

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

September 18, 2023

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0918-01	Roll Call:
OS-0918-02	<p><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u> Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from the June 20th, 2023, meeting.</p>
MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0918-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>I. <u>Operational Status Update</u></p> <p>II. <u>Licensure Census</u></p> <p>III. <u>Legislative Updates</u></p> <p>Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Robert White has reintroduced the <i>Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023</i> (B25-0055), which would establish the Behavioral Health and Human Services Scholarship Program administered by UDC for students with bachelor’s degrees seeking to obtain an accredited master’s degree required for licensure by the Board of Social Work or the Board of Professional Counseling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The scholarship funds will pay for UDC tuition, academic costs such as books and supplies, a monthly stipend toward living expenses and transportation, and fees associated with obtaining a license for a behavioral health occupation in the District. Both District residents and employees are eligible for the program. ○ Once a participant completes their master’s program and obtains licensure, they are required to work in a behavioral health occupation at a District local education agency, government agency, or health care provider organization for at least two years. • Funding for this legislation was added into the proposed FY 2024 budget (\$1.2 million). This legislation received a hearing in the Committee of the Whole on July 12th. <p>Health Professional Compact Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Gray has introduced bills that would have the District join two health professional licensing compacts: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The <i>Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2023</i> (B25-0286) would have the District join the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and applies to Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assistants. The compact is not operational but is scheduled to start accepting applications in mid-2024. ○ The <i>Counseling Compact Approval Act of 2023 (B25-0287)</i> would have the District join the Counseling Compact and applies to Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs). ● Additionally, Councilmember Frumin has introduced the <i>District of Columbia Nurse Licensure Compact Authorization Act of 2023 (B25-0430)</i> which applies to Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). ● DC Health is evaluating these bills and here will likely be hearings this fall. <p>DC Health Director Appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity. ● The Council will hold a hearing on the <i>Director of the Department of Health Dr. Ayanna Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2023 (PR25-0290)</i>. The Committee on Health will hold a hearing on October 5th at 10AM to hear from the Director. <p>IV. DC HEALTH social media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Facebook: @dchealth ▫ Twitter: @_DcHealth ▫ TikTok: @dchealth ▫ Instagram: @dchealth 	
OS-0918-04	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u>	
OS-0918-05	<u>BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT:</u>	
OS-0918-06	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 20th, 2023, meeting.	
OS-0918-07	<u>Upcoming Board Meeting Dates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To determine in person Board Meetings for the upcoming FY24 Board Meetings. <u>Background:</u> All Board Meetings are now in a hybrid schedule that consist of in	

	person and virtual meetings.	
OS-0918-08	<p><u>Standard Fine and Assessments</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and discuss the increase of fines and assessments.</p>	
OS-0918-09	<p><u>Hearing Aid Dispense License</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is discuss the possibly of adding hearing aide dispenser license under the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology.</p>	
OS-0918-10	<p><u>Open Session 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>	
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Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).
2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).
3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).
4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm

This ends the Open Session Agenda; next meeting is scheduled for December 18 2023

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