

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

January 24, 2022

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."

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BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:		
	LATRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	JOANNE DROZDOSKI, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
VISITORS:		
	MARGOT ARONSON, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	STEVE SZOPA, GWSCSW	
	ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	

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	<p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10:09AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0124-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u> <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the January 24, 2022 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler. <u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0124-02	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District is currently operating in a temporary public health emergency through to the end of this month. If this is extended, then it will be updated on the departments website. • The waiver of licensure for out of state licensees in good standing to be able to practice via telehealth to existing clients or to practice at a DC Health Care facility has been extended by DC Council until August 2022 however these licensees are expected to submit an application to DC Health by 3/31/2022. • Licensure Census: Total of 5274 active Social Workers: 1,356 LGSW, 3824 LICSW, 42 LISW, and 52 LSWA. 	
OS-0124-03	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u> None</p>	VS
OS-0124-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u> The Board attorney reported there was a temporary public health emergency currently in place that ends at the end of the month and a Public Health emergency in place up until March 17, 2022.</p>	
OS-0124-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the November 2021 Open Session Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Ms.</p>	

	<p>Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0124-06	<p><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the January 2022 Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0124-07	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted by DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 10:22AM. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	
OS-0124-08	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</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. Licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 28, 2022.**

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