



Board of Professional Counseling

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Friday, March 9, 2018
10:00am – 2:00pm**

MEETING MINUTES



MARCH 2018 PUBLIC SESSION ATTENDANCE

Board Members:	Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown, Chairperson	Present
	Laurie Ferreri, Board Member	Present
	Dr. Matthew Siblo, Board Member	Present
	Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, Board Member	Present
	Victoria Sherk, Board Member	Present
Staff:		
	Robin Jenkins – Executive Director	Present
	David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist	Present
	Suzanne Fenzel – Board Attorney	Present
	Leonard Howard – Investigator	Present
Guests:		
	Nodia Marshall	



OPEN SESSION MARCH 2018

	The meeting was called to order at 10:38AM and a quorum was established.	
	The Board approved the Open Session Agenda by consensus.	
OS-0318-01	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT The Executive Director reported to the Board that a notice was sent to LPCs, LGPCs and stakeholders recruiting volunteers to serve on the regulations update committee.	
OS-0318-02	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT – No Report	
OS-0318-03	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – No Report	
OS-0318-04	MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> The Board approved the Open Session Minutes from the February 23, 2018 meeting by consensus.	
OS-0318-05	DISCUSSION – PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPIST <u>Board Action:</u> The Board voted that art therapists should be regulated in the District of Columbia and will consider draft language to regulate the profession at the next meeting.	
OS-0318-06	LGPCs AND TREATMENT PLANS <u>Board Action:</u> The Board clarified that the completion of intake assessments are within the scope of practice of professional counselor but advises practitioners to follow the guidance of employers regarding restrictions in the performance of services. The Board decided to engage in outreach with agencies employing professional counselors to provide education on the scope of practice for professional counselors in the District of Columbia because there may be confusion regarding what services a professional counselor can provide.	
	Adjournment – 11:40AM 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. The next open session meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2018 at 10:00am.	