

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, August 9, 2019
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

Board Members Present

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
M. Rebecca Coleman, OTR
Hima N. Dalal, OTR
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Todd A. Laliberte, OTR

Staff Present

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Emily Butzer, Board Administrative Assistant

Absent Member

Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L

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, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m., Room 105, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve the May 3, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

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

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, presented the IRC/Statistical and training report to the Board. The Board accepted the reports as information.

Mr. Hinson presented the IRC Report to the Board case number 2018-2 and 2018-6 are recommended for a letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a letter of caution for case 2018-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Dalal recused herself from case 2018-6.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a letter of caution for case 2018-6. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Dalal rejoined the proceedings.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Jennings, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the ODC report; there are three (3) open cases and one pending action.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams reviewed the finance report with the Board.

The Board accepted the report as information.

Disciplinary Hearings

Consent Agreement

OIE 2016-4: The respondent did not make personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Jennings, Esq. Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the consent agreement in case # 2016- The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Ms. Dalal made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Memorandum of Agreement

OIE 2017-1: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Mr. William R. McKibbin III, Esq. Mr. Jennings, Esq., presented the memorandum of agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session (11:47 a.m. – 12:06 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, Ms. Hevia made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement with the exception that the Board does not find that the respondent violated section 40-36-110 (5) (c). Ms. Hevia motioned to issue a public reprimand, pay the investigative cost and complete a Board approved ethics and documentation course within six months. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings

Initial Application

Jeffrey Loveland: Mr. Loveland 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. Laliberte made a motion to approve the application for license as an Occupational Therapist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Application

Eileen Lewis: Ms. Lewis did not make 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 reinstated as an Occupational Therapist.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to approve a temporary license as an Occupational Therapist to obtain 500 hours of supervised clinical experience and to complete fifty (50) hours of continuing education. The motion was seconded and approved.

Appointment of IRC Member

The Board discussed the appointment of an additional IRC member to be back up to Ms. Turner.

Discussion Items

NBCOT Leadership Forum


Mr. Laliberte updated the Board on the 2019 NBCOT leadership forum.

Legislative Update

Mr. Williams updated the Board on recent legislation.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.


Mack Williams
Administrator

11-15-19
Date