

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

June 23, 2023

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

In Person 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 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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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 | 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 | Absent |
| | GREGORY SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER | Present |
| | MATTEO LIEB, POLICY ANALYST | Present |
| VISITORS: | JOVANNA CHASE | |
| | DEBORAH BROWN | |

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| | <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Meeting called to order at 10:14AM and a quorum was established.</p> | VS |
| OS-0623-01 | <p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to accept the June 23, 2023, Open Session Agenda. 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-0623-02 | <p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health has a new Director named as Dr. Ayanna Bennett who is joining DC Health from San Francisco. Her Start Date will be July 14, 2023. Dr. Sharon Lewis the Interim Director Retired on June 1st and currently Mr. Keith Fletcher is acting as Interim Director until Dr. Bennett starts on July 14, 2023. • The SW Renewals started on May 1, 2023. Ms. Herndon advised the Board and public that same day renewals are no longer in effect and therefore social workers need to submit renewals early to avoid delays in license renewals. The Board has been sending out on a weekly basis reminder about renewals to ensure that late renewals are avoided. • The next Social Work Board meeting will be held in person for Board Members and Board staff only at DC Health 899 North Capitol Street NE 2nd Floor in Board Room 216. The scheduled date is July 24, 2023. The Public will continue to join the meeting virtually. • DC Health Social Media Handles are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facebook: @dchealth 2. Twitter: @_DcHealth 3. TikTok: @dchealth 4. Instagram: @dchealth <p>We recommend all licensees to follow DC health on social media.</p> • Licensure Census: Total of 6,353 active Social Workers: 1,610 LGSW, 4638 LICSW, 44 LISW, and 61 LSWA <p><u>Legislative Updates</u></p> <p><u>Board Confirmation Roundtable:</u></p> | LH |

- The Committee on Health hosted a roundtable on Wednesday May 31st to discuss two nominations to the Board of Massage Therapy.
 - Those nominees are Johanna Brooks and Maisha Goss-Johns
 - Johanna Brooks already serves on the Board, but Maisha Goss-Johns would be a new board member
- The hearing can be viewed at the following [link](#).
- OGR anticipates that the Committee on Health will host more meetings like this one to discuss health professional board nominations.

Opioid Epidemic Hearing:

- The Committee on Health and the Committee on Hospital & Health Equity are hosting a joint public roundtable on June 28th at 10:30am to discuss the District’s opioid and fentanyl crisis.
- DC Health will provide testimony during this hearing alongside the Department of Behavioral Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
- You can learn more at the following [link](#) and watch the hearing on the [Council website](#).

Board Membership Legislation:

- Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the *Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0312](#)) on June 2, 2023.
 - This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.
 - There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.
- DC Health is reviewing this legislation and does not have a formal position at this time. This bill is scheduled for a hearing on July 13, 2023.

Social Work Examination License:

- Councilmember R. White has introduced the *Social Work License Modernization Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0259](#)) along with nine other Councilmembers (including four members of the Committee on Health).
 - The bill prevents the Board of Social Work from requiring that Licensed Social Work Associates (LSWA) and Licensed Graduate Social Workers (LGSW) pass an examination to attain a license. The legislation also requires the creation of a Social Work Licensure Task

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| | <p>Force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health is evaluating this legislation. No further action is currently scheduled for this legislation. <p>Health Licensing Board Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee on Health hosted a roundtable for five health professional licensing boards on June 8th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This roundtable featured the Boards of Professional Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Dentistry, Optometry, and Respiratory Care. ○ The Chairperson for each Board testified. ▪ During the hearing, Councilmember Henderson asked questions of each Board member on topics including workforce development and board membership. You can watch this hearing at the following link. <p>DC Health Director Appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity. ▪ The Council will therefore consider the <i>Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023</i> (PR25-0290). The Committee on Health will hold a hearing to discuss this resolution. | |
| OS-0623-03 | <u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> None | VS |
| OS-0623-04 | <u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> The Board attorney also encouraged Social Workers to renew licenses early since legal reviews may also impact the timely processing of renewal applications. | JD |
| OS-0623-05 | <u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the May 22, 2023, meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the May 22, 2023; | |

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| | <p>Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velve Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0623-06 | <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 June Open session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velve Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0623-07 | <p><u>Endorsement Requirements/Reciprocity Pathway</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss and establish easier licensure pathways.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements, reciprocity pathways, and DMV reciprocity pathways.</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board will review the current Checklist for Endorsement and decide which of the requirements can be eliminated to help with an easier endorsement process. The Board will also decide in July if they would want to establish a reciprocity pathway with any of the neighboring states.</p> | |
| OS-0623-08 | <p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> | |

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| | <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: 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). 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>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>July 24, 2023.</u></p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Velva Spriggs, 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> | |

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| OS-0623-09 | <p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Pending:</u> Board working on developing a policy guidance on Group Supervision.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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> | |
| OS-0623-10 | <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. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p> | |
| OS-0623-11 | <p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to adjourn the SW June Meeting at 11.52am. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p> | |

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| | Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |
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This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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