

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Dr, Columbia SC 29210
Room 202-02

Friday, May 12, 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
Robert Horner, Esquire, Advice Counsel
Emily Wilkie, Administrative Assistant

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 10:01am. The meeting was held in Room 202-02 located at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive Columbia, SC 29210.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the May 12, 2023 meeting agenda. The motion is 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 February 3, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

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. Two cases are dismissals and one case is letter of caution.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hanner made a motion to accept the dismissal of Case # 2022-4 and Case # 2023-4 and the letter of caution Case # 2023-3. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. Bell, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Fee Overview: Mr. Jarvis, gave the board an overview of their finances

The Board accepted the presentation as information.

Renewal Applications:

Rachel Benjamin: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Benjamin should be granted license renewal as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Benjamin made an appearance and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hanner 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. [10:56 am. – 11:02 am]

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hanner 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. Benjamin a license renewal to practice Occupational Therapy. The motion was seconded and approved.

Laura Johnson: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Johnson should be granted license reinstatement as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Johnson did not make an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel.

In open session, the board decided to proceed and review the application.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to reinstate Ms. Johnson's license in accordance with SC Reg 94-07, Paragraph 1. Ms. Johnson is required to submit information on practice area to include details on the continuing education course, the sixteen (16) hours of in person, Board-approved continuing education/competency courses in the area in which you intend to practice. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

In open session, the Board closed the hearing to protect personal history information.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Hevia 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. [11:27 am. – 11:35 am]

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

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

Application Hearing:

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

In open session, the Board closed hearing to protect personal information.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to grant Ms. Mahoney a license to practice Occupational Therapy. The motion was seconded and approved.

In open session, the board came out of closed session.

CE Audit Presentation: Ms. Deb Carter presented the CE Audit Presentation to the Board.

Discussion Items:

NBCOT Certification Renewal: The Board discussed the NBCOT certification for the renewal.

OT Licensure Compact Update: Dr. James updated the Board on the OT Licensure Compact.

2023 SCOTA Conference Update: Ms. Hevia and Ms. Coleman discussed the 2023 SCOTA Conference with the Board.

2023 AOTA Conference Update: Dr. James and Mr. Holmes discussed the 2023 AOTA Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.



8/11/2023
Date