

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
1:30 PM

**In-Person and Virtual
Meeting Notice**

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Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Johanna Brooks, LMT – Board Chairperson	PRESENT
Cary Bland, LMT – Board Member	PRESENT
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Massage Therapist	VACANT
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Maisha Goss-Johns – Board Consumer Member	PRESENT
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	PRESENT
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Ajay Gohil, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	PRESENT
Leonard Howard, Investigator	PRESENT

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OS-0921-01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u> 1:30 PM</p>	
OS-0921-02	<p><u>ROLL CALL</u> Johanna Brooks- Chairperson Cary Bland – Board Member Maisha Goss-Johns- Consumer Member Ajay Gohil- Board Attorney Ericka Walker – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Geoffrey Calloway – Health Licensing Specialist Leonard Howard -Investigator Gregory Scurlock- Supervisory Compliance Investigator</p>	
OS-0921-03	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of September 21, 2023, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the September 21, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She appreciated Board Members for their continued service to the Board. • She appreciated the Board staff for performing their assigned duties and for taking on other additional duties. • She welcomed Geoffrey Calloway as the new Health Licensing Specialist. • Ms. Walker informed the Board that the 2023 Interstate Massage Therapy Compact Legislative submission will be held in the District of Columbia on October 24, 2023, from 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. • DC Health is moving to Reunion Square, 2201 Shannon Place, SE, in February 2024. • She informed the Board that Dr. Ayanna Bennett is the New Acting DC Health Acting Director. • DC Health has formed the Interprofessional Board Chair Collaboration Work Group (IBCC). The group will be organizing a symposium on September 27, 2023, at DC Health, Health 899 	

	<p>North Capitol Street on the 5th Floor. The venue is a change of location from the initial University of the District of Columbia (UDC) venue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Staff and Board Chair have registered to attend the FSMTB Annual meeting on September 28-30, 2023 in Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine 3777 La Jolla Village Drive San Diego, California 92122 <p><u>Upcoming Meeting Dates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 16, 2023 (Virtual) January 18, 2024 (In-person) March 21, 2024 May 16, 2024 (In-person) July 18, 2024 September 19, 2024 November 21, 2024 (In-person) District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruits talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat 	
OS-0921-05	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0921-06	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legislative amendments on the HORA are still in progress and the issue of Telehealth is being considered by most Boards. He discussed the issues pertaining to the Board’s authority over Massage Establishments in the District. 	
OS-0921-07	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0921-08	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 27, 2023,</p>	

	<p>meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the July 27, 2023, Open Session Minutes with the noted correction. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-09	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved and items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Applications Approved Since July 27, 2023.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franco Rebello • Kimberly Lawson • Dynesha Alexander • Xinhui Shi • Jennifer Ayebatonbaramieyo Kennedo • Ashley Bridges • Kejuan Johnson • Bruna Garoni • Marcus Chavis • Donna Perry • Conor Patrick Donahue • Abby Buchanan • Jonathan Coventry • Kristen Asare <p><u>Motion</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-10	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>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 and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a); 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 the 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>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Bland to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	Roll Call Vote	
OS-0921-11	This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 16, 2023 (In-person)**

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