

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2022
1:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA MAY 19, 2022

OS-0519-01	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> 1:38 pm	
OS-0519 -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 Amanda Attiya, OGR- Visitor Hunter Irons, –Visitor Regina McLinden, LMT- Visitor	
OS-0519-03	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the May 19, 2022, Open Session Agenda. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to accept the open session agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bland. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously	
OS-0519-04	<u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u> Ms. Bland welcomed all Board Members to the meeting and advised all Board members to wear their masks when they are in public to prevent getting COVID-19.	
OS-0519-05	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Operations Telework Posture is still in effect for DC Health employees. • COVID-19 Updates (https://coronavirus.dc.gov/) • Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, 2022 massage Board Executive Summit, Clearwater Beach, FL, May 5 – 6, 2022 • Massage Therapy Interstate Compact • Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, Annual Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 18 -20, 2022- DC cannot participate in this meeting because DC has a travel ban to North Carolina, however, Board members are able to attend but they cannot represent themselves as representing DC • Ethics: Board Member Mandatory Training- All members are required to complete this training. 	

OS-0519-06	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>The Notice of Rescission for the rulemaking for the booster up-to-date COVID-19 for “health care workers”. The requirement for health care workers to get a booster shot has been rescinded and will not be enforced.</p> <p>Mr. Gohil gave an update on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There has been progr with the revision of the criminal background check law. ✓ There are no updates on the HORA amendments ✓ He gave a lecture at the Chiropractic Meeting in Denver, Colorado meeting regarding sexual misconduct cases. He further indicated that he recommended how the cases will be handled at the Board member and Board staff level. ✓ DC Health has rescinded the booster requirements for licensure purposes; however, all applicants and licensees are required to be vaccinated with the Janssen and Janssen or Pfizer shot. ✓ MOTA website indicates that there is a vacant seat for a Board member, however, the Board currently has 5 Board member requirements. 	
OS-0519-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from January 20, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to accept the open session minutes from January 20, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Brooks. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0519-08	<p><u>Massage Therapy Education Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to discuss regulation: Section 7502.2 An applicant for a license to practice massage therapy shall establish, to the satisfaction of the Board, that he or she has successfully completed a minimum of five hundred (500) hours of in-class training. At least three (3) of the hours shall be in professional ethics.</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board decided to review the educational requirements matter on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The Board decided to add to the discussion the revision of the Suspension of Live, Classroom-Setting Requirement for CE and CPR Training during COVID-19. The Board decided to revise the policy and update the expiration to 01/31/2023.</p>	

	<p>Motion made by Ms. Brooks to extend the online continuing education class requirement until the end of the current renewal period ending January 2023. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0519-09	<p><u>CENSUS</u> 656 licensed Massage Therapists in the District.</p>	
OS-0519-10	<p><u>MEETING DATES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 21, 2022 • September 15, 2022 	
OS-0519-11	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into a closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> <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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Reo to close the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Brooks. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Ferris voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0519-12	<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. Brooks to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, 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 [July 21, 2022](#).

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