

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

January 26, 2026

10.00 AM to 12:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Virtual 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 2201 Shannon Place SE 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020.

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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 26, 2026

	<u>Roll Call</u>	WW
OS-0126-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u>	
OS-0126-02	<u>Executive Director's Report:</u> A. Operational Status Update: B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-0126-03	<u>Chairperson's Report:</u>	WW
OS-0126-04	<u>Board Attorney's Report:</u>	JD
OS-0126-05	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from December 17, 2025, meeting.	
OS-0126-06	<u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u> <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. <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.	
OS-0126-07	<u>OGR Updates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Board to take appropriate action if required. <u>Background:</u> Performance Oversight ▪ The Committee on Health will hold Performance Oversight hearings throughout the month of February. The hearings will consist of testimony from the public as well as from Agency Directors.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More information can be found, here. 	
OS-0126-08	<p><u>Request on Completion of SW Licensure Survey for VHA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to take appropriate action</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest employer of social workers in the nation, with nearly 21,000 masters prepared social workers employed currently. Social workers in VA practice in an agency setting, across the continuum of care, with access to clinical supervision and access to supervision for licensure. Social workers in the VA practice independently under a scope of practice statement or by clinical privileges. A supervisor is not required to approve their treatment plans or co-sign progress notes made in medical records when they are licensed at the independent level, however a supervisor is always available for consultation. Social work professional practice is reviewed at least annually as part of performance appraisals. A survey form has been submitted for the Board to complete.</p>	
OS-0126-09	<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 public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a). 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9). 	

	<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>February 23, 2026.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	
OS-0126-10	<p><u>Use of AI to Complete Social Work Documentation</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to begin discussions about how they wish to regulate it here in the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-0126-11	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim's Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Pending:</u> Confirmation of proposed date from the Board of Professional Counseling and which Board member to represent the SW Board</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. A licensee would like the Board's guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers. The Professional Counseling Board has agreed to have a subcommittee with the SW Board to draft a response for this enquiry.</p>	

OS-0126-12	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting. <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.	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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