

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

October 25, 2021

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Notice

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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 October 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:		
	LATRICE HERNDON, 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	
	GINA SANGSTER, LICSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	

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	<p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10:09AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-1025-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u> <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the October 25, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler. <u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1025-02	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Herndon reported that the attestation for COVID Vaccination status has gone live this morning • DC Health is going to begin to issue temporary licenses for 90 days for applicants who have pending application and submit a National Practitioner self-query report, print out of licensure verifications and COVID-19 Vaccination status and the temp licenses will be approved within 24-48 hours of receipt of negative criminal background check reports. This is to help ease the backlog of applications. • The COVID Vaccine verification requirement ended 9/30/2021. Letters will be sent out soon to licensees who have not submitted the verification or exemption. • All Board members and staff have been registered for the ASWB Annual Delegate Assembly which will be virtual and be taking place Nov 19-20, 2021. • Notices for the SW CE Audit will be going out very soon. • Licensure Census: Total of 5073 active Social Workers: 1,311 LGSW, 3669 LICSW, 42 LISW, and 51 LSWA. 	
OS-1025-03	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u> None</p>	VS
OS-1025-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u> None</p>	
OS-1025-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 27, 2021 meeting.</p>	

	<p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the September 2021 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-1025-06	<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. Wanda Wheeler to approve the Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1025-07	<p><u>Review – Draft Fall Board Announcement</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed to review and provide their feedback by the end of the week so the announcement can be finalized and emailed to all social workers.</p>	

OS-1025-08	<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 10:53AM. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	
OS-1025-09	<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</p>	

	<p>the Board's guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
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The next meeting is scheduled for **November 22, 2021.**

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