

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025– 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via WebEx on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Robert McClellan, OTR/L, Chairperson
Rebecca Hammad, OTR/L, CLT, Board Member
Betsy McDaniel, OTA, Board Member
Rachele Branson, OTR/L, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Sherry Strong, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

Deborah Hinerfeld, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Luisa Abrahams
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Call to Order Mr. McClellan established that a quorum of the Board was present, and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

Ms. McDaniel motioned, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – February 7, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. Branson motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 7, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Correspondence – Monmouth University – Supervised Clinical Experience, Christine Benol, AVP

Ms. Branson motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer the Board does not approve contractual arrangements between clinical sites and institutions; therefore, no documentation must be submitted to the Board; however, please ensure that all parties adhere to the statutes and rules relevant to students and supervision of students as noted within the Georgia Occupational Therapy Practice Act O.C.G.A. § 43-28-15 and Board Rules Chapter 671-2.

Discussion – National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) – Request to Present Updates at a Future Meeting

Ms. Hammad motioned, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board invites NBCOT to provide the NBCOT Updates presentation during either the August 15, 2025 or the November 7, 2025 WebEx meeting.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 671-3-.09(d) Brianna Michelle Hartle

Ms. Hammad motioned, Ms. McDaniel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the Petition for Rule Waiver to review the application for licensure in Executive Session prior to rendering a decision on the petitions.

Ms. Hammad motioned, Ms. McDaniel seconded, and the Board voted 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) to deliberate on Applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Robert McClellan, Rebecca Hammad, Betsy McDaniel, and Rachele Branson.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday April 15, 2025, Mr. McClellan 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 Session Minutes – February 7, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. McDaniel motioned, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 7, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 4156284 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding practicing in academia without a valid license.

Applicant 4217934 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history. Flag for audit.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 671-3-.09(d) Brianna Michelle Hartle

Ms. Branson motioned, Ms. McDaniel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 671-3-.09(d) based in sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:09 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: May 9, 2025

ROBERT McCLELLAN
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR