

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
March 11, 2019
MINUTES**

REGULAR SESSION

Time and Place

The North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy met in Regular Session in the offices of the Board March 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Denise Donica, Dr. Stephen Lang, Lynn Losada, Ron Taylor, Leonard Trujillo and Danielle Ward.

Others Present

Charles P. Wilkins, Legal Counsel to the Board and Elizabeth Kirk, Board Administrator.

Members Absent

Laura Echols

Chairperson

Ms. Donica, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Leonard Trujillo

Ms. Donica administered the Oath of Office and Mr. Trujillo was sworn in as a new member of the Board.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Donica called for any conflicts of interest with the meeting agenda. There were no additional conflicts or potential conflicts.

Approval of Minutes

The January 21, 2019 minutes were approved pursuant to amending the response to Jeannine Rosen regarding women's health and replacing it with female and male pelvic floor disorders in the practice of OT.

To-Do List

The January 21, 2019 to do-list was approved as submitted and reviewed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for January 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 was discussed and approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

The administrator's report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Legal Services Committee

Mr. Taylor reported the Committee reviewed a bill from Broughton Wilkins Sugg & Thompson, PLLC for the months of January and February 2019 for eleven (11) disciplinary proceedings. The total hours worked was 18 and the total fees are \$4,500. The Board closed 1 disciplinary file following the January 2019 Board meeting and currently has 8 disciplinary files pending. Upon motion made and seconded, the bill was approved for payment.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed correspondence and general information received following the last Board meeting.

Strategic Planning Retreat

The Board held a retreat on July 28-30, 2017 at the Rizzo Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC. The Board reviewed the retreat to-do list developed by Board staff and agreed to continue working on the to-do list. The Board also agreed to hold a retreat on June 14-16, 2019 at the Rizzo Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC to discuss fieldwork supervision and scope of practice questions. The Board discussed gathering information from AOTA, NBCOT and other state licensing boards to review and to assist with the Board's position on these topics. Dr. Lang agreed to gather information for the Board to review at the conference on dry needling, Ms. Losada agreed to gather information on lasers, Mr. Taylor agreed to gather information on pelvic floor and Mr. Trujillo agreed to gather information on integrated and therapeutic listening.

NC Legislature

Mr. Wilkins reported on proposed bills pending in the North Carolina General

Assembly.

CLEAR Annual Conference

a. 2019 Annual Meeting

Board members were advised the 2019 Annual Meeting is meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 18-21, 2019.

b. 2019 International Congress

Board members were advised the 2019 International Congress is meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 27-28, 2019.

AOTA Annual Conference

Board members were advised the AOTA Annual Conference is meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 4-7, 2019. Ms. Losada, Ms. Donica and Ms. Echols agreed to attend.

NCOTA Fall Conference

Board members were advised the NCOTA fall conference is meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina on November 1-3, 2019.

NBCOT Regulatory Leadership Forum

Board members were advised the 2019 Regulatory Leadership Forum is meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on May 21-22, 2019. Ms. Donica and Ms. Kirk agreed to attend.

Response to dry needling questions

Board members reviewed an email dated January 23, 2019 from Ms. Kirk to Meredith Hodges regarding dry needling following discussion of this topic during the January 2019 Board meeting.

Response to Megan McCann regarding supervision

Board members reviewed an email dated January 22, 2019 from Mr. Wilkins to Megan McCann regarding supervision questions.

Response to Jeannine Rosen regarding practice of women's health

Board members reviewed an email dated January 22, 2019 from Mr. Wilkins to Jeannine Rosen regarding the practice of pelvic floor disorders.

Response to Tamika Tuitt regarding the future of OT

Board members reviewed an email dated January 22, 2019 from Mr. Wilkins to Tamika Tuitt regarding the future of OT.

NEW BUSINESS

Email to David Benthall regarding ACOTE Associate Degree Level Educational Program for the OTA

Board members reviewed an email dated January 22, 2019 from Mr. Wilkins to David Benthall regarding the ACOTE Associate Degree Level Educational Program for the OTA.

FARB Regulatory Membership

Board members reviewed an email dated February 27, 2019 regarding the FARB membership renewal request. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed the Board agreed to renew its membership.

Email from Amber Costello regarding OT services at Broughton Hospital

From the emails it appears some of the group services that may be provided by OTs and OTAs are not OT services and therefore an evaluation and intervention plan (POC) for OT services would not be required.

The Board agreed as far as the Practice Act and Rules of the Board are concerned, OTs and OTAs cannot provide OT services in North Carolina without an evaluation and intervention plan (POC) for OT services, which should include a treatment plan and OT goals.

The Board also agreed that OTs and OTAs may provide services in North Carolina that do not constitute OT services without an evaluation and intervention plan (POC) for OT services.

Closed Session

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) and (6) as well as NCGS 143-318.18(6), the Board went into Closed Session at 11:30 a.m.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:00 p.m.

Closed Session Report

Disciplinary Matters

Mr. Wilkins reported the Board was advised in Closed Session that five cases are currently being investigated.

Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Session meeting will be held at the office of the Board on May 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Denise Donica, Chair

Danielle Ward, Secretary/Treasurer