

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting  
Friday, November 18, 2016  
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-02  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

**Board Members Present**

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson  
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L  
Hima N. Dalal, OTR  
Melissa Hevia, OTA  
Mary Rebecca Terry, OTR

**Absent Member**

Todd A. Laliberte, OTR

**Staff Present**

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel  
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator  
Mack Williams, Board Assistant

**Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy office, lobby of the Kingtree 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 10:23 a.m., South University 9 Science Court Columbia, South Carolina .

Presentation on Understanding Professional Licensing

Recessed at 11:38 a.m. to resume at South Carolina Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dr. James, Chairperson, called the meeting back to order at 1:29 p.m., Room 202-02, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the August 12, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval/Disapproval of absent members**

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve the absence of Mr. Laliberte. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report:** Mr. Haynes, Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented the statistical report to the Board. There were two active cases received for the third quarter. The Board accepted the report as information.

Mr. Haynes presented the IRC report to the Board. OIE 2015-8 and 2016-3 was recommended for a formal complaint.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for OIE 2015-8 and 2016-3 as formal complaints. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:** Ms. Johnson Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board there are four (4) cases at this time (2) two are in negotiations and (2) two will appear today.

The Board accepted the report as information.

**Finance Report:** Ms. Reynolds reviewed the finance report with the Board.

The Board accepted the report as information.

**CE Brokerage**

Mr. Sitterle addressed the Board on the new continuing education brokerage and audit.

**Disciplinary Hearings**

**Case# 2016-2:** The respondent did not make an appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion for a closed hearing to protect health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on case# 2016-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

**[Executive Session:]** No votes were taken during executive session. 2:40 p.m.-3:12 p.m.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion that the license remain suspended until the respondent complies with (12) twelve consecutive months of RPP recommendations. The respondent will receive a public reprimand, pay a one thousand dollar (1,000) fine, pay investigative cost and take a Board approved course on ethics. The motion was seconded and approved

**Case# 2015-2:** The respondent made did not make an appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on case# 2015-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

**[Executive Session:]** No votes were taken during executive session. 3:52 p.m.-4:08 p.m.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Hevia 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 suspend the license until the respondent appears before the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Application Hearings**

#### **Initial Application**

**Trinity Catania:** Ms. Catania 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, Mr. Holmes made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Ms. Catania's application. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during Executive Session. [4:17 p.m. – 4:24 p.m.]

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Hevia 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 grant a license to practice in South Carolina with the following provision: Ms. Catania must receive onsite supervision for six months, and contact the OT Board in reference to that particular supervisor who would be required to provide written report on your status at the end of those six months. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Danielle Horowitz :** Ms. Horowitz 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, Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina: The motion was seconded and approved.

### **2017 Board Meeting Dates**

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the 2017 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Board Elections of Officers/IRC Members**

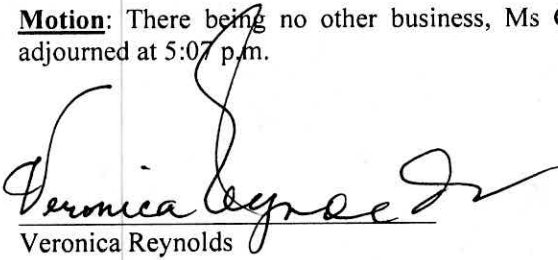
**Motion:** Ms. Dalal made a motion to nominate Dr. James as Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Ms. Dalal made a motion to nominate Mr. Holmes as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board will vote on an IRC member at the next scheduled meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** There being no other business, Ms Coleman made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Veronica Reynolds  
Administrator

02/16/17  
Date