

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES APRIL 29, 2022

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0429-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> The April 29, 2022, Open Session was called to order at 10:05am and a quorum was established.</p> <p><u>Board Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk – Chairperson-Present • Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Present <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon- Executive Director • Fatima Abby – Health Licensing Specialist • Lakisha Ross- Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant General Counsel • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator • Gregory Scurlock- Investigator • Elise Anderson- Health Paralegal • Tiguist Zerihun- Detailed Licensing Specialist • Tarcisio Buriti- Detailed Licensing Specialist <p><u>Visitors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angele Moss-Baker • Jessica Fleming 	
<p>OS-0429-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the April 29, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to accept the April 29, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0429-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. LaTrice Herndon provided an update on Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA). There is a new person who has been appointed for the Board. • An updated on the licensure census was provided. 	

OS-0429-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report from the Attorney. 	
OS-0429-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report from the Chairperson. 	
OS-0429-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from March 18, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to accept the March 18, 2022, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0429-07	<p><u>Licensure Portability: Discussion on Counseling Compact</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss the Counseling Compact.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Mental Health Counseling Association reached out to the Board to share information regarding Counseling Compact.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to table to the next Board meeting. Seconded by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0429-08	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p>	

	<p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0429-09	<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> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) 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.</p>	

The next open session meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2022, at 10:00 am

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