

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
Via Video/Teleconference

Friday, November 8, 2024

Board Members Present

Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice-Chairperson
Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L
Melissa Hevia, OTA

Board Members Absent

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Nadine K. Hanner, OT

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Executive
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator
Mary League, Esquire, Advice Counsel
LeAnna McMenammin, Esq, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
April Howe, Office of Investigation & Enforcement

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Occupational Therapy Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, 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

Mr. Holmes, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to approve the agenda The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Coleman.

Approval / Disapproval of Absent Members:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Dr. James's and Ms. Hanner's absences. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Hevia.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to approve the August 9, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Coleman.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Howe presented the OIE statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information. Ms. Howe presented the IRC Cases to the Board. Case #'s 2023-11 and 2023-16 are recommended for Formal Complaints. Case # 2023-10 is recommended for a Letter of Caution.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2023-10, 2023-11, and 2023-16. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Hevia.

Ms. McMenamain presented the ODC Report. The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams, Board Executive, presented the financial report. The Board accepted the report as information.

OT 2025-2027 Renewals:

Mr. Williams discussed the 2025-2027 renewals with the Board. The renewals will start in January 2025 and will end in April 2025. Mr. Williams requested the Board to designate a member to review renewal applications with “Yes” answers that staff have questions about. The renewals will be reviewed by Dr. James and Mr. Holmes.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion for online renewals that have questions with any “Yes” answers will be reviewed by Dr. James and Mr. Holmes. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Coleman.

IRC Members (Update):

Mr. Williams updated the Board on the status of the new IRC members.

2025 SCOTA Annual Meeting (Approve Members to Attend):

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve Dr. James and Ms. Coleman to attend the SCOTA annual meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Hevia.

2025 NAP Annual Meeting (Approve Members to Attend):

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to approve Dr. James and Mr. Holmes to attend the 2025 NAP Annual Conference. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Hevia.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Mr. Williams to attend the 2025 NAP Annual Conference. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Hevia.

2025 AOTA Annual Meeting (Approve Members to Attend):

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Dr. James and Ms. Hevia to attend the 2025 AOTA Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Hevia.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Mr. Williams to attend the 2025 NAP Annual Meeting and Mr. Holmes as the alternate for the 2025 AOTA Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Mr. Holmes.

2023 Report- Dry Needling and Wound Care:

The Board reviewed and discussed the dry needling and wound care report.

Scope of Practice (PAM):

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to go into executive session to get legal advice concerning scope of practice. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Coleman.

(10:41 a.m.- 11:12:00 a.m.) – No votes were taken in executive session.

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to defer the discussion concerning scope of practice until the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Coleman.

2024 Report-Licensure Fees and Continuing Education Report:

The Board reviewed the 2024 Licensure Fee and Continuing Education Report.

OT Licensure Compact:

Mr. Williams updated the Board on the PT Compact. Mr. Williams informed the Board that the OT Compact is still working on obtaining a data system that would communicate with the different states that will issue the compact privileges.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Ms. Coleman.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31am.