

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 6, 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
Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L
Todd Laliberte, OTR/L
Leslie Lyerly, RN

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 10:04am. 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. Laliberte made a motion to approve the May 7, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Finance Presentation: Mr. Deshpande – Director of Finance gave the Board a financial overview, The Board accepted the presentation as information.

New Business

Introduction of New Members: Ms. Lyerly Introduced herself to the Board.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report

Mr. Byron Ray, 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. Ray presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2021-3 is recommended for dismissal and Case 2020-3 is recommended for a formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2021-3 for dismissal and 2020-3 for a formal complaint. 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.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to close the hearing to protect Personal Health Information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant Ms. Russ a license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Jennifer Stadalsky: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Stadalsky should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Stadalsky made an 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 regarding their application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:18 am. – 11:34 am]

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. Stadalsky a provisional license to obtain 500 Clinical Practice hours under onsite supervision. Ms. Stadalsky must pay any reactivation fees required and complete 50 hours of Board approve continuing education hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Courtney Henderson: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Henderson should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Henderson 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 closed session to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed 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. [11:59 am. – 12:03 pm]

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to grant Ms. Henderson a license to practice Occupational Therapy, assuming the certification with NBCOT is up to date. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

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

Legislative Update: There are no updates at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Mack Willey
Administrator

11-8-2021
Date