

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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 JULY 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, 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	Present
	KERA JOHNSON, POLICY ANALYST	Present
	LINDA SMITH, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	WHITNEY MOORE, INVESTIGATOR	Present
VISITORS:		
	ADELE NATTER	Present
	STEVE SZOPA	Present
	KAREN GUILLORY	Present
	CYDNEA SHERALDS	Present
	BRITTANY POPE	Present
	TAWANA LEE	Present

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	<u>Roll Call:</u> Meeting called to order at 10:15AM and a quorum was established.	VS
OS-0923-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u> Motion: Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to accept the September 2024, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore. Vote: Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
OS-0923-02	<u>Executive Director's Report:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HORA Updated was passed as law on July 19, 2024. Licensure Census: Total of 6,640 active Social Workers: 1,570 LGSW, 4983 LICSW, 40 LISW, and 47 LSWA 	LH
OS-0923-03	<u>Chairperson's Report:</u> None	VS
OS-0923-04	<u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u> The Health Occupations Revision Act was amendments passed as law on July 19, 2024. The Social Work Board will continue to stay as an independent Board under the new HORA.	JD
OS-0923-05	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 22, 2024, meeting. Motion: Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the July 22, 2024, Open Session minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler. Vote: Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
OS-0923-06	<u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u> <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><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 July 22, 2024, Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0923-07	<p><u>OGR Updates</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to take appropriate action if required.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p><u>Council Recess:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District of Columbia Council returned from recess on September 16th and has resumed their regular legislative business. <p><u>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29, 2024 and became law on July 19, 2024. DC Health is developing an implementation plan which will closely involve Board members. <p>No Motions were made for this item.</p>	
OS-0923-08	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim's Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the possible dates for subcommittee meeting with the Professional Counseling Board.</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</p>	

	<p>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. The Professional Counselling Board has agreed to have a subcommittee with the SW Board to draft a response for this enquiry.</p> <p>The Board will send possible dates via email to Ms. Herndon to discuss with the Professional Counselling Board at their next Board meeting.</p>	
OS-0923-09	<p><u>SW Board Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2025</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to decide on which in person meeting dates for FY 2025</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The SW Board meetings for FY 2025 are listed below</p> <p>October 28, 2024 November 25, 2024 December 2024: No Meeting-Christmas Holidays January 27, 2025 February 24, 2025 March 24, 2025 April 28, 2025 May 2025: No Meeting-Scheduled Date Falls on Memorial Day June 23, 2025 July 28, 2025 August 2025: No Meeting Summer Break September 22, 2025 The Board will decide on which dates will be held in person.</p> <p>The Board decided to on April and July of 2025 as In Person Meeting Dates</p>	
OS-0923-10	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> 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>October 28, 2024.</u></p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to close the Open Session Meeting at 10.45am. 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>	
OS-0923-11	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Pending:</u> Board Update to draft policy after review of public comments.</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</p>	

	<p>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>	
OS-0923-12	<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 September 2024 Board Meeting at <u>11.40am</u>. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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