

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 205
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Wednesday, December 21, 2016
3:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Brett Brumbaugh, OT
Janet L. Rivard Michaud, OT, Chair
Susan A. Martin, OT
William S. Buonanno, MD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager
Sarah Harrigan, Chief of the Center for Professional Boards and Commissions

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 205, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on a motion by Janet L. Rivard Michaud and seconded by Brett Brumbaugh. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 29, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Janet L. Rivard Michaud and seconded by Brett Brumbaugh to accept the Open Session minutes of June 29, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Board Member Introduction

Alana Rodriguez introduced new board member, Susan A. Martin to the board. Susan gave the board a brief introduction.

b. Licensee

Ms. Rodriguez updated the board that in 2016 the Department has issued 60 Occupational Therapist and 76 Occupational Therapist Assistant licenses. There are currently 562 active Occupational Therapists and 519 Occupational Therapist Assistants in the state.

c. 2017 Annual Calendar dates

Ms. Rodriguez announced that January 11 and June 21 are the 2017 meeting dates. Any additional meetings will be added as needed.

4. New Business

a. Proposed Legislation(s) regarding Board presented by Sarah Harrigan

Sarah Harrigan shared with the board the consolidation legislation proposal. The board expressed concerns with the proposal within the profession and board composition. Sarah expressed gratitude to the board for feedback and expressed concerns.

b. The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual Conference March 30-April 2 2017 in Philadelphia, PA

Ms. Rodriguez shared with the board information of the upcoming AOTA 2017 meetings along with AOTA informational packets.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Janet L. Rivard Michaud and seconded by William S. Buonanno to adjourn to Closed Session at 3:51 p.m. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Janet L. Rivard Michaud and seconded by William S. Buonanno at 4:45 p.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board proposed action on one case.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Occupational Therapy meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Janet L. Rivard Michaud and seconded by William S. Buonanno to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
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