

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLOOR
WASHINGTON DC. 20002
JANUARY 17, 2019
1:30pm-3:30pm
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MEETING MINUTES**

OS 0117-01	<p><u>Call to Order:</u> The meeting was called to order at 1:38PM and a quorum was established.</p>
OS 0117-02	<p><u>Roll Call</u></p> <p>Cary Bland – Chairman</p> <p>Darlene Jackson –Member</p> <p>Johanna Brooks- Member</p> <p>Joseph Reo – Member</p> <p>Tannika Simmons – Consumer Member</p> <p>Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist (Absent)</p> <p>Fatima Abby- Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p>Aisha Nixon- Health Licensing Specialist</p> <p>Robin Jenkins- Executive Director</p> <p>Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant Attorney General</p>
OS 0117-03	<p><u>Motion to accept agenda:</u> The Board voted to accept the agenda by consensus.</p>
OS 0117-04	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u> Executive Director, Robin Jenkins informed the Board of the upcoming oversight hearing scheduled for February 8, 2019 and provided a brief description of the process. In addition, she also informed them that Ms. Abby, Ms. White, and Ms. White would be assisting the Board in Mrs. Ofosu-Mensah’s absence. Ms. Jenkins also informed the Board of resignation and scheduled departure from the Department of Health. Health Licensing Specialist, Aisha Nixon provided the Board with an update regarding new renewal portal. Ms. Jenkins introduced the two (2) new board members, Johanna Brooks (Board Member) and Tannika Simmons (Consumer Member). Senior Deputy Director, Dr. Sharon Lewis, welcomed the new board members and gave an overview of DC Health and Health and Regulations Licensing Administration. Dr. Lewis, also informed the Board that Dr. Nesbitt is currently the Interim Director of the Department of Behavioral Health. Dr. Lewis also addressed the concerns of the Boards regarding massage</p>

	establishments. She thanked the Board for their dedication and hard work.
OS 0117-05	<p><u>Board Attorney's Report:</u> Board Attorney, Panravee Vongjaroenrat, informed the Board that the Director of DC Health, Dr. Nesbitt, will be implementing a public health priorities continuing education requirement. The Director has determined that all health professional licensees in the District will be required to take ten (10) percent of their continuing education in public health priorities which would be determined by the Department. Once the rule is passed, it will become effective immediately. Ms. Vongjaroenrat asked the Board to think whether or not to increase the total required continuing education units in the future.</p>
OS 0117-06	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u> No report.</p>
OS 0117-07	<p><u>MINUTES</u> Board Action: The Board considered the September 20, 2018 Open Session Minutes. Motion: Open Session minutes for September 20, 2018 was approved by consensus.</p>
OS-0117-08	<p><u>REGULATION AMENDMENT</u> Board Action: Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide whether to accept or not to accept. Background: The sub-committee set up by the Board has completed its work on the regulation amendments. The document is ready for board review. Motion: The Board voted to table the discussion and schedule an additional meeting to review the regulations.</p>
OS 0117-09	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u> <i>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.</i> Motion: Motion made by Ms. Brooks to adjourn the open session portion of the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo. The motion passed unanimously. <u>Open Session reopened at 4:06pm.</u> The Executive Director, reopened the Open Session to discuss renewal holds and continuing education audits. Motion:</p>

The Board delegated to staff the authority to remove renewal holds and send issues to one board member by consensus. The Board voted to audit five (5) percent of the active licensees for continuing education requirements at the end of the renewal period.

The Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019.