

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**January 22, 2024**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING AGENDA

#### In Person Meeting Notice

*HYBRID MEETING NOTICE Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.*

*In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.*

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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 January 29, 2023**

	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-0129-01	<b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b>	
OS-0129-02	<b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> A. Operational Status Update B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-0129-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b>	VS
OS-0129-04	<b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b>	JD
OS-0129-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 27, 2023, meeting.	
OS-0129-06	<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-0129-07

**OGR Updates**

**Board Action:** Board to take appropriate action if required.

**Background:**

**Alternative Restorative Therapy (ART) Options for Youth Amendment Act of 2023**

- Councilmember Henderson, alongside Councilmembers Pinto, Frumin, Allen, Lewis George, McDuffie, and R. White introduced the ART Options for Youth Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0500) on September 26, 2023.

o This bill amends the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977 with the goal of expanding therapy options for children under the care of CFSA. It proposes the inclusion of alternative therapies including art therapy, music therapy, drama therapy, dance or movement therapy, and narrative therapy to facilitate opportunities for youth to express their experiences non-verbally and physically. § A hearing was held on December 6, 2023, during which the DC Child and Family Services Agency provided testimony in support of the legislation.

**Behavioral Analyst Licensure Amendment Act of 2023**

- Councilmember Henderson, alongside Councilmembers T. White, Parker, R. White, and Frumin introduced the Behavioral Analyst Licensure Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0566) on November 6, 2023.

o This bill establishes the profession of Behavior Analysts (BAs) as a licensed healthcare profession. This bill would place the profession under the oversight of the DC Health Board of Professional Counseling, aiming to enhance the professionalism of the field and expand the scope of practice for BAs, ultimately enabling them to address a broader range of behavioral and mental health challenges. § A hearing was held for this legislation on December 7th during which DC Health's Associate Director for the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided

OS-0129-08	<p><b><u>Tele Supervision Policy</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          Board to decide whether or not to extend the current policy statement.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b>          The Board during the pandemic developed a tele-supervision policy which was extended till December 31, 2023. The Board is required to decide whether or not to extend or terminate this</p>	
OS-0129-09	<p><b><u>Standard Fine and Assessments</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          The Board is to review and discuss the fine and assessments and determine whether to make amendments.</p>	
OS-0129-10	<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>	

	<b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b>	
OS-0129-11	<p><b><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Pending:</u></b> Board Update to draft policy after review of public comments.</p> <p><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. The Board has developed a proposed statement on group supervision and would like the public to review and comment.</p>	
OS-0129-12	<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. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	

OS-0129-13	<p><b><u>Endorsement Requirements/Reciprocity Pathway</u></b></p> <p><b>Pending:</b> Boards contact with the states of VA and MD to pursue reciprocity licensure pathways.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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 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</p>	
OS-0129-14	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</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>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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