

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING Minutes

MAY 19, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

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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OPEN SESSION May 19, 2023

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0519-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> <u>Board Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk – Chairperson-Present <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon- Executive Director • Whitney Moore- Health Licensing Specialist • Anthea Issacs- Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant General Counsel • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator • Debbie Moss-Board Investigator • Matteo Lieb- Policy Analyst <p><u>Guest:</u> Angele Moss-Baker</p>	
<p>OS-0519-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the May 19TH Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the May 19th 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0519-03	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Status Update- Board Vacancies (1 Consumer Member) • Licensure Census CAC 1-80 CAC 2-147 LGPC-372 LPC-1601 • Legislative Updates- Budget Process ongoing, Female genitalia mutilation bill passed. Counseling Compact • DC HEALTH social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Facebook: @dchealth ▫ Twitter: @_DcHealth ▫ TikTok: @dchealth ▫ Instagram: @dchealth • Additional Updates 	
OS-0519-04	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
OS-0519-05	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
OS-0519-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from April 21st, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the minutes from April 21st, 2023 Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0519-07	<p><u>Delegated Authorities</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and update the delegated authorities.</p> <p>NO ACTION</p>	
OS-0519-08	<p><u>Licensure Pathways</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements, reciprocity pathways, and DMV reciprocity pathways.</p>	

OS-0519-09	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</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 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. Licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers and Licensed Professional Counselors.</p>	
Addendum	<p><u>Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - Adding new chapter 17 DCMR Chapter 116 - To Regulate the Practice of Profession Art Therapy in the District</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is review the approval for Notice of Final Rulemaking to adopt Chapter 116 to regulate art therapy</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to approve the rulemaking as final. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0519-10	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to approve the open session consent agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0519-11	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p>Board Action: 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	

	<p>and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to close open session. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u> <u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></p>	
OS-FY1	<p><u>Supervised Practice Form</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the subcommittee meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A supervised practice form is listed under section 9105.8 regarding the supervised experience requirement which requires the supervisor(s) to submit the completed form to the Board. The purpose of the graduate professional counseling license is to allow individual to practice under supervision of a licensed professional counselor. However, the regulations also indicate a supervisor or supervisee shall submit a supervised practice form within 2 weeks of commencing supervision. In March 2022, the Board tabled to address the supervised practice form for the subcommittee.</p>	

OS-FY2	<p><u>Discussion on Supervision</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending Additional Information.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p>
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In April 2022, Ms. Sherk requested interpretation and further guidance to elaborate on the existing regulation regarding the supervision (specifically whether or not to have a primary supervisor).

In May 2022, the Board requested to table this matter for the next Board meetings for additional information.

The next open session meeting is June 16, 2023 IN PERSON at 10:00 am

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