

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2010**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy was held May 14, 2010 at the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

Members Present:

Kendyl R. Brock, Chair
Kathleen Conyers, OTR/L, FAOTA, V.C
Donna J. Domyslawski, OTR/L
Rachele Branson, OTR/L

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Etheridge, OTR/L
Mary Louise Austin, Consumer Member

Others Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Serena Gadson, Licensing Supervisor
Tanya Marcus, Licensure Analyst
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Wylencia Monroe, AAG (via video conference)

Ms. Brock, Chair established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Agenda:

Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Ms. Conyers moved, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 19, 2010 Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

The Board reviewed a correspondence submitted by the following organization.

- The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that 3104 licensees have renewed their OT/OTA license for the 2010-2012 renewal period. For the 287 that still have not renewed, a third reminder notice was emailed/mailed to them.

Ms. Conyers moved, Ms. Domyslawski seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Rule Hearing/Adoption:

Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 671-3-.02 References as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 671-3 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 671-3-.02 REFERENCES

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to clarify the rule to contain updated Board policies with regard to references.

Main Features: The rule amendment provides for the expansion of the current rule language with regard to references accepted by the Board from only certified or licensed occupational therapists to include other certified or licensed healthcare professionals.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 671-3 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 671-3-.02 REFERENCES

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

671-3-.02 References. Amended.

Three references will be required on forms provided by the Board, two of which must be from certified or licensed occupational ~~therapists~~ therapy practitioners, or any other healthcare professional, who have knowledge of the applicant's professional training or experience during the last five years.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-28-7

Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Branson seconded, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14.

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Occupational Therapy.

Ms. Branson moved, Ms. Domyslawski seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 671-3-.06 Limited License as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 671-3, LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 671-3-.06, LIMITED LICENSE

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to clarify the rule language to reflect statutory language and intent more closely.

Main Features: The rule amendment provides for the title of limited license to be changed to limited permit, to place a time period of ninety (90) days on the permit, and, further clarification of the individual applicants affected by the rule.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 671-3, LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 671-3-.06, LIMITED LICENSE

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

671-3-.06 Limited ~~License~~ Permit. Amended.

(1) Upon determination by the Board that all requirements for licensure have been met except for the examination, a ninety (90) day limited ~~license~~ permit shall be issued and shall allow the applicant to practice occupational therapy ~~as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant~~ under the supervision of an occupational therapist who holds a current license in this State. This limited ~~license~~ permit shall not be issued or renewed if the applicant has ever failed any exam(s) administered or approved by the Georgia ~~State~~ Board of Occupational Therapy.

(2) Applicants who have successfully completed a certification examination approved by the Board may be issued a ninety (90) day limited permit. This permit shall allow the applicant to practice occupational therapy, for a period not to exceed 90 days, under the supervision of an occupational therapist who holds a current license in this state.

(3) The Board may issue an applicant a ninety (90) day limited permit in order to complete the required 320 hours of clinical experience under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-12

Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14.

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Occupational Therapy.

Ms. Conyers moved, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 671-3-.09 Restored License as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 671-3, LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 671-3-.09, RESTORED LICENSE

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to clarify the rule to contain updated Board policies with regard to license restoration.

Main Features: The rule amendment provides for the expansion of the current rule language with regard to restoration of a license to further clarify the requirements of restoration for those individuals having practiced, or not practiced, within specified time frames..

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 671-3, LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 671-3-.09, RESTORED LICENSE

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

671-3-.09 Restored License. Amended.

(1) Restoration of an expired license is within the discretion of the Board.

(2) A license may be restored ~~within five (5) years of expiration date~~ by submission of the following: restoration application, proof of completion of required continuing education hours obtained within the five (5) year period prior to the date of the application, as specified in paragraph (4) below, and payment of appropriate fees. See fee schedule.

(a) Application for Restoration with appropriate fee, including references as required under Rule 671-3-.02; and

(b) Documentation of the completion of required continuing education hours obtained within the two (2) year period prior to the date of the application. Continuing education requirements for restoration of a license consist of:

1. Twenty-four (24) contact clock hours of continuing education related to occupational therapy practice is required for restoration of a license. Sixteen (16) hours must be related to direct "hands on" patient care (dpc). Up to eight (8) hours (general) may be in related areas such as administration, supervision, education, documentation, quality assurance, ethics, research methods, professional presentations, and providing, when appropriately licensed, Level II fieldwork supervision.

2. Each licensee must complete a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in the ethics of occupational therapy practice.

3. Acceptable professional continuing education activities shall include activities relevant to occupational therapy practice that can be deemed to update or enhance knowledge and skills required for competent performance beyond general entry level occupational therapy and that include a verifiable way to documenting time spent in the learning activity.

4. Prior approval of courses for continuing education is not required.

~~(3) A license which has been expired for a period greater than five (5) years may be restored, at the discretion of the Board, by submission of the following:~~

~~(a) A new application with appropriate fee;~~

~~(b) Documentation of required continuing education hours as specified in paragraph (4) completed within one year prior to date of application; and~~

~~(c) One of the following:~~

~~1. (c) Verification of current license in another state, if applicable; ~~or~~ and~~

~~(d) Verification of Employment verifying last date of practice in Occupational Therapy, on the Board form, completed by the employer.~~

~~2. Three (3) reference statements (two must be occupational therapists) from persons who can confirm current competency of applicant; ~~or~~~~

(3) An applicant for restoration of a license who has **not** practiced within five (5) years must also submit the following:

(a) Form A (Supervised Clinical Experience) indicating who will provide 320 hours of supervised clinical experience with a description of the training for Board approval. Upon approval by the Board a limited permit will be issued.

(b) Upon completion of the supervised clinical experience, an applicant must submit Form B (Certification of Completion of Supervised Clinical Experience) verifying the 320 hours of clinical experience under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, pursuant to Rule 671-3-.06, for Board approval.

~~3. Verification of completion of eight (8) weeks of supervised clinical experience in a professional intern position or student role in a facility which meets the requirements of an accredited or approved occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant curriculum.~~

~~(4) Continuing education requirements for restoration of a license:~~

~~(a) Twenty four (24) contact clock hours of continuing education related to occupational therapy practice is required for restoration of a license. Sixteen (16) hours must be related to direct "hands on" patient care (dpc). Up to eight (8) hours (general) may be in related areas such as administration, supervision, education, documentation, quality assurance, ethics, research methods, professional presentations, and providing, when appropriately licensed, Level II fieldwork supervision.~~

~~(b) Each licensee must complete a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in the ethics of occupational therapy practice.~~

~~(c) Acceptable professional continuing education activities shall include activities relevant to occupational therapy practice that can be deemed to update or enhance knowledge and skills required for competent performance beyond general entry Level occupational therapy and that include a verifiable way to documenting time spent in the learning activity.~~

~~(d) Prior approval of courses for continuing education is not required.~~

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14

Ms. Conyers moved, Ms. Domyslowski seconded, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14.

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-7 and 43-28-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Occupational Therapy.

Ms. Domyslowski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C. G.A. §43-1-2 (k) (4), O.C.G.A. §43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) and O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1) to deliberate on Applications, to receive the Attorney General's, Enforcement and Cognizant Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Brock, Conyers, Domyslowski and Branson.

Applications:

Licensure by Application

Ms. Domyslawski moved, and Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Application:

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| 1. Hipps, Mary | Approved for licensure |
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Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Application:

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| 2. A.L. | Pending applicant interview |
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Licensure by Restoration

Ms. Branson moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Restoration:

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| 1. S.A. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. L.J. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. K.R. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. Shah, Neha | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Stanek, Laura | Approved for licensure |
| 6. J.W. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

Certification in Physical Agent Modalities:

Occupational Therapy Assistants:

Ms. Branson moved, Ms. Domyslawski seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on requests for certification of Physical Agent Modalities- OTA:

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| 1. L.B. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. M.A.J. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. P.P. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

Occupational Therapists:

Ms. Branson moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on requests for certification of Physical Agent Modalities- OT:

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| 1. Alexander, Erin | Approved for certification |
| 2. Brown, TaMia | Approved for certification |
| 3. Hall, Vashon | Approved for certification |
| 4. Hodge-Drain, Nikkia | Approved for certification |
| 5. Freeman, Laura | Approved for certification |
| 6. Kalmer, Shannon | Approved for certification |
| 7. Kovanis, Courtney | Approved for certification |
| 8. Maryman, Tasha | Approved for certification |
| 9. Osias, Mary | Approved for certification |
| 10. Rosenheck, Naama | Approved for certification |
| 11. Salmorin, Mei Laarnee | Approved for certification |
| 12. J.S. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 13. Watt, Anne | Approved for certification |
| 14. Williams, Shemisha | Approved for certification |

Approved Licensees:

Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Occupation Therapist

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
OT005072	Dazey, Heather Lee	3/18/2010
OT005073	Sanchez, Marianne Theresa	3/18/2010
OT005074	Thornton, Kelsey Sharay	3/18/2010
OT005075	Orjuela, Silvia Carolina	3/23/2010
OT005076	Wix, Amy Michelle	3/24/2010
OT005077	Parramore, Jessica Stephens	3/29/2010
OT005078	Myhr, Debra Kay	4/7/2010
OT005079	Henry, Glendora Seteira	4/7/2010
OT005080	Symmonds, Kimberly Heinrich	4/7/2010
OT005081	Simon, Lisa	4/7/2010
OT005082	Franco, Mary Anne	4/14/2010
OT005083	Beasley, Sara Kristi	4/19/2010
OT005084	Velez, Zoely	4/19/2010
OT005085	Trent, Wrenda Jo	4/27/2010
OT005086	Belk, Brittany Danielle	4/27/2010
OT005087	Kavishe, Mary Edward	4/28/2010
OT005088	Middleton, Kelly O Neil	4/29/2010
OT005089	Lyons, Michael Fredrick	4/30/2010
OT005090	Stanfield, Megan Holt	4/30/2010
OT005091	Brougher, Lauren Jean	4/30/2010
OT005092	Hartman, Jennifer Ann	5/5/2010
OT005093	Baker, Retha Alyce	5/6/2010
OT005094	Crowe, Jessica Kathryn	5/6/2010
OT005095	Fawcett, Rhea Alyson	5/7/2010
OT005096	Reeves, Chelsea Joy	5/7/2010
OT005097	Thorpe, Toya Tawyna	5/7/2010
OT005098	Maze, Tobi Butler	5/11/2010
OT005099	Bowman, Michelle Eden	5/11/2010
OT005100	Tegreeny, Stephanie Christy	5/12/2010
OT005101	Greenidge, Cathyann Delores	5/12/2010
OT005102	Noone, Michelle Nicole	5/12/2010
OT005103	Secrist, Danielle Brooke	5/12/2010

Occupational Therapy Assistant

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
OTA001235	Tabor, Lori Ann	3/23/2010
OTA001236	Johnson, Greneeka Patrice	4/1/2010

OTA001237	Jeffries-Smith, Kathleen Marie	4/1/2010
OTA001238	Ragland, Tammie	4/1/2010
OTA001239	Williamson, Timothy Michael	4/1/2010
OTA001240	Murphy, Gloriann	4/7/2010
OTA001241	Moore, Sita Kamaria	4/8/2010
OTA001242	Sorensen, Stevie Nichole	4/8/2010
OTA001243	Henry, Shaquan Nicole	4/8/2010
OTA001244	Hollis, Diandra Lafaye	4/19/2010
OTA001245	Brazell, Jennifer Downs	4/19/2010
OTA001246	Fox, Tamara A	4/30/2010
OTA001247	Mulkey, Brittany Dawn	5/12/2010

Reinstatements

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
OT000898	Watt, Anne Marie	3/19/2010
OT002428	James McIntyre, Pauline Anita	5/11/2010

Limited Permits

Applicant	Issue Date
Rolle, Regine	3/18/2010
Nobles, Timothy	5/6/2010
Griffin, Samantha	5/12/2010

Cognizant Member's Report:

Complaint cases closed:

- OT080003, OT090003 and OT090004

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information from complainant/respondent:

- OT10006, OT10008 and OT10009

Ms. Conyers moved, Ms. Branson seconded and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented by the Executive Director. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Ms. Domyslowski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Additional Business:

Ms. Donna Domyslowski would like to extend her appreciation to Ms. Kendyl Brock, Chair for reviewing all the required continuing education material for those licensees audited during the 2010-2012 renewal period.

With no additional business to be discussed, Ms. Domyslowski moved, Ms. Conyers seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Kendyl R. Brock, President

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on _____.