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### Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Regular Meeting July 17, 2009

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

#### Board members present were:

Lesly S. Wilson, PhD, OTR/L, Chairman  
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice Chairman  
Joyce J. Branham, OTR/L  
Susan M. Hardin, OTR/L  
David P. Putman, Public Member  
Linda H. Remick, COTA/L  
Janine P. Turner, OTR/L

#### Others present were:

Lori D. Blalock, OTR/L  
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator  
Kerry S. Harrelson, OTR/L  
Dana E. Rothschild, OTR/R  
Kathy Meadows, LLR Investigations  
Stephanie J. Messina, OTR/L  
Lois J. Pavkov, COTA/L  
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Attorney to the Board  
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

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#### CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the March 20, 2009 minutes as printed. Ms. Branham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Dr. Wilson thanked everyone for attending and introduced the new board member, David P. Putman, who is the new public member on the Board. Mr. Spoon did the swearing in of Mr. Putman. Mr. Putman addressed the Board.

**DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:**

**IRC Report:**

Ms. Meadows presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) report to the Board to ask for one (1) Dismissal with a Letter of Caution to be issued and three (3) complaints to be authorized for Formal Complaints.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the IRC report as presented for the one (1) Dismissal with a Letter of Concern. Ms. Remick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the IRC report as presented for authorization for three (3) Formal Complaints. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Licensee Appearance for Reinstatement:**

Dana E. Rothschild, OTR/L appeared before the Board to request reinstatement with a lapsed license for more than sixty (60) days with unlicensed practice. Ms. Rothschild made a statement and the Board asked appropriate questions.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to require a reinstatement fee be paid and that Ms. Rothschild have her employers notify the Board that they were aware of the unlicensed practice period. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Licensees Appearances for Unlicensed Practice due to Audit Failure Regarding NBCOT Certification:**

Lois J. Pavkov, OTA/L, Lori D. Blalock, OTR/L, Stephanie J. Messina, OTR/L, and Kerry S. Harrelson, OTR/L appeared before the Board for their failure of the Random Renewal Audit due to not maintaining current NBCOT Certification and having more than 60 days with unlicensed practice. Each licensee made a statement and the Board asked each of them appropriate questions.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to require a civil penalty of \$250.00 be paid by Ms. Pavkov, Ms. Blalock, Ms. Messina, and Ms. Harrelson in the matter. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**REPORTS:**

**Administrator's Report:**

Mrs. Cox reported the licensee totals to date are 1310 licensed occupational therapists and 572 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 1882 licensees. She reported that she continues to be in contact with the Governor's Office for Board reappointments. She reported on the Office of Licensure and Compliance (OLC) doing the renewal process for the Board this last renewal cycle and the upcoming initial licensure process which will begin in the future with OLC.

Mrs. Cox and Mr. Holmes reported on the successful Random Renewal Audit on June 19, 2009 with all audited licensees having had their continuing education hours and six (6) licensees not having current NBCOT Certification. The appearances by four (4) of these licensees were made before the Board earlier in the meeting as noted.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox stated that the Financial Report is provided as information. She noted for the record that revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period. She reported that she reviews the Board's budget yearly with LLR.

LEGAL:

There was no Legal Business regarding the Board for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Draft of Frequently Asked Questions on Telehealth and Practicing Across State Borders:

The Board accepted the corrected draft from Mr. Holmes and thanked him for his work on this project. The Board will post these questions on its web site and use the questions as information for inquirers.

Draft of Position Statement Regarding Boundary Issues:

The Board did not address the Position Statement Regarding Boundary Issues and asked Ms. Turner to have the corrected draft for the Board on November 13, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business before the Board.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Review of the Unlicensed Practice Policy:

Unlicensed Practice Policy was discussed and was scheduled to be on the Agenda for the November meeting. The need for a third section was discussed. Mr. Holmes, Ms. Turner, Ms. Hardin and Dr. Wilson were asked to prepare a draft before the November meeting.

Requirement for NBCOT Certification and LLR Renewal Practices:

The requirement for NBCOT Certification was discussed. The Board asked for an e-mail blast and for a mailing to be prepared for licensees to alert them as a reminder of this statute requirement for licensure and renewal. Suggestions were made for the LLR renewal notices and renewal form on-line to require entering a date regarding NBCOT Certification to be able to continue the on-line renewal entry. It was suggested that NBCOT be contacted for clarity in the wording on their certificates.

Attendance at NBCOT Conference:

The importance of attending the national conference was discussed for the professional members as well as the public member on the Board. The Board would like as many members to attend as would be allowed following the State and Agency travel policies.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There was no public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

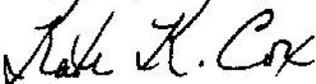
The Board's last meeting for 2009 was announced to be on November 13.

Dr. Wilson thanked Mrs. Cox for her work in preparing the Random Renewal Audit this year and for her work with the licensees' appearances before the Board. She thanked the Audit Committee - Mr. Holmes, Ms. Hardin, and Ms. Branham - for their work in completing the audit. She also thanked Mr. Holmes for his article for the SCOTA Update.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox  
Administrator