

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2024

1:30 PM

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Board of Massage Therapy - Open Session

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Thursday, January 18, 2024, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
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BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Open Session Agenda January 18, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Johanna Brooks, LMT – Board Chairperson	PRESENT
Cary Bland, LMT – Board Member	PRESENT
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Massage Therapist	PRESENT
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Maisha Goss Johns – Board Consumer Member	ABSENT
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

OPEN SESSION AGENDA, JANUARY 18, 2024

OS-0118-01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u> 1:50 PM</p>	
OS-0118-02	<p><u>ROLL CALL</u> Johanna Brooks- Chairperson Cary Bland – Board Member Ajay Gohil- Board Attorney Ericka Walker – Executive Director Gregory Scurlock- Supervisory Investigator Leonard Howard- Investigator Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist</p>	
OS-0118-03	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of January 18, 2024, Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the January 18, 2024, agenda, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Brooks. <u>Vote:</u> Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0118-04	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Updates <p>Ms. Ericka Walker informed the Board that DC Health is moving to its new location 2201 Shannon Place SE by the end of February 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census 635 • Upcoming Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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-0118-05	<u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u> No Report	
OS-0118-06	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u> Mr. Gohil provided an update on the HORA Legislative Amendments and the new statute regarding residency requirements for Board members. He also stated that staff is working on scheduling meetings with the counterparts at MPD, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and DCLP to discuss issues related to massage therapy regulation.	
OS-0118-07	LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	
OS-0118-08	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consider the Open Session Minutes from the November 16, 2023, meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the November 16, 2023, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Brooks. <u>Vote:</u> Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0118-09	<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. <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. <u>Applications Approved Since November 16, 2023.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Timothy • Stephanie Bean • Tosin Komolafe • Linda Montes • Tae- Hwan Kim • Elishua Perez- Rios • Ching Ting Wei • Yaohua Duan • Miah Robinson • Phana Wichaiwong • <u>Motion:</u>	

	<p>Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Brooks.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0118-10	<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 under section § 2-575(b) (14). <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to close the January 18, 2024, Open Session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Brooks.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	Roll Call Vote	
OS-0118-11	<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 outlined in the motion.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.
The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024.

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