

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via teleconference on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Rachele Branson, OTR/L, Chairperson
Robert McClellan, OTR/L, Vice Chair
Pamela Reddick-Collins, OTR/L, Board Member
Rafael Salazar, OTR/L, Board Member
Marla Marlowe, OTR/L, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Mary Louise Austin, Consumer Board Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Visitors Present

Kristen Neville, State Affairs Manager, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Call to Order Ms. Branson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Riddick-Collins seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Open Session Board Minutes

1. March 19, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Reddick-Collins motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 19, 2020 open session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h) and 50-14-2 (1). Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Rachele Branson, Robert McClellan, Pamela Reddick-Collins and Marla Marlowe.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 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

Rafael Salazar joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Executive Session Minutes

1. March 19, 2020 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 19, 2020 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Discussion – Emergency Rule 671-3-0.1-.08. Emergency Rule on Continuing Education Requirements

Upon finding that the coronavirus pandemic is of imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; and, upon Governor Kemp's executive order declaring a public health emergency in the state of Georgia; and based upon the fact that in-person continuing education seminars have been canceled leaving little time for licensees to meet renewal requirements, Ms. Riddick-Collins motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt Board Rule 671-3-0.1-.08 Emergency Rule on Continuing Education Requirements as presented below and grant staff permission to number the rule in accordance with APA guidelines after receiving the necessary guidance. The formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee; and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-6, 43-28-13 and 43-28-14. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-28-6, 43-28-13 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 this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of occupational therapy.

Rule 671-3-0.1-.08. Emergency Rule on Continuing Education Requirements

[Due to the State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, licensees who apply to renew licenses expiring March 31, 2020, shall have until June 30, 2020, the end of the lapsed late renewal period, to complete the continuing education requirements outlined within Rule 671-3-.08.](#)

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion - OT200002

Mr. Salazar motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order to include probation for a minimum of five (5) years with quarterly personal, employer, and structured aftercare reports from a provider approved by the Board, with random alcohol and drug UDS and quarterly PEth screens. May petition to terminate the monitoring agreement after submitting proof of five (5) years of documented sobriety.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: April 17, 2020

RACHELE BRANSON
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR