GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy met via WebEx on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The following members were present:

Board Members Present
Robert McClellan, OTR/L, Chairperson
Rebecca Hammad, OTR/L, CLT, Vice Chair
Deborah Hinerfeld, PhD, OTR/L, Board Member
Rachele Branson, OTR/L, 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
Chassett Daniel, Temporary Employee

Board Members Absent
No Members absent.

Attorney General's Office
Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present
Mirdiane Chery-Estigene
Paul C Thomas
Jill Turner
Justina George
Gabrielle O'Shaughnessy
Laura Wilken
Savannah Reyes
Sara (Dani) Kitchens
Jasmine Wells

Call to Order Mr. McClellan established that a quorum of the Board was present, and called the meeting to order at 12:01 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.

Rachele Branson joined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Open Session Minutes – May 8, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the May 8, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. BR 671-3-.01(1)_Laura Leibert

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. Branson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 671-3-.01(1) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship and failure to provide alternative documentation. May submit a petition for rule variance with proof of employment.

2. BR 671-3-.01(1)_Katie Victoria Joyner

Mr. McClellan motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 671-3-.01(1) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. The Board may not waive the law. May resubmit a Petition for Rule Variance.

3. BR 671-3-.06(3)_Savannah Reyes

Mr. McClellan motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 671-3-.06(3) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

a) Public Comment for Savannah Reyes from Kaitie Christensen

4. BR 671-3-.06(3)_Jeanette Marie Alam

Mr. McClellan motioned, Ms. McDaniel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 671-3-.06(3) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petitions for Rule Variance

1. BR 671-3-.01(1)_Allyson Ogawa

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. McDaniel seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.01(1) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. BR 671-3-.01(1)_Brandi Rogers

Ms. Branson motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.01(1) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

3. BR 671-3-.03_Brandi Rogers

Ms. McDaniel motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.03 based on the request not being a requirement of the board rule.

4. BR 671-3-.01(1)_Tyjahnee Shaunti Mcgee

Dr. Hinerfeld motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 671-3-.01(1) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Ms. Branson 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, Rachele Branson, and Deborah Hinerfeld.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 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 – May 8, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. McDaniel motioned, Dr. Hinerfeld seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the May 8, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Cognizant Ratification List

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

Applicant 4644200	Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of $500 based on failure to complete the CE requirement within the biennium. CE taken on May 7, 2026 to satisfy the biennium ending in March 31, 2026 may not be used toward the biennium ending in March 31, 2028. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for audit.
Applicant 4684312	Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of $250 based on failure to complete the CE requirement within the biennium. Must submit two (2) hours of live/ interactive CE on a topic directly related to patient care within 90 days of the docket date. CE taken to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used toward the biennium ending in March 31, 2028. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for audit.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – OT250252

Ms. Branson motioned, Ms. Hammad seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table pending an Investigative Interview.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 4371897	Require a 320-hour Supervised Clinical Experience with a 90-day limited permit.
Applicant 4648954	Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of $500 for failure to complete the CE requirements within the biennium. CE taken after the biennium to satisfy the requirements for license renewal may not be used toward the CE required for the biennium ending March 31, 2028. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for audit.

Adjournment No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:14 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 14, 2026

ROBERT McCLELLAN
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

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 inquestion.

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

1. I am the presiding officer of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Board.

2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. 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, June 24, 2026 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 7th day of August 2026

Notary Public

LENOR VICENTE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
NOTARY
PUBLIC
JUNE 03, 2030
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA