪ On February 20, Dr. Bennett will provide testimony during the Committee on Health Performance Oversight hearing for DC Health. The hearing can be watched, <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>No Motions made</b></p>	
OS-0223-09	<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>March 30, 2026</u></b>.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Ms. Tracy Hamilton to close the Open Session Meeting at 10.47am. Seconded by Ms. Angela Hardiman.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b>          Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Tracy Hamilton and Ms. Angela Hardiman voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b></p>	
OS-0223-10	<p><b><u>Use of AI to Complete Social Work Documentation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          The Board is to begin discussions about how they wish to regulate it here in the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-0223-11	<p><b><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Pending:</u></b>          Confirmation of proposed date from the Board of Professional Counseling and which Board member to represent the SW Board</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. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers. The Professional Counselling Board has agreed to have a subcommittee with the SW Board to draft a response for this enquiry.</p>	
OS-0223-12	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p>	

	<p><b>Background:</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> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to adjourn the February 2026 Meeting at 1.32pm. Seconded by Ms. Tracy Hamilton.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Tracy Hamilton and Ms. Angela Hardiman 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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