

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
1:30 PM

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Thursday, September 15, 2022, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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OS-0915-01	<u>ROLL CALL</u> 1:30 pm	
OS-0915 -02	<u>ROLL CALL</u> Cary Bland – Chairman Joseph Reo- Member Tiffany Ferriss- Member Johanna Brooks- Member Ericka Walker – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Ajay Gohil – Assistant Attorney General Leonard Howard – Investigator Ashley Hernandez, FSMTB Hunter Irons, – FSMTB Justin Young- FSMTB	
OS-0915-03	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of September 15, 2022, Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the open session agenda. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Ms. Jackson Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
OS-0915-04	<u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bland informed the Board that he attended the AMTA convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and informed participants that DC cannot participate in the upcoming FSMTB 2022 meeting. 	
OS-0915-05	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> Ms. Ericka Walker gave updates on the agency’s efforts in handling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronavirus and Monkey Pox Ms. Walker also informed the Board that a Hybrid board meeting schedule has begun for all health professional Boards within DC Health. Mr. Joseph Reo, Ms. Darlene Jackson, and Ms. Tiffany Ferris will not be at the next meeting because their terms of service are due. 	
OS-0915-06	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u> Mr. Ajay Gohil gave an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Attorney provided an update on the new DC Criminal Background Check Review Law. New D.C. Criminal Background Check Law goes into effect on September 21, 2022. 	

	<p>https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B24-0207</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Attorney stated that Board scope of practice amendments are under review by the Department. 	
OS-0915-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 21, 2022, meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to accept the open session minutes from July 21, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Brooks. Mr. Bland, Ms. Jackson Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0915-08	<p><u>FSMTB's CEU REGISTRY</u> <u>Board Action:</u> FSMTB as a CEU provider <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. https://www.fsmtb.org/continuingeducation/ce-registry-course-search/ https://www.fsmtb.org/media/2374/ce-standards-and-registry-guidebook-final-052820.pdf <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to request additional information regarding the courses before the Board can make an informed decision regarding the matter. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0915-09	<p><u>CENSUS</u> 688 licensed Massage Therapists in the District.</p>	
OS-0915-10	<p><u>MEETING DATES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 17, 2022- In-person January 19, 2023- Virtual March 16, 2023- In-person May 18, 2023- Virtual July 20, 2023- In-person September 21, 2023- Virtual November 16, 2023- In-person 	
OS-0915-11	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> <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><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 Mr. Reo to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Jackson. Mr. Bland, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0915-12	<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 an open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to adjourn the open session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ferriss. Mr. Bland, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022 (In-Person).

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