

BOARD OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Open Session

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BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Sheila Holt, LMFT – Board Chairperson	PRESENT
Angela Sarafin, LMFT – Board Member	PRESENT
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	PRESENT
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Vacant – Board Consumer Member	PRESENT
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	PRESENT
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Joanne Drozdowski, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	ABSENT
Rebecca Odrick-Austin, Investigator	PRESENT

OPEN SESSION JUNE 6, 2023

OS-0606-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p><u>Board Members</u> Sheila Holt – Board Chair (Present) Angela Sarafin – Board Member (Present)</p> <p><u>Board Staff</u> Ericka Walker- Executive Director (Present) Joanne Drozdowski- Assistant General Counsel (Present) Thelma Ofosu- Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Rebecca Odrick- Austin –Investigator (Present)</p>	
OS-0606-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the June 6, 2023, open session agenda with the noted correction. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0606-03	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 7, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the March 7, 2023, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0606-04	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Ms. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC Health Updates: Ms. Walker informed the Board that Sharon Lewis, the Interim Director for DC Health, has retired. She further indicated that the new Interim Director is Keith Fletcher. Mr. Walker also informed the Board that Arian Gibson is the Director of the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration- HRLA. She further informed the Board that the Board currently has three (3) vacancies yet to be filled. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Census: 208 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox <u>The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments</u> <p>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</p>	
OS-0606-05	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Drozdowski informed the Board that most of the Health Professional Boards do have vacancies. She further indicated that the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy has three (3) vacancies with one (1) consumer member vacancy. Ms. Drozdowski informed the Board that DC Health has ongoing licensure reciprocity discussions with the neighboring jurisdictions: Maryland and Virginia. 	
OS-0606-06	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT No Report	
OS-0606-07	FY 2023 MEETING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 5, 2023 (Virtual) <p>The Board decided to make a motion to reschedule the September 5, 2023, meeting to September 19, 2023.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion made by Angela Sarafin to reschedule the September 5, 2023, meeting to September 19, 2023. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p> <p>Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0606 -08	<u>Consent Agenda</u> Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Licenses from March 7, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Sughrue 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorianne Twill • Kaitlin Doyle • Nicole Filipe • Suzanne Northey • David Nickens • Ilya Parizhsky • Alexandra Taskier • Lisa Cooney • Diana Mayer • Josh Ellis • Sabrina Roc • Emilie Gomart • Rikia Ancar <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0606-09	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</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> 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); 	

	<p>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</p> <p>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</p> <p>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).</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to close the meeting. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	Roll Call Vote	
	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 set forth in the motion.	

This concludes the Open Session meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for [September 19, 2023 \(Virtual\)](#).

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