

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2018
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
M. Rebecca Coleman, OTR

Board Member Absent

Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice Chairman

Staff Present

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Joanna Melo, Board Administrative 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, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., Room 202-02, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal 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 November 17, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

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

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Haynes, presented the IRC/Statistical report to the Board. There are two formal complaints and one active investigation.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to approve the two formal complaints that were presented to the board. The motion was seconded and approved.

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Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Williams, presented the ODC report to the Board there are two (2) open cases, one (1) is an active investigation.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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

The Board accepted the report as information.

Budget/ Travel: Mr. Boland addressed the Board regarding travel and budget.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams reminded the Board to file with the Ethics Commission prior to the deadline of March 30, 2018

Application Hearings

Initial Application

Dana Basta: Ms. Basta 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, Ms. Coleman made a motion to close the hearing and make it private. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session (10:38 a.m. – 10:44 a.m.)

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

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Coleman made a motion come out of closed session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to go grant an Occupational Therapist License. The motion was seconded and approved.

Elizabeth Gentry: Ms. Gentry made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to reconsider a prior Board member.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session (11:03 a.m. – 12:01 p.m.)

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Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman 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 modify the previous order. Ms. Gentry is to complete two (2) Board-approved live, on-site continuing education courses relating to care in a geriatric setting. These courses should provide for a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours. Upon completing these courses the Board Administrator shall be authorized to issue Ms. Gentry a license subject to the following conditions: 1) petitioner must complete a facility skills/safety checklist, to include infection control, knowledge of modalities, and proper documentation; 2.) Ms. Gentry must cause her employer to provide quarterly reports indicating that she is providing safe and effective care in compliance with the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Practice Act (these reports must be submitted quarterly for a period of a one year); and 3) Ms. Gentry must complete a physical agent modality competency check through the NBCOT within one year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

2018 SCOTA Conference

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to approve Dr. James and Mr. Russell to attend the 2018 SCOTA Conference in Greenville, SC on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

NBCOT Leadership Forum


Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Dr. James and Mr. Williams to attend the NBCOT Leadership Forum on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

2018 AOTA Annual Conference


Motion: In open session, Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Dr. James and Ms. Dalal attend the 2018 AOTA Annual Conference on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adjournment

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



Mack Williams
Administrator



Date