

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, February 3, 2023

Board Members Present

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice-Chairperson
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L
Leslie Lyerly, RN
Nadine K. Hanner, OT

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Kyle Tennis, 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, held 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 10:00am. The meeting was held via video/ teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the February 3, 2023 agenda with the change to move the Legislative Update under Administrator Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval / Disapproval of absent Members:

All Members Present

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve the November 4, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Legislative Update: Ms. Phillips presented the legislative update to the Board. The Board accepted the legislative update as information.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Branham presented the statistical report and training report to the Board.

The Board accepted both reports as information.

IRC Recommendations

Ms. Branham presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2022-5 is recommended for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for Case 2022-5. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, 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.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, reminded the Board to file with the Ethics Commission prior to the deadline of March 30, 2023.

Application Hearing:

Kimberly Thompson: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Thompson should be granted a reinstatement of license as an Occupational Therapist Assistant in South Carolina. Ms. Thompson 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 to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:02 am. – 11:25 am]

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. Hanner made a motion to grant Ms. Thompson a provisional license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant, in accordance to section 94-7-01 will require 250 hours of onsite clinical practice and renewal of certification through NBCOT. Ms. Thompson is also required to complete the CEU's for NBCOT Renewal. The motion was seconded and approved.

OT 2023-2025 Renewals / CE Audit: The Board discussed the 2023-2025 renewals and CE Audit.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hanner made a motion to go into executive session to get advice regarding the renewals and CE audit. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:35 am. – 12:16 pm]

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

2023 CLEAR Conference: The Board discussed the CLEAR conference. Members approved to attend are Dr. James, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Lylerly and Ms. Hanner.

OT Licensure Compact: The Board discussed the OT Licensure Compact. Dr. James updated the Board on the OT Licensure compact.

2023 Election of Officers: The Board discussed the election of officers for 2023.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to nominate Lesly James as Chair and Ricardo Holmes as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

