

**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**  
**Upstate Room**  
**Friday, May 1, 2026**

**Board Members Present**

Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Chairperson  
Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Vice-Chairperson  
Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L  
Melissa Hevia, OTA  
Nadine Hanner, OTR/L  
Megan Dubose, OTR/L

**Staff Present**

Theresa Brown, Program Manager  
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator  
Mary League, Esquire, Advice Counsel  
LeAnna McMenamin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Mary Campbell, Esq, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Ashley Bailey, 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 10:07am.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Dr. James made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coleman and passed.

**Approval / Disapproval of Absent Members:**

All members were present.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion:** Ms. Dubose made a motion to approve the February 6, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coleman.

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report:** Ms. Bailey presented the OIE statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information. There was not an available IRC report.

**ODC Report:** Ms. Campbell presented the ODC Report. The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

**Finance Report:** Ms. Brown, Program Manager, presented the financial report. The Board accepted the report as information.

**Application Hearing:**

**Bernadette M. Wise:** Ms. Wise did not make a personal appearance before the board. The board did not review the application. Ms. Wise will have one year from the date of the application to complete the application process. If the process is not completed within the one year, she must re-apply.

**Review OTCC Draft Rule on Investigations:**

Dr. James presented the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission's Draft Rule on Investigations with the Board. The public comment period for the proposed draft will be open for thirty days and will close on May 1, 2026. The draft rule is to facilitate the input of joint participation and investigations for states who are part of the compact. Any member state may participate with other member states in joint investigations.

**OT Licensure Compact (Update):**

Dr. James, Chair of the Executive Committee, updated the Board on the OT Licensure Compact. There are currently thirty-three states that are members and six states who are actively receiving applications. South Carolina has not opened up the process to receive applications. The states that are open and accepting applications are Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Minnesota, Ohio, and Tennessee. Also, all member states are on the same renewal cycle. Dr. James stated that South Carolina expects to begin accepting application by the end of the year.

**Legislative Update:**

Ms. League discussed the legislative updates with the Board. H.3974 is a bill that requires school districts to allow private providers to provide medically necessary services to school children during school hours, even where the services are in excess of what the school districts seems necessary. It has passed both the House and Senate and is waiting for the Governor's signature. H.3021 is the Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act which is similar to S.254. As initially drafted, the bill and regulations would be across all agencies and require they go through a reformulation process. S.922 is a bill that allows the Governor to make an interim appointment where a board or commission, or other type of appointment that requires advice and consent of the Senate.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Ms. Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanner and passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.