



# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Mississippi Professional Art Therapist Advisory Council Meeting	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 14, 2021	
<b>Time:</b>	1:30 P.M.	
<b>Called to Order:</b>	1:34 PM by Susan Anand, Quorum was established.	
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:</b>	3 September 2021 1:30 P.M. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	3:04 P.M.	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<u>Council Members Present</u> Susan Anand Christel Howell Teresa Ballinger Charla Bullard Dr. Sara Gleason	<u>Council Members Absent</u> John Phillip Macon
	<u>MSDH Staff Present</u> Festus Simkins Ebony Gunn Yolanda Morrow	
	<u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u>	
	<u>Members of the Public Present</u> Steven Boudreau	



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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of January 24, 2020 and October 23, 2020 minutes	A motion was made by Ms. Ballinger and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2020 meeting and the October 23, 2020 meeting. The motion passed.
2.	Election of Chair	The Council elected Christel Howell for the 2021 term.
3.	Renewal Reminder	Ms. Gunn reminded the Council that this was a renewal year for this profession. She stated postcards/letters would be mailed mid-October and the renewal period would begin on November 1, 2021 and end on December 1, 2021. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that this would be the last year they would receive a reminder in the mail. The next renewal notice will be sent via email.
4.	Reappointments	Ms. Morrow informed the Council that Ms. Ballinger appointment would end on June 30, 2021 and asked Ms. Ballinger if she would be willing to continue to serve. Ms. Ballinger affirmed that she would serve another term. Ms. Anand will submit the Associations' recommendation/letter of support for Ms. Ballinger's position.
5.	Universal Licensing Law	Ms. Morrow and Mr. Simkins discussed the new Universal Licensing Law with the Council. Council members had questions and concerns pertaining to the licensing of individuals who do not meet the current requirements. Mr. Simkins stated that the Department is still in the review stages of the process and will have a call meeting of the Council once everything is accessed and a draft of the Regulations is completed.
6.	Recommended Professional Art Therapy Statute Changes	Ms. Anand reviewed the recommendations for changes to the Professional Art Therapy statute. The Department will review and assist with the recommendations.
7.	Public Health and Arts Collaboration	Mr. Steven Boudreau, Chief Administrative Officer with the Rhode Island Department of Health's Workforce & Career Development Department, provided a presentation on advancing the integration of art, art therapies and the department of health. He presented information. He also extended an invitation for further discussion with other health departments, executive officers, and therapists. He will provide the details of the meeting later.
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**Council Chairperson**

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**MSDH Representative**

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**Date**

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