

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

DATE: April 17, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM CST

LOCATION: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive, 1st Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Burba, OT, Chair
Marilyn Franklin, OTA, Board Member
William Daniel, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anita Mitchell, OT Board Member
Louis Tucciarone, Jr., OT Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Jared W. Smith, Unit Administrative Manager
Marcina Egedegbe, Board Administrator
Thomas Aumann, Assistant General Counsel

GUESTS: Mark Harkreader, TnPAP Representative
John Williams, TNOTA Representative
Yvette Hachtel, TNOTA Representative
Emmy Dagnan, Board Consultant

Call to Order

A roll call of board members was initiated. With a quorum present, Ms. Burba called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. CST.

Consent Order

Lenna Kathryn Aird, OTA, License #1401- Mr. Aumann presented a Consent Order on Lenna Kathryn Aird , OTA, for practicing on a lapsed license. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Franklin to approve the Consent Order as presented. The motion carried.

Applicant Interviews

1. Samantha Rodgers, OTA, Applicant- Ms. Rodgers appeared before the Board due to multiple criminal convictions. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Franklin, to approve Ms. Rodgers for a license contingent upon Ms. Rodgers undergoing a TnPAP evaluation and signing a monitoring agreement with TnPAP, if deemed necessary. The motion carried.

2. Thomas Woodcock, OTA, Applicant- Mr. Woodcock was requested to appear before the Board due to multiple criminal convictions. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Franklin, to defer Mr. Woodcock's application until documents have been provided showing he has completed an evaluation and/or treatment for substance abuse, or that no further recommendation for treatment is necessary. The motion carried.

Review and Discussion on Proposed Rule Changes

Mr. Aumann facilitated the discussion on language included in the document containing the rules revision drafted by the Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association (TNOTA) for amending the rules of the Board of Occupational Therapy. Representatives of TNOTA and the Board Consultant were present to address the Board.

Board Consultant, Emmy Dagnan recommended that for new initial applicants, the Board should leave in place Rule 1150-02-.05 on procedure for application to use physical agent modalities (PAMS) which states that applicants should provide proof of successful completion of didactic and clinical work that has been completed within the two (2) years prior to submission of the application for certification. For reciprocity applicants, it was suggested that the Board amend Rule 1150-02-.05(2) (i) to include language which would state, 1) that reciprocity applicants cannot practice PAMS in Tennessee unless they have been granted PAMS certification by the Board, 2) that at the time of application for certification, they would need to show proof of certification that is equal or exceeds the requirement for certification or training for certification within the State, and 3) that applicants for reciprocity must apply for certification within one (1) year of seeking licensure within the State.

Mr. Aumann reported that the changes to the rules that were approved under Rule 1150-02-.06 at the last board meeting regarding license renewal fee reduction and the proposal to consolidate three (3) different fees into one application fee under the rule are currently in review process in the Office of General Counsel and may be presented as part of a rule making hearing with other rules changes that have been approved by the Board.

After discussing other proposed revisions to the Rules, a motion was made by Ms. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Daniel, to table further discussion on the proposed rule changes until the July 27th Board Meeting with the intent to complete discussion. The motion carried.

Legislative Report

Mr. John Williams provided an update on House Bill 2317/Senate Bill 2372, Suicide Prevention Training Act, which was introduced in the General Assembly. He reported that TNOTA is opposed to the bill because it would require suicide prevention education for all occupational therapists and wanted to inquire if the Board would like to take a position on the bill for the reason discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Franklin, to send a letter of concern from the Board, to be drafted by OGC and signed by Ms. Burba opposing the bill as written, to the legislature. The motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Daniel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Franklin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM CST.

These minutes were ratified by the Board at the July 27, 2017 meeting.