

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**November 28, 2022**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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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 November 2022**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Absent
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
<b>STAFF:</b>		
	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	Absent
	AMANDA ATTIYA, POLICY ANALYST	Present
<b>VISITORS:</b>	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	CHARLENE FLAHERTY	
	WILL DOYLE	
	RACHEL DOYLE	

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	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> Meeting called to order at 10:07AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-1128-01	<p><b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u></b> <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to accept the November 28, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.  <b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-1128-02	<p><b><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no updated on operational status everything remains the same.</li> <li>• The COVID Vaccine requirement is no longer a mandate for licensure in the District.</li> <li>• Licensure Census: Total of 5,998 active Social Workers: 1,534 LGSW, 4364 LICSW, 43 LISW, and 57 LSWA</li> <li>• There is 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.</li> </ul> <p>Legislative Update: <b>Healthcare Career Scholarship &amp; Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) Expansion Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following emergency and temporary versions, Councilmember Gray introduced <i>the High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0943</a>).</li> </ul> <p><i>This legislation establishes a scholarship program for education, training, transportation, and examination fees for eligible medical professionals. The bill would also expand the HPLRP to include loan repayments for medical sub-specialty professionals, part-time practitioners, and private providers in medically underserved areas.</i></p> <p><i>The emergency and temporary versions have both passed.</i></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The permanent version of this legislation received a hearing in the Committee on Health on September 28, 2022 and was marked up on November 21. It was passed on first reading by the entire Council on December 6, 2022 and OGR anticipates a final reading vote to take place before the end of the calendar year.</li> </ul> <p><b>End of Council Period 24:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Period 24 will conclude at the end of this calendar year. Any legislation that has not been passed by then will need to be reconsidered during Council Period 25.</li> <li>The Committee on Health will have new membership in the upcoming Council Period. OGR will be sure to provide updates on Committee makeup in January of 2023.</li> </ul>	
OS-1128-03	<p><b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b> The ASWB Annual Delegate Assembly was held November 17-19. The Chair Ms. Spriggs and Ms. Mavis Azariah Armattoe were in attendance. It was a very informative and well attended meeting. There were lots of discussions about the Exam and the ASWB leadership staff is willing to attend our Board meeting in the new year to answer any questions from the public and stakeholders. The ASWB contract psychometricians that develops the exam also presented at the meeting providing data attesting to the exam being valid defensible and non-biased. ASWB are also willing to host focus groups with candidates, students, Board members and all necessary partners within the DMV all to address the current concerns regarding the exam.</p>	VS
OS-1128-04	<p><b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b> The Board attorney gave a brief summary of the pertinent points of the <b>Revised Covid-19 Vaccination Rulemaking/Healthcare Worker Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate:</b> which went into effect on November 8, 2022, highlighting the gist of it <b>as follows:</b> As per the revised rules, the healthcare workers subject to the vaccine mandate are those individuals hired by, employed by, contracted with, or granted privileges or credentials by healthcare facilities regulated by DC Health. Unless an individual works for a health care facility regulated by DC Health, they are not subject to the mandate. It does <i>not apply</i> to those who are <i>not</i> employed in a facility. Denials issued from DC Health for an exemption, pursuant to the COVID-19 vaccine regulations for healthcare workers effective <i>prior to November 8, 2022</i>, are <i>null and void</i>. Further, denials issued by DC Health for an exemption, pursuant to the COVID-19 vaccine regulations for healthcare workers effective prior to November 8,</p>	

	2022, <i>will not be considered</i> in the review of applications for licensure, certification, or registration – whether they be initial applications, renewals, reinstatements, etc	
OS-1128-05	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the October 24, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the October 24, 2022; Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS1128-06	<p><b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the November 2022 Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1128-07	<p><b><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to decide whether or not to accept group supervision towards clinical Licensure.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> This item was tabled to the next Board meeting.</p>	
OS-1128-08	<p><b><u>Tele-Supervision Policy</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to decide whether or not to extend the current tele-supervision policy in place.</p> <p><b><u>Background</u></b> During the Pandemic the Board developed a policy guidance allowing tele supervision of social practice in the District. This policy was extended until 12/31/2022. The Public have been enquiring if this policy guidance is going to be extended again or not?</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to extend the current tele-supervision policy to February 28, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1128-09	<p><b><u>Motion to Close</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted by DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p>	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 10:46AM. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b></p>	
OS-1128-10	<p><b><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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 **January 23, 2023.**

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