

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

MINUTES

July 16, 2020

1:30PM to 4:30PM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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Thursday, Jul 16, 2020 1:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES JULY 16, 2020

OS-0716-01	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0716-02	<p><u>ROLL CALL ROLL CALL</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Cary Bland – Chairman Darlene Jackson Member -Absent Johanna Brooks-Member Joseph Reo – Member Tiffany Ferriss- Member -Absent</p> <p><u>Board Staff:</u> Aisha Nixon – Executive Director Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant General Counsel Leonard Howard – Investigator</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Jerald Yanuck- Visitor</p>	
OS-0716-03	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the July 16, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to accept the Open Session agenda. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0716-04	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0716-05	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ms. Nixon gave an update on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board has 813 active licensees. • Informed the Board that Board staff are still working remotely and conducting their regular duties including 	

	<p>processing of applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Emergency status is still active until July 24,2020 and may be extended to October by the Mayor. Staff is working on latest news update pertaining to the Massage Therapy Board and once the information is ready it will be communicated to licensees. 	
OS-0716-06	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ms. Vongjaroenrat reminded the Board to discuss and ascertain whether non- invasive lipo and vacuum therapy will be considered as a massage technique modality.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon also shared with the Board that she also forwarded the question to the Board of Medicine. A Board member from the Board of Medicine stated that a medical license would not be needed because the services are non-invasive. They did state that these procedures are usually done by individuals with skills ranging from an aesthetician to a nurse practitioner.</p> <p>The Board stated that vacuum therapy can be performed by a massage therapist. The Executive Director will provide the feedback to the inquirer, that a license is required to provide the services but what license is dependent on the individuals education and training. In addition, Ms. Nixon will also refer them to the Board of Cosmetology.</p>	
OS-0716-07	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the May 21, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Brooks to accept the Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0716-08	<p><u>FYI</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> Meeting dates for 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 16, 2020- A Hearing is scheduled at 10:00AM November 19, 2020 	
OS-0716-09	<p><u>PHASE TWO</u></p>	

	<p><u>Board Action:</u> FYI</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The District of Columbia entered Phase Two on June 22, 2020. Guidance documents regarding personal services was issued; however, the Board staff began to receive questions regarding if massage establishments could resume offering services. The Personal Service Guidance was updated on July 2, 2020. https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/COVID-19 DC Health Guidance for Personal Services Phase 2 Web-7-2-2020.pdf</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion needed. Ms. Nixon informed the Board that the updates pertaining to Phase II of the District of Columbia re-opening was published on July 2,2020. She further indicated that the updates were necessary because Board members and Board Staff were getting questions about the ambiguities pertaining to the previous publications regarding massage establishments, massage therapy and personal services.</p>	
OS-0716-10	<p><u>REGULATION AMENDMENT</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide whether to accept or not to accept.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board reviewed and discussed the current draft regulation and ended the discussions on section 7503.1 of the draft regulation.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> The Board agreed by consensus to table discussions pertaining to the regulations until September 16,2020.</p>	
OS-0716-11	<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> <i>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC</i></p>	

	<p><i>Official Code 2-575B 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.</i></p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Brooks to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 2:40PM. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0716-42	<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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Brooks to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reo.</p> <p>Mr. Bland, Mr. Reo, and Ms. Brooks voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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This ends the JULY 16, 2020 meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020.