

# **RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**The Open Session of the Board of Occupational Therapy was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.**

### **Board members in attendance:**

**William Buonanno, MD**

**Kim Gilbert**

**Carol Doehler**

**Laura Richard**

**Eugene Leco**

### **Staff members in attendance:**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Upon a review of the minutes of the meeting held July 21, 2004, William Buonanno, MD, entered a motion to accept them as presented. Laura Richard seconded the motion, with unanimous agreement from remaining members.**

**Members were apprised of the NBCOT's change in eligibility criteria for occupational therapists. Effective January 1, 2007, OT certification candidates must have graduated from a post-baccalaureate accredited OT program. A bachelor's degree is currently required. Candidates with a bachelor's degree who have applied for NBCOT certification on or before December 31, 2006 must complete the certification exam by December 31, 2007.**

**Upon a motion by Laura Richards, seconded by Kim Gilbert, with agreement from remaining members, the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

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**Upon completion of business in Executive Session, William Buonanno, MD entered a motion the Board return to Open Session in accordance with Section 42-46-4 of the Open Meetings Law. Eugene Leco seconded the motion with agreement from remaining members. The Board reported the following final action: (1) OT#1-2004 - proposed to issue a reprimand.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2005.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**