

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, August 7, 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
Todd Laliberte, OTR/L

Absent Member

Melissa Hevia, OTA

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, Ms. Dalal 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 8, 2020, meeting minutes – with corrections noted. 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 Ms. Hevia. 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 2019-9 and 2020-4 recommended for dismissal and one case 2019-6 recommended for letter of caution and two (2) cases 2019-11 and 2020-2 recommended for formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations of a dismissal for cases 2019-9 and 2020-4. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of a letter of caution for case 2019-6. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for formal complaint for case 2019-11 and 2020-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report.

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 Hearing:

Initial Application:

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte 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. [11:08a.m. --- 11:40a.m]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to grant Mr. Ingram a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist Assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

2021 Renewals: The Board discussed the 2021 renewals.

In Person Training: The Board discussed continuing education for licensees who require in person training.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to allow online continuing education for all licensees that require in person training. The motion was seconded and approved.

OT Licensure Compact: The Board discussed the licensure compact initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Mark Williams
Administrator

11-13-20
Date