

# BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MINUTES

January 16, 2020

1:30PM to 4:30PM

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2020

OS-0116-01

### CALL TO ORDER

Cary Bland – Chairman  
Darlene Jackson Member –  
Johanna Brooks-Member  
Joseph Reo – Member  
Tiffany Ferriss- Member  
Aisha Nixon – Executive Director  
Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist  
Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant Attorney General  
Leonard Howard – Investigator

OS-0116-02

### ROLL CALL

1:30PM

OS-0116-03

### ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#### **Motion:**

Motion made by Darlene Jackson to accept agenda with addendum. Seconded by Johanna Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0116-04

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Report

OS-0116-05

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Aisha Nixon gave updates on the following issues

- License Census -768 active licensees
- New Year Wishes
- Upcoming Oversight Hearing in February
- Highlights on Legislative Hearings held in November regarding licensure for Art Therapist, PSYPACT (Psychology Compact) and the Physical Therapy Compact.

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### BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report

OS-0116-07

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### **Board Action:**

Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting.

#### **Motion:**

Motion made by Johanna Brooks to accept the November 17, 2019 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Joseph Reo.

The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0116-08

**FYI**

**Background:**

Meeting dates for 2020.

- March 19, 2020- The Board rescheduled the March 19, 2020 meeting to March 18, 2020 starting at 10:00am.
- May 21, 2020
- July 16, 2020
- September 17, 2020
- November 19, 2020

OS-0116-09

**RE-ENTRY POLICY/ REGULATORY AMMENDMENT**

**Board Action:**

Discuss the continuing education requirements in regards to the development of a policy and regulatory amendment for applicants who have not been practicing clinical and do not hold an active license in any jurisdiction.

**Motion:**

Motion made by Johanna Brooks to table the matter. Seconded by Darlene Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0116-10

**REGULATION AMENDMENT**

**Board Action:**

Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide whether to accept or not to accept.

**Background:**

The Board reviewed and discussed the current draft regulation and ended the discussions on section 7503.1 of the draft regulation.

**Motion:**

Motion made by Johanna Brooks to table the matter. Seconded by Darlene Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADDENDUM

### AUDITS

#### Board Action:

To determine what to do with licensees that fail the audit for a second time or multiple times and licensees that failed to respond to the audit in the required 30 day period.

#### Background:

The discussed their current standards and assessments for continuing education audit failures.

#### Motion:

Darlene Jackson made a motion for individuals to audit licensees' that failed the previous audits and issue a public order and double the assessment if they fail. Seconded by Joseph Reo. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Motion:

Darlene Jackson made a motion to fine licensees \$200 for not responding to the audit in the required timeframe; in addition to any additional fines that a licensee might incur for noncompliance to the audit. Seconded by Joseph Reo. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0116-11

### MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

#### Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

#### Background:

*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 moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discussed disciplinary matters and heard reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.*

#### Motion:

Motion made by Johanna Brooks to close the Open Session meeting. Seconded by Darlene Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

**This ends the Open Session Agenda. The Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020.**

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