

South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, May 4, 2018
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Board Members Present

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice Chairman
Hima N. Dalal, OTR
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Todd A. Laliberte, OTR

Board Member Absent

M. Rebecca Coleman, OTR

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 10:00 a.m., Room 105, 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. Holmes made a motion to approve the February 9, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to approve the absence of Ms. Coleman. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Hinson, presented the IRC/Statistical report to the Board. Case# 2016-6 is recommend for dismissal, case# 2017-2 and case# 2017-3 recommended for formal complaint.

Ms. Dalal recused herself and leaves the room for case# 2016-6.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of dismissal for case# 2016-6. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Dalal rejoins the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of formal complaint for case# 2017-2. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of formal complaint for case# 2017-3. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Jennings, Esq., presented the ODC report to the Board. There are four (4) open cases and one final order hearing.

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.

Disciplinary Hearings

Memorandum of Agreement

OIE 2016-7: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Alissa Fleming, Esq. Mr. Jennings, Esq., presented the memorandum of agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to close the hearing. 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 (11:33 a.m. – 12:37 p.m.)

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

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement with a public reprimand and immediate suspension of the license until the respondent has completed at least fifty (50) hours of Board approved continuing education and pay investigative cost. Once the continuing education hours are completed the Respondent must appear before the Board to have the suspension removed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to recess the hearing until after the NBCOT update. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

NBCOT Presentation: Mr. Conway and Ms. Williams with NBCOT presented a power point presentation on NBCOT services

Formal Complaint

OIE 2014-7: The respondent did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The state is represented by Ms. Johnson, Esq.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to close the hearing to protect private health information. 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 (3:05 p.m. – 3:16 p.m.)

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

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion that the respondents license remains surrendered until the respondent enrolls into RPP and pay the investigative cost. The respondent must receive a recommendation to return to work and appear before the Board for reinstatement of the license. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearing

Initial Application

Richard Steenson: Mr. Steenson did not make 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 defer the application until the applicant appears before the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Items

NBCOT Leadership Forum

Dr. James and Mr. Williams updated the Board on the NBCOT leadership forum.

AOTA Regulatory Forum Update

Dr. James updated the Board on the 2018 AOTA Regulatory forum.

Review of FAQs

The Board discussed the frequently asked questions. Mr. Laliberte and Ms. Hevia will review the continuing education FAQs and report suggestions at the next meeting.

Mr. Holmes will review the telehealth FAQs and report suggestions at the next meeting.

Dr. James will review the general FAQs and report suggestions at the next meeting.

Telehealth Position Statement

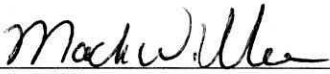
Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during executive session (3:39 p.m. – 3:51 p.m.)

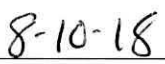
Motion: In open session, Ms. Hevia made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



Mack Williams
Administrator



Date