

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

July 25, 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."

OPEN SESSION July 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Absent
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
STAFF:		
	LATRICE HERNDON, 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	Present
	ANTHEA ISAACS, DETAILED STAFF	Absent
	AMANDA ATTIYA, POLICY ANALYST	Present
VISITORS:	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	TAWANA LEE,	
	ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW	
	GINA SANGSTER, LICSW	
	MARGOT ARONSON, GWSCSW	
	LORETTA RODTS, LICSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	

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	<p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10:20AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0725-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u> <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to accept the July 25, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal. <u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0725-02	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt the Director of DC Health will be stepping down from her position at the end of the month. Her replacement has not been announced yet. Once announced the Board will be notified accordingly • Practice under the licensure waiver ends on August 10, 2022, and there will be no extensions. Licensees who have been practicing under the waiver must ensure to be licensed in DC by this date or cease to practice. • The COVID Vaccine requirement is still a requirement for licensure or renewal of a license in the District. • Licensure Census: Total of 5,724 active Social Workers: 1,473 LGSW, 4154 LICSW, 44 LISW, and 53 LSWA • There are 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. • The Social Work Board has a vacancy currently for the LSWA slot that the MOTA is actively trying to fill. • Legislative Reports: Removing Barriers Legislation: Council passed the <i>HIV/AIDS Data Privacy Protection Amendment Act of 2021</i> (B24-0207). This legislation includes an amendment that increases the flexibility for DC Health Professional Boards to consider criminal history as part of the application process. It also repeals the ability for perspective 	

	<p>applicants to receive a predetermination hearing from DC Health. The legislation was approved unanimously by Council on final reading on June 28 and will go into effect by January pending Mayoral and Council approval.</p> <p>Council Recess: Council went on recess effective July 15 and will return to session on September 20.</p>	
OS-0725-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> The Board will be in attendance of the virtual emergency ASWB Delegate Assembly meeting scheduled for August 4, 2022.</p>	VS
OS-0725-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> The Board attorney requested for corrections to her report at the June open session meeting.</p>	
OS-0725-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 27, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the June 2022 Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0725-06	<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. Selerya Moore to approve the July 2022 Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p>	

	Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
OS-0725-07	<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. Marjan Shallal to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 11:20AM. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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OS-0725-08	<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>	
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The next meeting is scheduled for **September 26, 2022.**

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