

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**September 25, 2023**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING AGENDA

#### 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.*

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**"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 September 25, 2023**

	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-0925-01	<b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b>	
OS-0925-02	<b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> A. Operational Status Update B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-0925-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b>	VS
OS-0925-04	<b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b>	JD
OS-0925-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 24, 2023, meeting.	
OS-0925-06	<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-0925-07	<b><u>In Person Meetings for FY 2024.</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To decide on what months to meet in person in Fiscal Year 2024.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> DC Health Require Boards to meet 3 times in person in a fiscal year. The 2024 Fiscal Year begins October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023, through September 30, 2024. The Board Meetings are scheduled for the following dates: October 25, 2023 November 27, 2023 January 22, 2024 February 26, 2024	

	<p>March 25, 2024 April 22, 2024 June 24, 2024 July 22, 2024 September 23, 2024.</p> <p>The Board has been given the task of deciding today what months they would like to meet in person.</p>	
OS-0925-08	<p><b><u>OGR Updates</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Social Work License Modernization Amendment Act of 2023:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Board to take appropriate action if required.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>Councilmember R. White has introduced the <i>Social Work License Modernization Amendment Act of 2023</i> (<a href="#">B25-0259</a>) along with nine other Councilmembers (including four members of the Committee on Health).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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 Force.</li> </ul> <p>A hearing was held on September 21, 2023.</p> <p><b><u>DC Health Director Appointment:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> No Action required.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Bowser <a href="#">announced</a> the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. 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 hold a hearing on the <i>Director of the</i></p>	

	<p><i>Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023 (PR25-0290).</i> The Committee on Health will hold a hearing on <u>October 5<sup>th</sup></u> at 10AM to hear from the Director.</p>	
OS-0925-09	<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.</p>	
OS-0925-10	<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 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).</li> </ol> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <b><u>October 23, 2023.</u></b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b></p>	

OS-0925-11	<p><b><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Pending:</u></b> Board working on developing a policy guidance on Group Supervision.</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>	
OS-0925-12	<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-0925-13	<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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