

**South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting
Friday, February 10, 2017
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
Hima N. Dalal, OTR
Melissa Hevia, OTA
Mary Rebecca Terry, OTR
Todd A. Laliberte, OTR

Absent Member

Staff Present

Mary League, 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 10:05 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, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to approve the November 18, 2016 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 Ms. Dalal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Haynes, Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented the statistical report to the Board. There were two active cases received for the fourth quarter. The Board accepted the report as information.

Mr. Haynes presented the IRC report to the Board. OIE 2016-5 was recommended for a formal complaint.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for OIE 2016-5 as a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Haynes., Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented the ODC report to the Board there are five (5) open cases at this time (4) four cases are active and (1) one case is pending closure.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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

The Board accepted the report as information.

Ethics Commission: Ms. Reynolds reminded the Board to file their statement of economic interest with the ethics commission before the deadline.

Ms. Dalal joined the meeting.

Application Hearings

Initial Application

Megan Centi: Ms. Centi 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 go into executive session to receive legal advice on Ms. Centi's application. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during Executive Session. [10:34 a.m. – 10:39 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 a license to practice as an Occupational Assistant in South Carolina with no conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

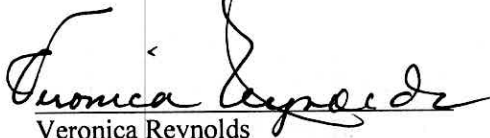
Motion: In open session Ms. Dalal made a motion to consider Ms. Turner, Ms. Werts and Ms. Ranson as proposed IRC members. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session Ms. Dalal made a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of payment of expenses to attend the South Carolina Occupational Therapy conference with a finding of exigent circumstances. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session Ms. Hevia made a motion to approve Mr. Laliberte to attend the 2017 South Carolina Occupational Therapy Conference. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adjournment

Motion: There being no other business, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.


Veronica Reynolds
Administrator

05/08/2017
Date