

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
**Board WebEx Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 24, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via WebEx on Thursday, July 24, 2025. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Robert McClellan, OTR/L, Chairperson  
Rebecca Hammad, OTR/L, CLT, Vice Chair  
Deborah Hinerfeld, Board Member  
Betsy McDaniel, OTA, 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**

Rachele Branson, OTR/L, Board Member

**Attorney General's Office**

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

Dr. M. Irma Alvarado, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA, Professor, School of Occupational Therapy, Brenau University

**Call to Order**

Mr. McClellan established that a quorum of the Board was present, and called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Board Meeting Agenda**

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

**Open Session Minutes – June 25, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. McDaniel motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the June 25, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**Petition for Rule Variance – BR 671-3-.09(d) Michael Alexander Lineberry**

Dr. Hinerfeld 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 petition.

**Ms. Hammad motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld 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 Deborah Hinerfeld.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, July 24, 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**

**Petition for Rule Variance – BR 671-3-.09(d) Michael Alexander Lineberry**

Mr. McClellan motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition on the basis that the petitioner is not subject to the rule cited in the petition and as such, has not substantiated the hardship.

**Executive Session Minutes – June 25, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. McDaniel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the June 25, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake**

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session. Ms. McDaniel recused herself from the vote.

**OT180025** Table pending results of an expedited investigation.

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s Report and advice as presented.

**Adjournment** No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** August 15, 2025

**ROBERT McCLELLAN**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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COUNTY OF BIBB

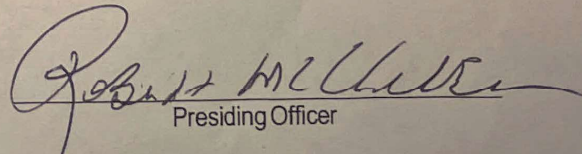
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF  
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

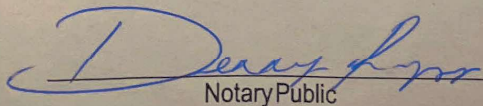
Comes now Robert McClellan the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Occupational Therapy Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, July 24, 2025 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:  
O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:  
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

  
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of AUGUST 2025

  
Notary Public

