

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, November 13, 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
Melissa Hevia, OTA

Absent Members

All Members Present

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. Laliberte made a motion to reorder the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve the August 7, 2020, meeting minutes – with corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

All Members Present

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 is one case 2020-5 recommended for formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2020-5. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report. There are currently four open cases 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.

Sarah Gassman Wilbanks-SCOTA/Kristen Neville-AOTA- Question regarding Virtual/Remote Supervision

Ms. Wilbanks and Ms. Neville presented to the Board and requested that the Board allow students to be supervised remotely.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to allow virtual supervision with the same standards of care used in face to face supervision. The motion was seconded and approved.

OT Licensure Compact: Ms. Wilbanks updated the Board on the status of the OT Licensure Compact and that SCOTA supports the compact.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Tracey Kincaid-Hussein: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Kincaid-Hussein should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Kincaid-Hussein made a personal 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. [11:45a.m. --- 12:10p.m]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes 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. Kincaid-Hussein a temporary Occupational Therapy license to obtain 350 clinical practice hours under direct/onsite supervision and complete thirty six hours of continuing education. The motion was seconded and approved.

Yvette Gourde: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Gourde should be granted a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Gourde made a personal 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. [12:23p.m. --- 12:31p.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, Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant Ms. Gourde a temporary Occupational Therapy license to obtain 350 clinical practice hours under direct/onsite supervision and complete thirty six hours of continuing education. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications

Jessica Vinesse: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Vinesse should be reinstated to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Vinesse made a personal 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. [12:41p.m. --- 1:08p.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. Laliberte made a motion to grant Ms. Vinesse reinstatement of license as an Occupational Therapist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dorothy Sturman: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Sturman should be reinstated to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Sturman 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. [1:23p.m. --- 1:31p.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to grant Ms. Sturman a temporary Occupational Therapy license to obtain 500 clinical practice hours under direct/onsite supervision and complete fifty hours of continuing education. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia 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. [1:47p.m. --- 1:55p.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, Ms. Dalal made a motion to grant Ms. Livingston reinstatement of license as an Occupational Therapist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

2021 Renewals: The Board discussed the 2021 renewals.

2021 SCOTA Annual Meeting: The Board discussed the SCOTA annual meeting.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to approve the Chair, V Chair and Administrator to attend the 2021 SCOTA annual meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

2021 AOTA Annual Meeting: The Board discussed the AOTA annual meeting.

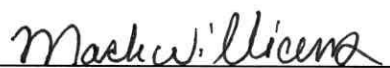
Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to approve the Chair, V Chair and Administrator to attend the 2021 AOTA annual meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

2021 Board Meeting Dates

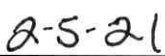
Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to accept the 2021 meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Administrator



Date