

**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20020  
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2024  
1:30 PM**

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Thursday, MARCH 21, 2024, 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
 OPEN SESSION AGENDA MARCH 21,2024**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Johanna Brooks, LMT – Board Chairperson	PRESENT
Cary Bland, LMT – Board Member	PRESENT
Maisha Goss Johns – Board Consumer Member	PRESENT
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Massage Therapist	VACANT
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<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	PRESENT
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Ajay Gohil, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	ABSENT
Leonard Howard, Investigator	PRESENT

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA, MARCH 21, 2024**

OS-0321-01	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b> <b>1:30 PM</b></p>	
OS-0321-02	<p><b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Johanna Brooks- Chairperson</li> <li>➤ Cary Bland – Board Member</li> <li>➤ Maisha Goss-Johns- Consumer Member</li> <li>➤ Ericka Walker – Executive Director</li> <li>➤ Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>➤ Ajay Gohil – Assistant Attorney General</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Visitor</u></b></li> <li>➤ Kimberly Brown</li> </ul>	
OS-0321-03	<p><b><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of March 21, 2024, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the March 21, 2024, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0321-04	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Health has moved to its new office location at Shannon2201 Shannon Pl., SE, 2nd FL. She encouraged the Board members to visit the new location when they are available to familiarize themselves with the building.</li> <li>• The workforce survey result after the last renewal is ready for Board review and it will be ready during the next meeting.</li> <li>• The Board has two vacancies.</li> <li>• She will attend the FSMTB Executive Directors and Administrators meeting scheduled for April 3-6, 2024, in Savannah, Georgia.</li> <li>• DC Health Updates</li> <li>• Census 644</li> <li>• Upcoming Meeting Dates:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ May 16, 2024 (In-person)</li> <li>➤ July 18, 2024</li> <li>➤ September 19, 2024</li> <li>➤ November 21, 2024 (In-person)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• District of Columbia COVID-19</li> </ul>	

	<p><a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District of Columbia Monkeypox <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox">https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox</a></li> <li>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: <a href="https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat">https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seat</a></li> </ul>	
OS-0321-05	<p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b> Ms. Brooks gave an update on the following:</p> <p>Ms. Brooks informed the Board that she attended and participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop for the Board of Directors of Federation of the State Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) on February 10, 2024, in Atlanta. She further gave a summary of the topics that were discussed during the meeting.</p>	
OS-0321-06	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u></b> The Board Attorney reported on a February 12th meeting with the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), the February 14th Board Oversight Hearing, and the HORA Amendments legislation. He also reported on the formation of a new Board Attorneys Section for the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) which had its first meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</p>	
OS-0321-07	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b> <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consider the Open Session Minutes from the January 18, 2024, meeting. <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the January 18, 2024, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns. <b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Bland and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Goss–Johns Abstained.</p>	
OS-0321-08	<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b> <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved and items for review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting. <b><u>Background:</u></b> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last Board meeting. <b><u>APPLICATION APPROVED SINCE JANUARY 18, 2024</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thippawan Briggs</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Jonathan Osmundsen</li> <li>3. Volodymyr Pavlovskiy</li> <li>4. Samantha Boryan</li> <li>5. Daisuke Sekine</li> <li>6. Joshua Audain</li> <li>7. Elizabeth Fieschko</li> <li>8. Rowland Scott</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0321-09	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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"> <li>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);</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li> <li>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).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Bland to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Goss-Johns.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Bland, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Goss-Johns voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	

OS-0321-10	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.	
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**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**  
**The next meeting is scheduled for **May 16, 2024.****

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