

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via WebEx on Monday, July 22, 2024. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Rachele Branson, OTR/L, Chairperson
Robert McClellan, OTR/L, Vice Chair
Rafael Salazar, OTR/L, Board Member
Rebecca Hammad, OTR/L, CLT, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent

Pamela Reddick-Collins, OTR/L, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Michelle Sawyer, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Myla Williams
Ashley Hughes
Call-in User 2
Alex Strozier

Call to Order

Ms. Branson established that a quorum of the Board was present, and called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

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

Open Session Minutes – May 10, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Mr. Salazar motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the May 10, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Petitions for Rule Variance

1. BR 671-3-.09(2)(d) Cheryl T Brannon

Mr. Salazar motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.09(2)(d) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. BR 671-3-.09(3)(a)(b) Cheryl T Brannon

Mr. McClellan motioned, Mr. Salazar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.09(3)(a)(b) on the basis that the petitioner failed to fully demonstrate a hardship or provide an alternative standard that is acceptable to the Board to demonstrate safety and competence to in the practice of occupational therapy.

3. BR 671-3-.09(2) Cheryl T Brannon

Mr. McClellan motioned, Mr. Salazar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.09(2) on the basis that reinstatement is a statutory requirement which the board has no authority to waive.

4. BR 671-3-.09(2)(a) Cheryl T Brannon

Mr. McClellan motioned, Mr. Salazar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.09(2)(a) on the basis that reinstatement is a statutory requirement which the Board has no authority to waive.

5. BR 671-3-.08 Donna Jean Blizzard Sweigart

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.08 on the basis that reinstatement is a statutory requirement which the Board has no authority to waive.

Petition for Rule Waiver - BR 671-3-.08(3) Kaycie Oakley

Mr. Salazar motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 671-3-.08(3) with acceptance of an alternative standard to include the proof of completion of 12 hours of LIVE CE related to direct patient care prior to reinstatement of the license.

Executive Session Minutes – May 10, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Mr. McClellan motioned, Mr. Salazar seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the May 10, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director & Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on: August 16, 2024

RACHELE BRANSON
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR