



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

October 9, 2020

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

OPEN SESSION OCTOBER 9, 2020

OS-1020-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The October 9, 2020 Open Session meeting was called to order at 10:04am and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown (Chairperson) – Present • Laurie Ferreri (Vice-Chairperson) – Present • Victoria Sherk – Present • Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Absent <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon – Executive Director • David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator <p>Open Session Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jolie Long • Dr. Nathalie Mizelle-Johnson • Angele Moss-Baker 	
OS-1020-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to approve the October 9, 2020 Open Session Agenda without additions and/or corrections. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>DC Health remains closed to the public and staff continues to work remotely. As of today, there is no date pertaining to when staff, the public, and meetings will return. Board Staff continues to process applications and other documents on behalf of the Board. The Mayor has extended to the public health emergency order until December 31, 2020. The extension does also extend all pandemic related orders</p>	

	including the licensure waiver. The Board’s renewal process is set to start on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. HRLA is also working to create a new paperless application system.	
OS-1020-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT No Report	
OS-1020-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT No Report	
OS-1020-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 11, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Sherk made a motion to approve the September 11, 2020 Open Session Minutes without additions and/or corrections. Seconded by Ms. Ferreri.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-07	<p>DISCUSSION - LPC ENDORSEMENT PROCESS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the endorsement process for the LPC and determine next steps.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Health Occupation Revisions Act (HORA) has a general endorsement process that is applicable to all licensure boards. However, the endorsement provision specific to professional counseling is somewhat different from the general HORA endorsement provision and presents possible conflict. The general endorsement process requires applicants to meet the current educational standards applicable to all licensees. However, the professional counseling endorsement provision appear to be more stringent than the general HORA requirement. It is necessary for the Board to review the laws and determine the best way to apply them such that there is no legal conflict. The Board Attorney has provided information for the Board to review and discuss.</p>	

	<p>During the September meeting, the Board tabled this discussion and requested a representative from the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) speak about their proposed endorsement process. A member of AASCB will present to the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to review endorsement applicants using the HORA’s general endorsement process. Additionally, if applicants do not meet the normal endorsement requirements but have been practicing for 5-years, they may be reviewed under the specific LPC provision of DC Code 3-1207.10(c). The Board also moved to adopt the interpretive recommendation that, to streamline processing, evidence of 5 years of practice (required by 3-1207.10(c)(5) will be accepted as evidence that the applicants also meet the requirements of 3-1207.10(c)(2) – (4). Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-08	<p>TELEHEALTH – DISCUSSION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an interprofessional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach. The Workgroup has decided to focus its efforts on the development of legislation to address telehealth. A subcommittee will be formed with representation from each health professional board.</p> <p>No motion need for the matter.</p>	

OS-1020-09	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to close the September 11, 2020 Open Session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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The next open session meeting scheduled for November 13, 2020 at 10:00am.

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.