

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 7, 2021

Board Members Present

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

Absent Members

Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L
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 10:03am. 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 5, 2021, meeting minutes. 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 Ms. Coleman and Mr. Laliberte. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Bailey McNair, 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

Ms. Bailey McNair presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2020-7 is recommended for dismissal and Case 2020-8 is recommended for letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2020-7 for dismissal and 2020-8 for letter of caution. 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 Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Sarah Ross: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Ross should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Ross made a personal appearance by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

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, Ms. Hevia made a motion to go into open session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to grant Ms. Ross a license to practice Occupational Therapy. The motion was seconded and approved.

Stephanie De La Rosa: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. De La Rosa should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. De La Rosa made a personal appearance by video conference 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. [11:18 am. – 11:37 am]

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. De La Rosa a provisional license to obtain 125 Clinical Practice hours under onsite supervision. Ms. De La Rosa must submit an application by examination. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications:

Sharon Herz-Freilich: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Herz- Freilich’s license should be reinstated to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Freilich made a personal appearance by video conference 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. [11:57 am. – 12:04 pm]

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, Ms. Hevia made a motion to grant Ms. Herz-Freilich a provisional license to obtain 250 hours of clinical practice under onsite supervision of an Occupational Therapist in this state, paying reactivation fee, and completing 16 hours of continuing education. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kelley Clarke: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Clarke should be reinstated to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Clarke made a personal appearance by video conference 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. [12:10 pm. – 12:20 pm]

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. Clarke a provisional license to obtain 500 hours of clinical practice, under the onsite supervision of an Occupational Therapist in this state, pay reactivation fee and completing 50 hours of board approved continuing education. Once these condition have been met, Ms. Clarke will be granted a permanent license. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

2021 Renewals: The Board discussed the 2021 renewals.

COVID 19 Response: The Board discussed the current state of emergency and decided no other action needed to be taken at this time.

Telehealth: The Board discussed Telehealth.

2021 AOTA Annual conference Update: Dr. James and Mr. Holmes updated the board on the 2021 AOTA Annual Conference.

Legislative Update: Ms. Phillips updated the Board on OT Compact Legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Mackwilliams
Administrator

8-6-21
Date