

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

1:30PM: 4:30PM

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OS-1119-01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER:</u></p> <p>1:40pm</p>	
OS-1119-02	<p><u>ROLL CALL ROLL CALL</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Cary Bland - Chairman: Present Johanna Brooks - Member: Present Joseph Reo - Member: Present Tiffany Ferriss - Member: Absent Darlene Jackson - Member: Present</p> <p><u>Board Staff:</u> Ericka Walker - Executive Director: Present Aisha Nixon - Executive Director: Present Thelma Ofosu- Mensah - Health Licensing Specialist: Present Ajay Gohil - Assistant General Counsel: Present Leonard Howard - Investigator: Present</p>	
OS-1119-03	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the November 19, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to accept the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Reo. Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1119-04	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-1119-05	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ms. Ericka Walker reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced herself as the new Executive Director for the Board acting in her full capacity. • The Processing Center is opened on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, by appointment only. • There are 836 active licensees. • DC Health launched The DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN), a new tool to help residents know if they may have been exposed 	

	<p>to COVID-19.</p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On November 10, 2020, The Board of Massage Therapy renewals began. Ms. Nixon outlined the continuing education requirements and the 60-day grace period requirements. 	
OS-1119-06	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He still serves as the interim Board Counsel Recommended that the Board review their current scope of practice to determine if it needs to be updated. He'll post the 2021 meeting dates on the DC Register. Sexual Misconduct presentation related to boundary issues for Health Professional Boards. The presentations outlined the following three important takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Board's should be using the term boundary issues rather than sexual misconduct. b) Board's should assess the traumatic impact on the client when reviewing the complaint. c) There should be a timely response to boundary related complaints. 	
OS-1119-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to accept the Open Session Minutes with the correction to a Board members name. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1119-08	<p><u>FYI</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> Meeting dates for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 21, 2021 March 18, 2021 May 20, 2021 July 15, 2021 September 16, 2021 November 18, 2021 <p><u>Motion:</u> No Formal action was required</p>	

OS-1119-09	<p><u>RENEWAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to review and discuss delegated authorities regarding renewal hold to the board chair and/or staff.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Jackson to delegate to Board staff the ability to review renewal holds, in consultation with Board Counsel and itemize all reviewed and approved items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Brooks.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1119-10	<p><u>REGULATION AMENDMENT</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide to accept or not to accept.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board reviewed and discussed the current draft regulation and ended the discussions on section 7503.1 of the draft regulation.</p> <p>Motion: No formal action was required.</p> <p>The Board decided to table the matter until a permanent Attorney is assigned to the Board.</p>	
OS-1119-11	<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> <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 Ms. Brooks to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1119-12	<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 open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. Bland to adjourn the open session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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This ends the NOVEMBER 19, 2020 meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2021.