

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2022

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

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OPEN SESSION JANUARY 21, 2022

OS-0122-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The January 21, 2022 Open Session was called to order at 10:05am and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Victoria Sherk – Chairperson-Present •Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Present <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •LaTrice Herndon- Executive Director •Fatima Abby – Health Licensing Specialist •Mavis Azariah – Health Licensing Specialist •Lakisha Tyer – Health Licensing Specialist •Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney •Leonard Howard – Board Investigator <p>Visitor: Michael Vogtman</p>	
OS-1221-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the January 21, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to approve the Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Ms. Sherk voted in favor of the motion.</p>	
OS-0122-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Ms. LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director, reported on Licensure Waiver. She stated that as of September 22, 2021, healthcare practitioners licensed in good standing in other states (who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted a medical or religious exemption by the Department of Health) will be able to practice in DC without a license at a health care facility or via tele-practice to an existing client/patient for continuing care until March 31, 2022. The licensure waiver will continue until August 10, 2022.</p>	
OS-0122-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>There was no report from the Board Attorney.</p>	
OS-0122-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>There was no report from the Chairperson.</p>	

OS-0122-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the December 17, 2021, Open Session Minutes.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ruffin-Colbert to approve the Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ruffin-Colbert and Ms. Sherk voted in favor of the motion.</p>	
OS-0122-07	<p>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Tabled the Open Consent Agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
OS-0121-08	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</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> Motion made by Ms. Sherk to approve the Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p>	

The next open session meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2022, at 10:00 am

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.