

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

July 26, 2021

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings were held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

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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 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
STAFF:		
	AISHA NIXON, 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	Present
VISITORS:		
	MARGOT ARONSON, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	STEVE SZOPA, GWSCSW	
	ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW	
	TAWANA LEE, LGSW	
	SANTANYA PRINCE-ABDOUL, LGSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY	
	LORETTA RODTS, COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	
	GINA SANGSTER, LICSW	

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	<p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10. 05 AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0726-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to accept the July 26, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0726-02	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health staff back to in person work for 3 days in a week and two days of telework since July 12. • DC Health is open to the public and appointments are no longer needed for the processing center or vital records. • Recommends that applicants and licensee schedule an appointment if they want to meet directly with Board staff. • The Mayor's public health emergency order ended on 7/25/2021. • The waiver for licensure under the public health emergency order has expired and has a 60 day grace period from the date of expiration. • Board meeting will remain virtual through to the end of the year. Boards will decide next year which months to meet in person. • New Executive Director for the Board will be starting on August 2nd. • There are growing pains with the new system with renewals and new applications and ask for the public patience as we navigate through the new system. • Licensure Census: Total of 5,692 active Social Workers: 1,612 LGSW, 3961 LICSW, 50 LISW, and 69 LSWA. 	
OS-0726-03	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u></p> <p>None</p>	VS
OS-0726-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u></p>	

	<p>Ms. Joanne Drozdoski reported that she is very excited to work with the Board and looking forwarding to her new role as Board Attorney</p>	
OS-0726-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 28, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the June 28, 2021 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0726-06	<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 Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0726-07	<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 11:06 AM. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	

OS-0726-08	<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 27, 2021.**

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