

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES MAY 20, 2022

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0520-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> The May 20, 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 • Tarcisio Buriti- Detailed Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant General Counsel • Elise Anderson- Health Paralegal • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator • Gregory Scurlock- Investigator <p><u>Visitors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angele Moss-Baker 	
<p>OS-0520-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the May 20, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the May 20, 2022, Open Session 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>	
<p>OS-0520-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. LaTrice Herndon provided the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Licensure Census: LPCs: 1400, LGPCs: 455, CACI 87 and CACII: 166. • Legislative Updates 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Amanda Attiya, DC Health’s Office of Government Relation reported on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The law that was signed by the Mayor regarding eliminating the barriers for those with criminal background records. ▪ Temporary licenses are being issued for those who submitted application by endorsement with a good standing and clean application and National Practitioner Data Report (NPDB). ▪ Budget 	
OS-0520-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was no report from the Attorney. 	
OS-0520-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>Ms. Victoria Sherk discussed the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The appointment of the new board member and vacancies. ● Discussion on the Art Therapy Regulation. The Board agreed to have the staff reach out to the original the subcommittee to join the Professional Counseling meeting. 	
OS-0520-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from April 29, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to accept the April 29, 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-0520-07	<p><u>Licensure Portability: Discussion on Counseling Compact</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to continue discussing 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></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert to table the discussion on the information to the executive session. 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-0520-08</p>	<p><u>Discussion on Supervision</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss on whether or not a primary supervisor is required during the postgraduate supervised experience.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In April 2022, Ms. Sherk requested interpretation and further guidance to elaborate on the existing regulation regarding the supervision (specifically whether or not to have a primary supervisor).</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to table this matter for the next Board meeting to obtain additional information. 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-0520-09</p>	<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 approve the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p>	

	Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert and Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0520-10	<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. 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>	

The next open session meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2022, at 10:00 am

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