

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
Via Video/Teleconference
Columbia SC 29211

Friday, May 8, 2020

Board Members Present

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice-Chairperson
M. Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L
Hima Dalal, OTR/L
Melissa Hevia, OTA

Absent Members

Todd Laliberte, OTR/L

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Occupational Therapy Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, via video/teleconference 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.

Call to Order

Dr. James, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01am. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting was held via video/teleconference.

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 February 7, 2020, meeting minutes – with corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

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

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations & Enforcement, presented the statistical and training report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical and training report as information.

IRC Recommendations

Mr. Hinson presented the IRC report to the Board. There are two (2) cases 2019-5 and 2019-1 recommended for formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for cases 2019-5 and 2019-1. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report. There are no cases to report at this time.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, presented the financial report.

The Board accepted the finance report as information.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Donna Greene: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Greene should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Greene made a personal via video conference before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:53a.m. --- 11:12a.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 grant Ms. Greene a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina upon receipt of an updated application with license fee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Christina Madairy: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Madairy should be granted a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Madairy made a personal via video

conference before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:30a.m. --- 11:49a.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 Ms. Madairy a temporary license to obtain 350 clinical practice hours under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina with the acceptance of thirty six hours completed thru NBCOT and nine months of clinical employment. The motion was seconded and approved.

Sarah Gassman Wilbanks-SCOTA

Ms. Wilbanks addressed the Board regarding telehealth.

In open session, The Board concluded that teletherapy is a method of therapy that is authorized by the practice act; that it will continue to look at methods for establishing specific guidelines for the practice.

Shaun Conway-NBCOT-Licensure Compact Update

Shaun Conway addressed the Board regarding the OT Licensure Compact. Mr. Conway gave a presentation on the licensure compact and updated the Board on it progress.

Discussion Topics:

CE Audits: The Board discussed the continuing education audit process.

2021 Renewals: The Board the 2021 renewals.

Legislative Update: There are no legislative updates at this time

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Mack Wille
Administrator

8-7-2020
Date