

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
January 11, 2016 - 08:30a.m

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via teleconference on Monday, January 11, 2016. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Rachele Branson, OTR/L, President
Melissa Thurlow, OTR/L
Susan Stallings-Sahler, OTR/L
Robert McClellan, OTR/L

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

Visitors Present

No visitors present

Call to Order Ms. Branson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

OPEN SESSION

Discussion - Rule Variance Request – Genetra Dean

Ms. Thurlow motioned, Ms. Stallings-Sahler seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of Board Rule 671-3-.02 due to insufficient evidence to meet the standards for a unique and demonstrable hardship and cannot meet the alternative standards for initial licensure.

Ms. Thurlow motioned, Mr. McClellan 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, and to conduct Applicant Interviews. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Ms. Branson, Ms. Thurlow, Ms. Stallings-Sahler, and Mr. McClellan.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, January 11, 2016, Ms. Branson declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Discussion

Ms. Thurlow motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) G.D. Request additional information to include a letter of explanation as to why the applicant indicated the license was active in another state when it was not, submit employment references from any position held within the past 5 years and if not working, a statement as to what the applicant has been doing during that timeframe.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjournment at 8:57am.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

February 19, 2016

RACHELE BRANSON
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR