

# BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**MAY 20, 2021**

**1:30PM**

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### **Board of Massage Therapy - Open Session**

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Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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**OPEN SESSION AGENDA MAY 20, 2021**

OS-0520-01	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER:</u></b> <b><u>1:30PM</u></b></p>	
OS-0520-02	<p><b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b> Cary Bland – Chairman Darlene Jackson -Member Johanna Brooks-Member Tiffany Ferriss- Member Joseph Reo- Member Ericka Walker – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Ajay Gohil – Assistant Attorney General Leonard Howard – Investigator</p>	
OS-0520-03	<p><b><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></b> <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the May 20, 2021 Open Session Agenda. <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Bland to accept the agenda with modification of moving the scope of practice discussions to the Executive Session for legal guidance. Seconded by Ms. Brooks.  Mr. Bland, Ms. Ferriss, Mr. Reo and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0520-04	<p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b>  No Report</p>	
OS-0520-05	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></b>  Ms. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 vaccination schedules in the District and encouraged Board members to stay informed with news pertaining to the vaccinations by visiting the website. <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine</a>.</li> <li>• Public Health Emergency will end on July 23, 2021.</li> <li>• The Board currently has 594 licensees.</li> <li>• The Processing Center is opened on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, by appointment only and DC Health is still on the telework mode.</li> <li>• The DC Health online licensure system has been launched.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the Board on the FSMTB interstate compact virtual meeting held on May 18, 2021.</li> <li>All DC Health personnel are expected to return to work by July 12, 2021.</li> </ul>	
OS-0520-06	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave an update to the Board on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He's the permanent Attorney for the Board and that Mr. Christopher Boone is no longer the Attorney for the Board.</li> <li>A legal intern who will help him with Board activities.</li> <li>D.C. Council recently passed the Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing for Returning Citizens Amendment Act of 2020; only crimes connected to a licensee's or applicant's profession can be considered by the Board.</li> <li>The outlook for Board meetings post COVID-19 and discussed if Board members will prefer conducting Board meetings via a hybrid (virtual and in-person) mode.</li> </ul>	
OS-0520-07	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Brooks.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Ferriss, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0520-08	<p><b><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review the recommendations for the scope of practice.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board decided that each member will review the scope of practice and make recommendation for amendment where necessary.</p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Tabled to be discussed during the Executive Session.</p>	

OS-0520-09	<p><b><u>FYI</u></b> <b><u>Background:</u></b> Meeting dates for 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 15,2021</li> <li>• September 16,2021</li> <li>• November18,2021</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> No Action Required</p>	
OS-0520-10	<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> <i>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</i></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to close the open session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Ferriss, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0520-11	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Ferris to adjourn the open session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Brooks.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Ms. Ferriss, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, 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 [July 15, 2021](#).

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