

## **BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**January 27, 2020**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**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 ATTENDANCE: January 2020

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
	DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER	Absent
<b>STAFF:</b>		
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	DEB MOSS – INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK – COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	AISHA NIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
<b>VISITORS:</b>	ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW TAMARA PINCUS, PRIVATE PRACTICE THERAPIST WALTER ADAMS OAG ATTORNEY JASON FACCI, OAG ATTORNEY	

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	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-0127-01	<p><b><u>Acceptance of the Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by to accept the January 27, 2020 agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0127-02	<p><b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> Ms. Nixon reported that there are currently 4843 active licensees. In addition, she testified on the Psychology and Physical Therapy compacts and the proposal for Art Therapists to the licensed in the District. In February, there will be budget and oversight hearings. The Social Work news flash will be finalized and emailed out by the end of the week.</p>	
OS-0127-03	<p><b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b> Ms. Spriggs commented that the new flash is well laid out and informative. She requested clarification on the Public Health Priorities CE topics. It was agreed that some of the listed topics overlapped with the mandatory CEs for the SW Board e.g. Ethics and will be accepted to meet both requirements.</p>	VS
OS-0127-04	<p><b><u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u></b> None</p>	
OS-0127-05	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the November 2019 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0127-06	<p><b><u>Hearing for Norma Schwartz</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Notice of Intent to Deny a Reinstatement Application</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Ms. Schwartz submitted an endorsement application for the LICSW in October of 2017, which the Board intends to deny. The hearing will be held to determine whether the Board may take the proposed action.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to deny Ms. Schwartz application. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore. The motion passed</p>	

	unanimously.	
OS-0127-07	<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 by DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to close the Open Session. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

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