



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing  
Administration**

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING  
OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting Notice**

*Currently, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public emergency.*

*Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:*

**OPEN SESSION SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

OS-0921-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The September 10, 2021 Open Session was called to order at 10:05AM and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b><u>Board Members:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown (Chairperson) – Present</li> <li>• Victoria Sherk – Present</li> <li>• Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Present</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Board Staff:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aisha Nixon- Executive Director (outgoing)</li> <li>• David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney</li> <li>• LaTrice Herndon – Executive Director (incoming)</li> <li>• Tamika Wells – Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Open Session Guests:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sadiqa Long</li> </ul>	
OS-0921-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Sherk to accept the September 10, 2021 Open Session agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Ms. Nixon, outgoing Executive Director, introduced LaTrice Herndon, incoming Executive Director. DC Health is open the public can come to the Processing Center without an appointment. Board Staff is physically in the office three days a week and working two days a week. The license waiver has expired, and individuals have until September 23, 2021 to finalize their work or become licensed in DC.</p>	

OS-0921-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Board Attorney shared that the amendment to Chapter 91 (LGPC internship-practicum requirement) was republished a second time as emergency rulemaking. It was posted on September 3, 2021 and it is effective now. After the 30-day review period, it will be submitted to become final rulemaking. The Board Attorney also shared additional information about the HORA revision taking place.</p>	
OS-0921-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown spoke about her tenure on the Board. Board members and Staff thanked Dr. Sardi-Brown for her years of service and her commitment to serving and protecting the resident of the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-0921-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 9, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to accept the July 9, 2021 Open Session minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-07	<p><b>DISCUSSION – CAREER AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELING</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss whether career and/or vocational counseling require licensure in the District of Columbia.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board’s current scope of practice states the following:</p> <p>Engaging in counseling or psychotherapy activities, including cognitive behavioral therapy or other modality, with or without compensation, to facilitate human development and to identify and remediate mental, emotional, or behavioral conditions and</p>	

	<p>associated difficulties that interfere with mental health and wellness. The practice of professional counseling also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conducting interviews, tests, and other forms of assessment for the purpose of diagnosing individuals, families, and groups, as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Disorders or other appropriate classification schemes, and determining treatment goals and objectives</li> <li>• assisting individuals, families, and groups through a professional relationship to achieve long-term effective mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, social, educational, or career development and adjustment</li> </ul> <p><b>No motion was made.</b></p>	
OS-0921-08	<p><b>DISCUSSION – SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REGULATORY REVISIONS &amp; ART THERAPY REGULATIONS</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Determine how the Board would like to move forward regarding the regulatory updates and drafting of the art therapy regulations.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Over the past year a subcommittee of the Board has met to review the recommendations submitted regarding revisions to the LPC and LGPC regulations. Since the passing of the Art Therapy law, a subcommittee of the Board and external stakeholders have begun to work together to draft regulations for the purpose of licensing Art Therapists and Graduate Art Therapists. Due to the recent increase in Board vacancies, how Board would like to move forward needs to be determined.</p> <p><b>No motion made. Subcommittee meetings will continue.</b></p>	
OS-0921-09	<p><b>DISCUSSION – CHANGE OF MEETING TIMES AND DATES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss times and dates for the Board’s meetings.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Board Staff would like to discuss changing the time and dates of meetings to ensure the Board’s work is completed in the most effective manner.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Sherk to move the Board’s meetings to the third Friday of the month. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0921-10	<p><b>REVIEW – DRAFT FALL/WINTER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p> <p><b>No motion made.</b></p>	
OS-0921-11	<p><b>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to accept the September 10, 2021 Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Sardi.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0921-12	<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Sherk to close the open session meeting at 12:04pm. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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**The next open session meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2021 at 10:00am.**

**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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).**