

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy
Board Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2015
110 Centerview Drive
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina**

Board members present:

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Susan Hardin, OTR/L, Vice President
Joyce J. Branham, OTR/L
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L
Janine P. Turner, OTR/L

Staff present:

Mary League, Advice Counsel
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Mack Williams, Administrative Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy office, lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Call to Order

Dr. James, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:32a.m., Room 108, Kingstree Bldg, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to approve the February 6, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

All Members Present

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Ms. O'Brien presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2014-9 was recommended for a letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Branham made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2014-9. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Obrien presented the statistical report, there are (3) cases closed and two (1) active investigations.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Flannery, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board, there were four (4) open cases, four (4) pending action and ten (10) cases closed.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Ms. Reynolds reviewed the finance report and gave an update on renewals.

The Board accepted the report as information.

Application Hearings

Renewal Applications

Caryn Levin-Bretschneider: Ms. Levin-Bretschneider made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Mr. Buhl, Esq.. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 11:20a.m.-11:30a.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to grant a license to practice Occupational Therapy. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bonnie Scarberry: Ms. Scarberry made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 11:36a.m.-12:01p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to grant a license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications

Tonja Gambrell: Ms. Gambrell made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 12:08p.m.-12:13p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to grant a license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Liz Muturi-Wilkerson: Ms. Muturi-Wilkerson made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 12:20p.m.-12:27p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to reinstate the license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Examination Application

Valensia Clark: Ms. Clark made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 12:39p.m.-1:36p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Branham made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to grant a license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Endorsement Application

Lee St. Germaine: Mr. St. Germaine made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 1:59p.m.-2:34p.m.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Branham made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to grant a license to practice Occupational Therapy with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

RPP Follow-up Procedure- Ms. Reynolds explained the RPP process to the Board.

Review of Online Renewal Application- The Board discussed the online renewal application and the wording of questions.

Supervision Report Form- The Board discussed creating a supervision rating form.

Supervisors Letter- The Board discussed improving the letter mailed to supervisors.

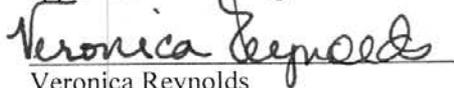
Review Board Appearance Letter- The Board discussed the appearance letter and including more information why the applicant is appearing before the Board.

Continued Business

Scope of Practice involving dry needling: The Board will revisit the subject at its next meeting, after conducting further research.

Adjournment

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hardin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.


Veronica Reynolds
Administrator

11/17/15
Date