

South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, May 3, 2019
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree 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
Hima N. Dalal, OTR
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Todd A. Laliberte, OTR
Mary Rebecca Terry, OTR

Absent Members

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Administrator
Robert Elam, Advice Counsel
Julia Lawson, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy office, lobby of the Kingstree 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 10:09 a.m., Room 108, Kingstree 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. Hevia made a motion to approve the February 8, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

All members are present.

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

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board, there are five (5) open cases, two (2) cases pending CA/MOA, two (2) cases pending hearings and one case pending action.

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.

Memorandum of Agreement

Case# 2018-5: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Sidney Wike, Esq.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [11:05 a.m. – 12:23 p.m.]

Motion: In closed session, Mr. Holmes 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 MOA with the following conditions, a public reprimand, limit practice setting for two (2) years, complete a Board approved ethics course within six (6) months and provide reports from medical provider. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Application Hearings

Initial Application

Larekos Ware: Mr. Ware 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 Assistant.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant Mr. Ware a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist Assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

Renewal Applications

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

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [12:52 p.m. – 1:10 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. Hevia made a motion to renew Ms. Filiaggi's license to practice Occupational Therapy in South Carolina with the following conditions, Ms. Filiaggi must comply with the North Carolina sanctions and submit quarterly reports to the Board until the 2021 renewal period. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jonathan Reynolds: Mr. Reynolds 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 renewed as an Occupational Therapist.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [1:19 p.m. – 1:22 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. Dalal made a motion to renew Mr. Reynold's license to practice Occupational Therapy in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant a license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Nikki Hannan: Ms. Hannan 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 renewed as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [2:05 p.m. – 2:33 p.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, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the MOA and to renew the Occupational Therapy Assistant license with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Item

Renewals

Mr. Williams updated the Board on renewals.

Appoint IRC Member

The Board discussed appointing an additional IRC member

Cease and Desist issued to Non-licensed Person

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to give authority to the Board Chair to sign the cease and desists orders for non-licensed personnel. The motion was seconded and approved.

2019 SCOTA Annual Conference Update

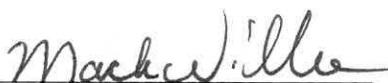
Mr. Holmes and Mr. Laliberte updated the Board on the 2019 SCOTA conference.

2019 AOTA Annual Conference Update

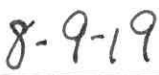
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Adjournment

Motion: There being no other business, Mr. Holmes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Mack Williams
Administrator



Date