

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

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OPEN SESSION Minutes March 18, 2022

Call to Order:

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| <p>OS-0318-01</p> | <p><u>Roll Call:</u> The March 18, 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 – Assistant General Counsel • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator • Gregory Scurlock, Investigator <p><u>Visitors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angele Moss-Baker • Elise Khanijao • Amanda Attiya | |
| <p>OS-0318-02</p> | <p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the March 18, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to approve the March 18, 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-0318-03</p> | <p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All practitioners need to be vaccinated and boosted. Everyone will need to be attested to be vaccinated and boosted via online. | |
| <p>OS-0318-04</p> | <p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT Ms. Panravee Vongjaroenrat an update on Brokamp vs. DC case. A</p> | |

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| | licensed professional counseling (Elizabeth Brokamp) in Virginia brought a civil lawsuit against DC for requiring her a license in DC in order to use talk therapy to help people feel better as violation of their First Amendment. | |
| OS-0318-05 | CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) informed Ms. Sherk that they will follow up with two applicants who submitted their application. | |
| OS-0318-06 | <u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from February 11, 2022, meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to accept the February 11, 2022, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Victoria Sherk. <u>Vote:</u> Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |
| OS-0318-07 | <u>Regulation Review: Art Therapy Regulations</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the drafted Art Therapy Regulations and determine whether or not to accept it. <u>Background:</u> The subcommittee members worked on drafting the Art Therapy regulations for the Board review and decision. <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to table the review of Art Therapy until the subcommittee resumes for the professional counseling regulation. Seconded by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert. <u>Vote:</u> Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |
| OS-0318-08 | <u>Supervised Practice Form</u> | |

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| | <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the supervised practice form requirement for the Graduate Professional Counseling applicants under 9105.8 and provide clarification on the supervised practice form requirements.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A supervised practice form is listed under section 9105.8 regarding the supervised experience requirement which requires the supervisor(s) to submit the completed form to the Board. The purpose of the graduate professional counseling license is allow individual to practice under supervision of a licensed professional counselor. However, the regulations also indicate a supervisor or supervisee shall submit a supervised practice form within 2 weeks of commencing supervision.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to table to address the supervised practice form for the subcommittee. 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-0318-09 | <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 approve the Open Consent 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> | |

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| <p>OS-0318-10</p> | <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> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to close the Open Session 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> | |
| <p>OS-0318-11</p> | <p><u>Motion To Adjourn</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> | |

The next open session meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2022, at 10:00 am

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