

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, May 13, 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
Hima N. Dalal, OTR
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Todd A. Laliberte, OTR
Mary Rebecca Terry, OTR

Absent Member

Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L

Staff Present

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Mack Williams, 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 10:07 a.m., Room 108, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to approve the February 5, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Ms. Myers presented the IRC report to the Board. There are two (2) cases one letter of caution (2016-1) and one formal complaint (2016-2).

IRC Recommendations

Case #: 2016-1

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2016-1 for a letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case #: 2016-2

Motion: In open session, Ms. Terry made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2016-2 as a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Ms. Johnson Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board there are four (4) cases open and three (3) cases pending.

The Board accepted the report as information.

Finance Report: Ms. Reynolds reviewed the finance report with the Board.

The Board accepted the report as information.

Memorandum of Agreement

Case# 2015-7: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on case# 2015-7. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session. 11:26a.m.-12:16p.m.

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

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to suspend the license indefinitely, however the suspension is immediately stayed upon the respondents compliance with the following sanctions: pay six hundred seventy (\$670) dollars investigative cost within six months, take a Board approved course on ethics, documentation and time management productivity, which must be completed within six months, pay a one thousand (\$1000) dollar fine, and a public reprimand. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings

Reinstatement Application

Jo Leigh Wells: Ms. Wells 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. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on Ms. Wells application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [12:36 p.m. – 12:59 p.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. Terry made a motion to grant a provisional license on the condition to ensure clinical competency, that within six months Ms. Wells obtain forty (40) hours of supervised practice. Upon submission of this to the Board, Ms. Wells will be issued a permanent unconditional license. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Item

Update 2016 SCOTA Conference- Dr. James and Mr. Laliberte gave update on the 2016 SCOTA Conference.

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.

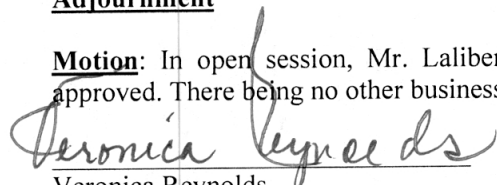
Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [1:31 p.m. – 1:56 p.m.]

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

Mr. Laliberte made a motion that the dry needling subject be tabled until further guidance from both legal counsel and research. The motion was seconded and approved.

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 1:59 p.m.


Veronica Reynolds
Administrator

08/11/2016
Date