

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2023
1:30PM

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Thursday, January 19, 2023, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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BOARD MEMBERS:	
Carey Bland, LMT – Board Chairperson	PRESENT
Johanna Brooks, LMT – Board Member	PRESENT
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Massage Therapist	VACANT
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Vacant – Board Consumer Member	VACANT
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-0119-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
OS-0119-02	<u>ROLL CALL</u> Cary Bland – Chairman Johanna Brooks- Member Ericka Walker – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Ajay Gohil – Assistant Attorney General Gregory Scurlock- Supervisory Investigator Leonard Howard – Investigator Hunter Irons, – FSMTB Justin Young- FSMTB Ellen Helmich- FSMTB	
OS-0119-03	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of January 19, 2023, Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the open session agenda with the corrections noted to the in-person March 16, 2022 meeting. Seconded by MS. Brooks. Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0119-04	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 15, 2022, meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to accept the open session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bland. Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
OS-0119-05	<u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u> No Report	
OS-0119-06	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Updates • Revised Vaccination Requirements • Census: 712 Licensed Massage Therapists 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massage Therapy renewals are ongoing • 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) recruit’s 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-seats • There is a new chairperson for the committee for Health councilmember Henderson. Ms. Walker indicated that the new chairperson has a new requirement for recruiting Board members and thus Board members are now required to testify before a sub-committee before joining a health professional board. 	
OS-0119-07	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The travel bans to North Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee have been rescinded and travels will be permissible in the future for Board members and DC government staff. ➤ DC Health will have a new office building in 2024 ➤ There are no updates to the HORA amendments ➤ The FSMTB Annual meeting is scheduled for September 28,-30,2023 at Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine San Diego, California 	
OS-0119-08	<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</p> <p>No Reports</p>	
OS-0119-09	<p><u>FSMTB's CEU REGISTRY</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> FSMTB as a CEU provider</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Federation sent an email to the Board wanting to know the steps FSMTB would need to take to be considered for approval as a CE sponsor. The Board Attorney recommended that FSMTB should be invited to the open session meeting to make a presentation to the Board. A representative from FSMTB made a presentation during the September</p>	

	<p>15, 2022 meeting. The Board requested additional information on the matter for the Board to make an informed decision on the matter. FSMTB has submitted additional information for Board review and decision-making.</p> <p>https://www.fsmtb.org/continuingeducation/ce-registry-course-search/ https://www.fsmtb.org/media/2374/ce-standards-and-registry-guidebook-final-052820.pdf</p> <p>CE Standards and Guidebook https://www.fsmtb.org/media/2374/ce-standards-and-registry-guidebook-final-052820.pdf</p> <p>CE Registry Courses https://www.fsmtb.org/continuingeducation/ce-registry-course-search/</p> <p>REACH https://reach4ce.org/</p> <p>This matter is still pending additional information from FSMTB.</p>	
OS-0119-10	<p><u>MEETING DATES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 16, 2023- In-person • May 18, 2023- Virtual • July 20, 2023- In-person • September 21, 2023- Virtual • November 16, 2023- In-person 	
OS-0119-11	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> <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 September 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jiarong Zhang • Sandra Rose Contreras • Ian Savoy • Jiyeon Oh • Felix Turcan • Sylvia Small- Ehilen 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kochaporn Condit • Heather Darley • Mikyung Baik Kim • Lindsay Little • Mellisha McKitty • Lamia Jackson • Mei Hua • Wallace D. Johnson Jr. • Patricia Tsen • Max Rosenberg <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bland. Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0119-12	<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> 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bland. Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	

OS-0119-13	Roll Call Vote	
	<p align="center">PUBLIC COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Hunter Irons from FSMTB gave an update on the compact debate and provided the website address https://massagecompact.org/ . He indicated that the final language for the compact is available for public view.</p>	
OS-0119-14	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bland. Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.
The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023 (In-Person)**

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