

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Friday, April 17, 2020 – 8:30 a. m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via teleconference on Friday, April 17, 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
Marla Marlowe, OTR/L, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent

Rafael Salazar, OTR/L, Board Member
Mary Louise Austin, Consumer Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Helen Sloat, Legislative Consultant, Nelson Mullins
Sam Marticke, Government Affairs Assistant, Nelson Mullins
Symone Hynton
Cierra Shaw

Call to Order Ms. Branson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

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

March 31, 2020 Open Session Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Reddick-Collins motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 31, 2020 open session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

A Word of Appreciation - La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Secretary of State

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the Word of Appreciation as information.

Discussion – National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Prometric Closures Update

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to NBCOT as information.

Petition for Rule Variance

The Board tabled discussion for Executive Session.

1. BR 671-3-.06 Carlynn Kenna OT003584
2. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Jesica Chancey OT005170
3. BR 671-3-.08(a) Aimee Raley OTA002482

Petition for Rule Waiver

The Board tabled discussions for Executive Session.

1. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Mindy Prosser OT002390
2. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Felicia Jones OT005948
3. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Camille Clancy OT006021

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Marlowe 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: Rachele Branson, Robert McClellan, Pamela Reddick-Collins and Marla Marlowe.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 17, 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

March 31, 2020 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Marlowe motioned, Ms. Reddick-Collins seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 31, 2020 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – B.Cohen

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented.

Legal Services Memo – Request for Reconsideration – OT200015

Ms. Marlowe motioned, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to uphold the previous motion and refer Respondent to the statute concerning the definition of occupational therapy in the state of Georgia in reference to the job description provided. May request an applicant interview.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. OT180025 Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Marlowe seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion to refer to the Attorney General's Office and renew the license with a Reservation of Rights Letter. Refer to Investigations and schedule an Investigative Interview after results of the investigation have been received.
2. OT170002 Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Reddick-Collins seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion to refer to Attorney General's Office and flag. If an attempt is made to renew or reinstate, require additional information as discussed in executive session for the Board to review.
3. OT170005 Ms. Reddick-Collins motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request proof of CE compliance via certified mail. Requested documents must be received by the Board within 10 business days of receipt of letter.

If not received, refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order with a fine of \$500 for false attestation on application and CE violations. Require the applicant to complete the deficient CE. CE taken to fulfill terms of order cannot be applied to current or future renewal cycles. Flag for CE Audit.

Petition for Rule Variance

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

1. BR 671-3-.06 Carlynn Kenna OT003584

Deny the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.06 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Jesica Chancey OT005170

Grant the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

3. BR 671-3-.08(a) Aimee Raley OTA002482

Grant the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.08(a) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver

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

1. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Mindy Prosser OT002390

Grant the petition to waive BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Felicia Jones OT005948

Deny the petition to waive BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Prior to June 30, 2020, must complete 12 hours of CE that comply with the rules by live interactive webinar.

3. BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) Camille Clancy OT006021

Grant the petition to waive BR 671-3-.08(3)(a) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 2716115 Renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding disciplinary action in another jurisdiction and flag for CE Audit.

Applicant 835587 Renew the license with a reservation of rights letter and request additional information.

Applicant 2586483 Rescind the previous motion and reinstate the license.

Applicant 821658 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history and flag for CE audit.

Applicant 2800232 Applicants that have failed the examination three (3) times or more will be required to practice under the direct supervision of an occupational therapist licensed, in good standing, in the state of Georgia for forty-five (45) days or complete a remedial program approved by the Board and submit documentation of compliance with this requirement on forms approved by the Board.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: May 29, 2020

RACHELE BRANSON
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR