

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**January 23, 2023**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING MINUTES

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Board of Social Work - Open Session

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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 January 2023**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Absent
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
<b>STAFF:</b>		
	LATRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Absent
	ERICKA WALKER, INTERIM 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
<b>VISITORS:</b>	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	
	WILL DOYLE, LICSW	
	RACHEL DOYLE, LICSW	
	LORETTA RODTS, LICSW	
	KAREN OSTLIE, LICSW	
	ADAM MAIER	
	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW GWSCSW	
	GINA SANGSTER, LICSW	

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES January 23, 2023**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> Meeting called to order at 10:01AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0123-01	<p><b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u></b> <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the January 23, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.  <b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0123-02	<p><b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no updated on operational status everything remains the same.</li> <li>• The COVID Vaccine requirement is no longer a mandate for licensure in the District of Columbia.</li> <li>• The ASWB Leadership Team will be presenting to the Board at its March Open Session meeting.</li> <li>• Licensure Census: Total of 5,998 active Social Workers: 1,541 LGSW, 4425 LICSW, 43 LISW, and 58 LSWA</li> <li>• There is limited staffing with all Boards and applicants are encouraged to be patient with the Board on processing of applications as well as advised to ensure that supporting documents are submitted timely and to the appropriate Board email address to ensure timely processing of applications. Supporting documents must be emailed and not mailed to ensure timely processing of applications. To better ensure that your License is approved when you need it applicants are encouraged to apply early.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Legislative Report:</u></b> <b><u>Reproductive Healthcare Provider Legislation:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilmember R. White introduced the <i>Protecting Health Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Amendment Act of 2022 (B24-0830)</i>. This proposed legislation would prevent DC Health licensing boards from taking certain actions, including the revocation or suspension of a license, against a licensed healthcare professional for providing or facilitating abortion services when that that service falls within the professional’s scope</li> </ul>	

*of practice, and the disciplinary action is based exclusively on the patient residing in a jurisdiction where abortion services are prohibited.*

- This legislation was passed unanimously on final reading by the entire Council on December 20, 2022. It is undergoing Mayoral Review after which it will undergo Congressional Review.
- **Healthcare Career Scholarship & Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) Expansion**  
**Legislation:** Following emergency and temporary versions, Councilmember Gray introduced *the High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022* ([B24-0943](#)). *This legislation establishes a scholarship program for education, training, transportation, and examination fees for eligible medical professionals. The bill would also expand the HPLRP to include loan repayments for medical sub-specialty professionals, part-time practitioners, and private providers in medically underserved areas. The emergency and temporary versions have both passed.*
- This legislation was passed unanimously on final reading by the entire Council on December 20, 2022. It is undergoing Mayoral Review after which it will undergo Congressional Review.

**Council Period 25:**

- The new Council Period started on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. There are two new members on the Council, Councilmember Frumin (Ward 3) and Councilmember Parker (Ward 5). Councilmember McDuffie, previously Ward 5, has replaced at-large Councilmember Silverman. Membership and leadership of the Committee on Health went through some changes. Councilmember Henderson (At-Large) replaces Councilmember Gray (Ward 7) as the new Committee Chair. The other Committee on Health members are Councilmember Nadeau (Ward 1), Councilmember Parker (Ward 5), Councilmember Allen (Ward 6), and Councilmember Gray (Ward 7).

**Performance and Budget Oversight:**

- The Committee on Health will once again host DC Health’s Performance and Budget Oversight hearings. The

	Performance Oversight hearing is scheduled for Thursday March 2 <sup>nd</sup> from 9:30am to 6pm. The Budget Oversight hearing will take place in April.	
OS-0123-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b> None	VS
OS-0123-04	<b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b> The Board attorney gave a brief summary of the pertinent points of the <b>Revised Covid-19 Vaccination Rulemaking/Healthcare Worker Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate</b> : which went into effect on November 8, 2022, highlighting the gist of it <i>as follows</i> : As per the revised rules, the healthcare workers subject to the vaccine mandate are those individuals hired by, employed by, contracted with, or granted privileges or credentials by healthcare facilities regulated by DC Health. Unless an individual works for a health care facility regulated by DC Health, they are not subject to the mandate. It does <i>not apply</i> to those who are <i>not</i> employed in a facility. Denials issued from DC Health for an exemption, pursuant to the COVID-19 vaccine regulations for healthcare workers effective <i>prior to November 8, 2022, are null and void</i> . Further, denials issued by DC Health for an exemption, pursuant to the COVID-19 vaccine regulations for healthcare workers effective prior to November 8, 2022, <i>will not be considered</i> in the review of applications for licensure, certification, or registration – whether they be initial applications, renewals, reinstatements, etc.	
OS-0123-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 28, 2022, meeting.  <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the November 28, 2022; Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.  <b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0123-06	<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	

	<p>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. Marjan Shallal to approve the January 23, 2023 Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0123-07	<p><b><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to decide whether or not to accept group supervision towards clinical Licensure.</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.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> This item was tabled to the next Board meeting.</p>	
OS-0123-08	<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</p>	

	<p>Board will move 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. Selerya Moore to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 10:34AM. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b></p>	
<p>OS-0123-09</p>	<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. Licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 27, 2023.**

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