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Virginia Board of Counseling
Advisory Board on Art Therapy Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 11, 2026, at 2:00p.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
Board Room 2

PRESIDING OFFICER: Leila Saadeh, LPC, ATR-BC, Advisory Board Vice-Chair

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gretchen Graves, MS, ATR-BC, CDATA
Ashley Wiley, MS, RN, WHNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Baer, Citizen Member
Shayla Hayward-Lundy, ATR-BC

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Latasha Austin, Licensing & Operations Supervisor
Joshua Boggan, Deputy Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Dalyce Logan, Senior Licensing Specialist
Maria S. Stransky, LPC, CSOTP, CSAC, Executive Director

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health Professions

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: none

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Saadeh called the Art Therapy Advisory Board meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: An introduction was done of all Advisory Board members and staff. Three members of the Advisory Board were present at roll call, establishing a quorum.

MISSION STATEMENT: Ms. Saadeh read the Department of Health Professions' mission statement, which also serves as the Advisory Board's mission statement. She then read the emergency egress instructions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The meeting agenda was adopted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Advisory Board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held on March 28, 2025.

Motion: Ms. Graves made a motion, which Ms. Wiley properly seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2025 Advisory Board meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was provided.

**LEGISLATIVE AND
REGULATORY REPORT:**

- **Chart of Regulatory Actions**

Ms. Barrett reviewed the current regulatory actions as of September 1, 2026, which were included in the agenda packet. She informed the Advisory Board that the new chapter for Art Therapy licensure is currently under review in the Governor's office pending approval.

- **Regulatory Process Flow Chart**

Ms. Barrett reviewed the regulatory process flow chart included in the agenda packet and responded to questions from Advisory Board members regarding the process.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
REPORT:**

- **Staff Changes**

Ms. Stransky informed the Advisory Board of her new position as the Executive Director for the Board of Counseling and introduced Mr. Boggan as the new Deputy Executive Director for the Board of Counseling, succeeding Charlotte Lenart, who has retired.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Elections**

Motion: Ms. Graves made a motion, which Ms. Wiley properly seconded, to elect Ms. Saadeh as chair of the Advisory Board on Art Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Ms. Saadeh made a motion, which Ms. Wiley properly seconded, to elect Ms. Graves as vice-chair of the Advisory Board on Art Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Saadeh adjourned the September 11, 2026, Advisory Board on Art Therapy meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Leila Saadeh, LPC, ATR-BC, Advisory Board Chair

Maria S. Stransky, LPC, CSOTP, CSAC, Executive Director