

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00PM

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0211-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <p>The February 11, 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 •Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney •Leonard Howard – Board Investigator <p><u>Visitor:</u> Lakitha Owens Angele Moss-Baker</p>	
<p>OS-0211-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the February 11, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to approve the February 11, 2022, Open Session Agenda with correction of no consent agenda item. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Ms. Sherk voted in favor of the motion.</p>	
<p>OS-0211-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. LaTrice Herndon reported and indicated that the vaccination and Booster are mandatory by March 1, 2022. 	
<p>OS-0211-04</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAG Panravee Vongjaroenrat indicated that the DC Health is having many appeal requests from those who received the denial on their vaccination exemption. Those who did not report on exemption or vaccination would be subject summarily suspension. 	

OS-0211-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Victoria Sherk reminded the Board and the public that the Board has a lot of vacancies and is currently looking for board members to join the Board. Those who are interested will need to contact the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) at https://mota.dc.gov/. 	
OS-0211-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from January 21, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to accept the January 21, 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>	
OS-0211-07	<p><u>POLICY STATEMENT:</u> Interpretation Of License Endorsement Requirements Under D.C. Official Code § 3-1207.10</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is review and provide more clarification on the current policy statement regarding the Master’s credits and post-licensure experience.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to request attestation statement and copy of resume from the applicants by endorsement with a five years of independent practice experience. 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-0211-08	<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 Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to amend the motion earlier to state that there is no consent agenda for this meeting. 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>	
Addendum	<p><u>Visitor(s):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Counseling Association and Virginia Counselor Association are meeting. They wanted to where DC stands counseling compact. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board indicated that a law has to be passed in order for District of Columbia to join a compact. The Board cannot decide on the compact and the Council has the ultimate decision. • Discussion on the approvals of NCE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board indicated the approval are done by the Board(s). It was also mentioned that some schools submit approvals for the NCE. Ms. Herndon (Executive Director) indicated that she will check with NBCC regarding whether or not universities submit NCE approvals for their students. 	
OS-0211-09	<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> <p><u>Motion:</u></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to close the open session meeting. 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>	
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The next open session meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2022, at 10:00 am

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