

BOARD OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022

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	ABSENT
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Vacant – Board Consumer Member	ABSENT
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	PRESENT
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	PRESENT
Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel	PRESENT
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	ABSENT
Rebecca Odrick, Investigator	PRESENT

OPEN SESSION DECEMBER 6, 2022

OS-1206-01	<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 Drozdoski- Assistant General Counsel (Present) Thelma Ofosu- Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Rebecca Odrick –Investigator (Present)</p>	
OS-1206-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept December 6, 2022, 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-1206-03	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 7, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the June 7, 2022, 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-1206-04	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Updates • Revised Vaccination Requirements • Census: 201 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists • Renewal deadline is scheduled for December 31, 2022 • District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine • District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox • The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruit’s 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-seats 	
OS-1206-05	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>Ms. Drozdoski informed the Board that there has been a new vaccine mandate since 11/8/2022. The mandate indicated that there are no vaccination requirements for licensure purposes for Health Professionals. She further indicated that the booster requirements were repealed on April 6, 2022.</p>	
OS-1206-06	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-1206-07	<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS Amanda Attiya, Policy Analyst</p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-1206-08	<p>FY 2023 MEETING DATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 7, 2023 (Virtual) • June 6, 2023 (In-person) • September 5, 2023 (In-person) The Board decided to meet in person instead of meeting virtually • December 5, 2023- Virtual 	
OS-1206-09	<p>VERIFICATION FOR POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION HOURS FORMS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Discussion and decision-making.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p>	

The Board currently requires both examination and endorsement applicants to submit verification of 2000 post-clinical supervision forms during their initial application. The form needs to be completed and signed by their supervisors. This requirement delays the processing of applications because most often applicants, especially those applying by endorsements who have been licensed for many years in other jurisdictions and have obtained their supervision hours many years ago claim that they are unable to locate their supervisors to complete and sign off on the verification of supervision hours form. Most applicants claim their supervisors are deceased, have left the agency they worked with, or simply cannot find them. The Board has previously discussed the matter.

The Board decided that applicants who fall in this category can request the State Board that have their original signed verification of supervision hours to send certified copies of the forms directly to the DC Board. If the form is sent directly from the State Board to the DC Board, it will be accepted in lieu of the verification of the supervised practice. The Board has seen an increase in the applications due to the expired waiver. Applicants by endorsement (some of them) are having issues submitting verification of supervised practice form completed and signed by their supervisors. Some State Boards don't send copies of the original verified supervised practice hours, or the D.C. Board is not in receipt of the supervised practice hours in a timely manner. This matter has delayed many applications pending approval.

This matter is before the Board to discuss if it is willing to waive the submission of completed verification of 2000 post-clinical supervision practice hours by supervisors for endorsement applicants that are licensed for two or more years in good standing and submit licensure verification of good standing from all jurisdictions where the applicant held a license whether active or inactive.

Motion:

Motion made by Angela Sarafin to waive the submission of the proof 2000 hours of post-clinical supervision form for applicants applying by endorsement who have been licensed for five (5) years or more in other jurisdictions Seconded by Sheila Holt.

Vote:

Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-1206-10

Consent Agenda

Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Licenses from June 7, 2022.

1. Hunter Adams
2. Akilah Pierre
3. Chelsea Mazzotta
4. Diana Nesko
5. Uzma Knouss
6. Dale Williams
7. Brittany Page
8. Merraf Abel
9. Mayra- Bedolla-Lopez
10. Susannah Cobb
11. Time Whetzel
12. Cameron Froude
13. Brooke Croft
14. Heather Clendenin- Lemoine
15. Kaegan Engstrom- Garner
16. Brianna Brown
17. Kara McElaney
18. Liza Harbison
19. Lorna Boyer Chase
20. Liann Seiter

Motion:

Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Sheila Holt.

Vote:

Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-1206-11	<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); 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to close the open session 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>	
	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 [March 7, 2023 \(Virtual\)](#).

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.