

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

September 15, 2010

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Open Session of the Board of Occupational Therapy was called to order at 3:02 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:

Janet Rivard Michaud

Kimberly Hayes

Kim Gilbert

Eugene Leco

Board members not in attendance:

William Buonanno, MD

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Rebecca Simon, a representative from N.E. Tech attended the meeting for the purpose of seeking clarification on supervision as it pertains to the OTA. Board Members determined to address this agenda item first as a courtesy to Ms. Simon. Also, it is noted that this item was placed on the agenda in part due to a communication on the subject from Ms. Susan Higgins.

Board Members make comment that supervision is a very important issue and state they want to be careful about considering any possible changes. Based on a review of the regulations (specifically Section 5.5.2 a)) Board Members determine a verbatim reading clearly indicates a licensed OTA may supervise students and this is not restricted to OT students.

Because Ms. Higgins was not able to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment, Board Members direct the Board Administrator to ask Ms. Higgins to please forward to the Board a specific question on the matter of supervision.

The minutes of the open session and minutes of the closed session held on June 9, 2009 were presented. On motion by Kim Gilbert, it was determined to make spelling corrections to the names of Kim Gilbert and Kimberly Hayes, this was seconded by Kimberly Hayes, it was unanimously voted to make those spelling corrections. On motion by Janet Marie Rivard, seconded by Eugene Leco, a motion was made to accept the minutes as amended; the vote to pass was unanimous.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Kim Gilbert, seconded by Kimberly Hayes, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM. On the draft schedule for 2011, the next meeting is noted as January 15, 2011 at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Board Administrator