

BOARD OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5,2024

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have in-person and virtual meetings. Please see the hybrid schedule in the Meeting Dates section of the agenda.

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Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 11:00 AM | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
Occurs the first Tuesday of every 3 months effective 3/7/2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM,
(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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

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OS-0305-01	<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> Joanne Drozdowski- Assistant General Counsel (Present) Thelma Ofosu- Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Rebecca Odrick –Investigator (Present)</p>	
OS-0305-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the March 5, 2024, 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>	
OS-0305-03	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 19, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the September 19, 2023, meeting with the noted corrections. 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-0305-04	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Ms. Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist reported on behalf of Ms. Ericka Walker, Board Executive Director. Ms. Ofosu-Mensah informed the Board that DC Health has moved to its new location at 2201 Shannon PL SE Washington, DC 20020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census: 232- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists • District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox <u>The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments</u> 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 	
OS-0305-05	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT Ms. Drozdoski informed the Board that DC Health is located at its new building 2201 Shannon PL SE Washington, DC 20020. She gave the Board an idea about the logistics of transportation possibilities they can utilize to visit the new building.	
OS-0305-06	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT No Report	
OS-0305-07	FY 2024 MEETING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4, 2024 (In-person) September 10, 2024 	
OS-0305-08	COAMFTE Action – Touro University Worldwide A notice was received from COAMFTE regarding an action taken against Touro University Worldwide. <u>Board Action:</u> No Action was required, the Board reviewed the matter and decided that the Board will hold on until a final decision is made on the matter by COAMFTE before they can decide the action to take regarding students graduating from Touro University who intend to apply for licensure in the District of Columbia.	
OS-0305-09	AI or AI TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY <u>Board Action:</u> Discussions <u>Background:</u> A licensee sent the Board an email about the use of AI technology in the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy. Ms. Drozdoski, Board	

	<p>Attorney suggested that the Board consider and determine if they want to weigh in on the inquiry or have a policy on AI technology.</p> <p><u>Board Action/Decision</u></p> <p>The Board decided that Board staff should contact the inquirer and inform her to contact her malpractice legal counsel to determine how AI technology can be utilized in the practice.</p>	
OS-0305 - 10	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Licenses from September 19, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trina Amstrong • Zanita Zody • Jeana Buchanan • Menachem Stulberger • India Simms • Derek Bowers • Ralnah Brown • Kiersten Gladding • Debra Jill Green • Leah Murphy • Paul Birch • Devin Thomas • Kourtney DeBoer • Ingrid Bolick • Jacob Monkarsh <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the consent agenda as presented. 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-0305-11	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To go into a closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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); • Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); • To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); • 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></p> <p>Motion made by Angela Sarafin to close the open session meeting. 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-0305-12	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 June 4, 2024.

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.