

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Wednesday, December 15, 2016 - 08:30 a. m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met on Wednesday, December 15, 2016.

Board Members Present

Rachele Branson, OTR/L, Chairperson
Robert McClellan, OTR/L
Rafael Salazar, OTR/L
Susan Stallings-Sahler, OTR/L
Melissa Thurlow, OTR/L, Vice Chair

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Board Members Absent

Mary Louise Austin, Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No visitors present

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

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Correspondence – Teresa Reid

Ms. Stallings-Sahler motioned, Mr. Salazar seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board will accept the 6 hour home study medication continuing education course as outlined in BR 671-3-.08(3)(f).

Petition Variance Requests

1) Deborah Jackson OTA001558 - Board Rule 671-3-.08(3)

Mr. Salazar motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance and the request to accept the CAUs submitted based upon determining that the coursework presented does not meet the CEU Requirements. The Board indicated that the courses submitted appear to be self-assessment tools and are not designed to enhance competence. Thus the Board upholds their previous decision from October 7, 2016 to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure which granted the licensee a variance to obtain all the continuing education hours for the 2014-2016 biennium online (22 hours in direct patient care and the remaining 2 hours in ethics); however, the Board has further amended the terms of the previous order to allow the licensee until February 17, 2017 to submit proof of completion of the required Continuing Education hours.

Mr. McClellan motioned, Mr. Salazar 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, Mr. Salazar, Mr. McClellan, Ms. Stallings-Sahler, and Ms. Thurlow.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 15, 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

Applications

1) Applicant T.B.

Table and refer to the Attorney General's Office regarding legal options for the Board relevant to this applicant's PAMS application in light of PAMs certification of applicant #2572278.

Ms. Thurlow left the meeting at 9:16 a.m., a quorum still present.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

February 17, 2017

RACHELE BRANSON

BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR