

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, February 5, 2016
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

Board Members Present

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice Chair
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Todd A. Laliberte, OTR
Mary Rebecca Terry, OTR

Absent Member

Hima N. Dalal, OTR

Staff Present

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Mack Williams, Board Assistant
Shaun Strother, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy office, lobby of the Kingtree Building 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. A quorum was present at all times.

Call to Order

Dr. James, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m., Room 108, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to approve the November 13, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to excuse Ms. Dalal absence. The motion was seconded and approved.

Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence: Mr. Imgrund, Esq. Office of Disciplinary Counsel addressed the Board concerning the Governor's Task force on Domestic Violence.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to defer approval of the Governor's Task force on Domestic Violence email E-blast. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the E-blast with the revisions of the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Ms. Melton, Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented the statistical report to the Board indicating there were zero (0) active cases and three (3) cases to be presented to the Board.

IRC Recommendations

Case #: 2015-4

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2015-4 for dismissal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case #: 2015-7

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2015-7 as a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case #: 2015-6

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to defer action on the IRC recommendations for case 2015-6 as a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to dismiss case 2015-6. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Johnson Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board indicating there were three (3) active cases.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the ODC Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams reviewed the finance report with the Board.

The Board accepted the report as information.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams briefed the Board with information regarding their Economic Interest statements. Mr. Williams reminded the Board to file their Economic Interest statement with the ethics commission prior to the deadline of March 30, 2016 at 12:00 p.m..

Application Hearings

Exam Application

Gina Del Rio: Ms. Del Rio made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Ms. Del Rio application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [11:16 a.m. – 11:22 a.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to grant Ms. Del Rio a license as an Occupational Therapist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Endorsement Application

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion that the hearing for Ms. Sanchez be a closed hearing. The motion was seconded and approved.

Anna Sanchez: Ms. Sanchez made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if Ms. Sanchez should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Terry made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Ms. Sanchez application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [11:40 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.]

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

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to grant Ms. Sanchez a license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board took a short break. [11:50 a.m. – 12:03 p.m.]

Discussion Item

OT Ability to Perform Dry Needling:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on the OT Ability to Perform Dry Needling. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [12:05 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.]

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

Mr. Holmes indicated the Board would defer discussion on dry needling until further information is received.

Adjournment

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Administrator

05/18/2016
Date