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, August 14, 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
Mack Williams, Board Executive
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator
Mary League, Esquire, Advice Counsel
Yarikza Alexander, Office of Investigation & Enforcement
Mary Campbell, Esq, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

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: Ms. Hevia 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. Coleman made a motion to approve the May 1, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanner and passed.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Alexander presented the OIE statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information.

Ms. Alexander presented the IRC cases to the Board, Case # 2025-9 for dismissal and Case #'s 2025-12 and 2025-13 for Formal Complaint.

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Cases 2025-9, 2025-12, and 2025-13. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hevia and passed.

ODC Report: Ms. Campbell 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.

Application Hearing:

Jennifer Leigh Rankin: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Rankin should be granted license reinstatement as an occupational therapist assistant. Ms. Rankin's license has been lapsed since approximately March 15, 2023 exceeding three years without active licensure. Ms. Rankin made a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to go into closed session to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coleman and passed.

Motion: Ms. Hanner made a motion to approve a provisional license, valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance, to complete two hundred-fifty (250) hours of clinical practice. The motion was seconded by Dr. James and passed.

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hevia and passed.

Valentina Hardy: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Hardy should be granted an extension of the provisional license as an occupational therapist assistant. The issue was that provisional license are not renewable without appearing before the Board. Ms. Hardy made a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to approve the provisional license extension through December 31 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coleman and passed.

IRC Members & Expert Reviewers:

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to go into closed session as it involves investigative issues which are confidential by statute. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coleman and passed.

Ms. McMenamin discussed the IRC process and member requirements with the Board. The Board will need additional members for IRC and as Expert Reviewers. The Board will nominate additional members to serve on the IRC and as Expert Reviewers.

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hevia and passed.

Discuss and Vote on Revisions to Reg. 94-07:

Ms. League discussed the revisions of Reg. 94-07 for reactivation. The revisions included removing "in-person" from the language of "Board approved continuing education/competency courses".

Motion: Ms. Hanner made a motion to approve the proposed revisions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hevia and passed.

NBCOT Regulatory Forum:

The NBCOT Regulatory Forum is an annual event hosted by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy exclusively for state regulatory board members and staff. It is designed to educate and update state occupational therapy regulators on national standards, exam data, compliance, enforcement procedures, and legislative updates such as the OT Licensure Compact. The forum is September 22-23, 2026 by webinar.

OT Licensure Compact:

Dr. James updated the Board on the current status of the OT Compact. There are eight states which include Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee, that are actively participating. There are thirty-seven states altogether, who have legislation enacted to join.

2027 Meeting Dates:

Motion: Dr. James made a motion to approve the 2027 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hevia and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Hanner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. James and passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.