

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy
Regular Meeting
June 30, 2006
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Center view Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

Board members present were:

Lesly S. Wilson, PhD, OTR, Chairman
Joyce J. Branham, OTR
Susan M. Hardin, OTR
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR
Linda H. Remick, COTA
Janine P. Turner, OTR

Staff present was:

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Sharon Dantzer, Deputy General Counsel
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Attorney to the Board

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to approve the agenda with adjustment noted for Ms. Dantzer's appearance. Ms. Branham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the March 24, 2006 minutes as corrected. Ms. Branham seconded the motion. The motion passed

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Wilson welcomed the new Board members to their first meeting. She thanked Celeste H. Ranson, OTR for her work on the Board and her service to the citizens of South Carolina. She discussed the Board's mission of public protection. She discussed the clinical expertise that is needed from the professional members and the importance of public members on licensure boards. She informed the new members that training will be offered to them on various topics, which would pertain to their service on the Board, within the meetings from the Agency. The new members were asked to give a short self introduction.

Chairman Wilson asked Mr. Wilson to swear in the new members. Mr. Wilson administered the swearing in. He discussed his role as the advice attorney for the Board. He discussed the difference in the roles of legal advice attorney and litigation attorney. He discussed the hearing process.

LEGAL:

Chairman Wilson introduced Ms. Dantzer who gave a presentation on the meaning of board membership and board service. Ms. Dantzer reviewed the idea of due process and the five areas of law in which this is offered – the governing statute Section 36 of Title 40 and regulations of the Board, the engine statute of Title 40, the Administrative Procedures Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Government Ethics Act. She also discussed the complaint process through the Investigative Review Committee.

Ms. Branham asked about opening the statutes. Mr. Wilson explained the process of statute revision which comes through the legislature and is open to all to make changes in any statute that is open versus doing regulation changes which comes from the Board itself with some public input. Ms. Wilson mentioned the position statements that the Board writes is a third piece of information available to use.

REPORTS:

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Cox reported the licensee totals to date are 1,187 licensed occupational therapists and 465 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 1,652 licensees. She reported that no complaints have been file in FY 05-06 for investigation and there are no pending complaint matters.

She discussed the membership status of the Board as six members seated and one vacancy for a public member. She reported the Governor's office staff continues to work on nominations for board members. She reminded the Board that next renewal for licensees will be in March 2007. She announced the annual conference on September 30, 2006 of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy will be in Alexandria, Virginia. She asked for a member to be appointed to attend. At that time Chairman Wilson asked for consideration from members for someone to attend and for interested members to contact Mrs. Cox.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox stated that the Financial Report is provided as information. She noted for the record revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

The Board had no matters to discuss.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Wilson reported that the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) discussion and the signing of a contract with RPP would be held over pending the determination of the cost of participation/membership. She reported the Board continues to support the use of the services of RPP to protect the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Mrs. Cox discussed getting a plaque or letter of appreciation for Celeste Ransom for her service on the Board. The Board agreed.

Ms. Turner updated the Board on national issues and trends in occupational therapy. She discussed potential manpower shortage due to new educational requirements in the occupational therapy field and the foreign trained lacking the additional educational opportunity in foreign countries. She discussed the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) credentialing standards and the difference in education for OTAs and COTAs. She noted that practice analysis is being done and the PEW Commission is looking at scope of practice issues and legislation that might develop in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The last meetings scheduled for the Board in 2006 was announced to be on December 8, 2006 in the Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, South Carolina. The Board meetings for 2007 were announced to be March 23, June 22, September 28, and December 7.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. Branham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox
Administrator