

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
WASHINGTON DC. 20002  
JANUARY 18, 2018  
1:30pm-3:00pm  
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
MEETING MINUTES**

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OS 0118 -01	<b><u>Call to Order</u></b> 1:30pm
OS 0118-02	<p><b><u>Roll Call</u></b></p> <p>Cary Bland – Chairman</p> <p>Darlene Jackson –Member</p> <p>Joseph Reo – Member</p> <p>Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p>Robin Jenkins- Executive Director</p> <p>Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant Attorney General</p> <p>Leonard Howard – Investigator</p> <p>Danielle Weatherford. Member - Absent</p>
OS 0118-03	<p><b><u>Motion to accept agenda:</u></b></p> <p>The Board unanimously voted to accept the agenda</p>
OS 0118-04	<p><b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Jenkins informed the Board that the oversight hearing for the agency is upcoming and thus Board chairpersons are welcomed to provide a statement on the activities of the Board for the previous year. Secondly, Ms. Jenkins outlined and informed the Board about the new requirements in regards to the delegation of authority to staff members by the Board.</p>
OS 0118-05	<p><b><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Vongjaroenrat informed the Board that the proposed law that will require all health professionals and hospitals to mandatorily report to DOH any violation to the standard of practice issues is still under review due to certain loopholes identified in the proposed law.</p> <p>She also clarified the issue in regards to the Board wanting to disregard criminal background checks on applicants’ records that are too old and if the offense is the sole identified record on the applicant’s profile. She further indicated that despite the Board’s recommendation, the Board still has the discretion to review cases that fall under this category if they deem the report is worth considering, example for cases such as murder, rape.</p>
OS 0118-06	<p><b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Bland informed the Board that a licensee is interested in</p>

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	applying for the position of a Board member and has submitted an application to MOTA.	
OS 0118-07	<b>MINUTES</b> <b>Board Action:</b> The Board unanimously voted to accept the November 16, 2017 Open Session Minutes.	
OS 0118-08	<b>REGULATION AMENDMENT</b> <b>Board Action:</b> The matter was tabled	
OS 0118-09	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B 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.	

The Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 2018

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