

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2022
1:30PM

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OS-0120-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> 1:50PM	
OS-0120-02	<u>ROLL CALL</u> Cary Bland – Chairman Darlene Jackson -Member Joseph Reo- Member Ericka Walker – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Ajay Gohil – Assistant Attorney General Leonard Howard – Investigator Heather Kazmark- Visitor Pura C. Castrence-Visitor	
OS-0120-03	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the January 20, 2022 Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to accept the open session agenda. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Jackson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0120-04	<u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u> No Report	
OS-0120-05	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> Ms. Walker gave updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health has an updated telework posture for all employees, the updated schedule started on December 27, 2022 and will end on January 31, 2022. • The Processing Center is opened on Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm. • Ms. Walker advised Board Members to frequently visit the coronavirus website https://coronavirus.dc.gov/ and acquaint themselves with the latest coronavirus news in the District. 	
OS-0120-06	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Mr. Gohil gave updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updates on the Scope of Practice Amendments relative to the HORA • There are no updates on the Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing for Returning Citizens Amendment Act of 2020. • The Board Attorney reported on the final rulemaking implementing the Health Care Reporting Amendment Act of 2020 	

	(D.C. Law 23-116). This will require a health professional to submit to the Board within 10 business days' notice of a malpractice judgment, confidential settlement, or that the health professional has been convicted of a crime, and also to require a health professional employer to submit notice to the Board sanctions imposed on an employee within 10 business days after the sanction. He also provided an update on the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement, the need to report COVID-19 Vaccination Status, and the COVID-19 Continuing Education (CE) Requirement.	
OS-0120-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 18, 2021, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to accept the open session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo and Ms. Jackson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0120-08	<p><u>SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CASE REVIEW POLICY</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to review draft policy This matter was tabled for further discussion</p>	
OS-0120-09	<p><u>CENSUS</u> 639 licensed Massage Therapist in the District.</p> <p>No Action Required</p>	
OS-0120-10	<p><u>MEETING DATES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 17, 2022 • May 19, 2022 • July 21, 2022 • September 15, 2022 <p>2022 FSMTB Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 18-20, 2022 in Charlotte, North Carolina</p> <p>No Action Required</p>	
OS-0120-11	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></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> <i>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official</i></p>	

	<p><i>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></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to close the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Jackson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0120-12	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Jackson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 17, 2022.**

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