

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**October 23, 2023**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING AGENDA

#### In Person 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 AGENDA October 23, 2023**

	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-1023-01	<b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b>	
OS-1023-02	<b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> A. Operational Status Update B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-1023-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b>	VS
OS-1023-04	<b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b>	JD
OS-1023-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 25, 2023, meeting.	
OS-1023-06	<b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></b>  <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.  <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.	
OS-1023-07	<b><u>OGR Updates</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to take appropriate action if required.  <b><u>Background:</u></b>  <b><u>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.</li> <li>• The revised HORA is currently going through Mayoral approval.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Opioid Epidemic Roundtable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee on Health is hosting a public roundtable on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to declare the opioid and fentanyl crisis in the District a public health emergency.</li> <li>• DC Health will provide testimony during this hearing alongside the Department of Behavioral Health.</li> <li>• You can learn more at the following <a href="#">link</a> and watch the hearing on the <a href="#">Council website</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>DC Health Director Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Bowser <a href="#">announced</a> the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on <a href="#">October 5<sup>th</sup></a>. During the roundtable, Acting Director Dr. Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize.</li> </ul>	
OS-1023-08	<p><b><u>Endorsement Requirements/Reciprocity Pathway</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board to review the current endorsement checklist to update it to ensure an easy endorsement pathway.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements. ASWB Model Act Section 308. Qualifications for Licensure by Endorsement. (a) To obtain a license by endorsement at the equivalent designation and subject to Article IV of this Act, an applicant currently licensed</p>	

	<p>as a social worker in another jurisdiction must provide evidence satisfactory to the Board, subject to Article III, Section 311, that the applicant: (1) Has submitted a written application and paid the fee as specified by the Board; and (2) Has presented to the Board proof of an active social work license in good standing.</p>	
<p>OS-1023-09</p>	<p><b><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> There will be no Board Action on this matter.</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. The Board has developed a proposed statement on group supervision and would like the public to review and comment.</p>	
<p>OS-1023-10</p>	<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 in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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"> <li>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).</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned</li> </ol>	

	<p>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> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <b><u>November 27, 2023.</u></b></p>	
	<b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b>	
OS-1023-11	<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. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
OS-1023-12	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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