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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
LICENSURE AND EDUCATION**

TIME: 10:05 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Board Room C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

March 1, 2018

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State Board of Occupational Therapy
Licensure and Education
March 1, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS:

Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson
Ian Harlow, Commissioner of Professional
and Occupational Affairs - Absent
Joanne M. Baird, Ph.D., OTR/L, Vice Chair
Carolyn M. Gatty, MS, OTR/L, Secretary
Christine L. Hischmann, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA
Edward J. Mihelcic, Ph.D., OTR/L - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Board Counsel
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Peter Kovach, Esquire, Senior Counsel-In-Charge
Carol J. Niner, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Kristen Neville, American Occupational Therapy
Association (AOTA)
Alyson Stover, Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy
Association (POTA)
Amy Gerney, POTA

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2 State Board of Occupational Therapy

3 Licensure and Education

4 March 1, 2018

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6 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
7 Board of Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education
8 was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

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10 Official Call to Order

11 [Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, officially
12 called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.]

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14 Introduction of Board and Audience Members

15 [Board members and guests introduced themselves for
16 the record.]

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18 Approval of Minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting.

19 [The Board discussed corrections and amendments to the
20 Minutes.]

21 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

22 Any other discussion on the Minutes,
23 anything else that needs to be changed?
24 Hearing none, can I have a motion
25 to approve the Minutes as amended?

1 MS. HISCHMANN

2 So moved.

3 MS. GATTY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

6 All in favor? Opposed? Recusals?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting.

11 [The Board discussed corrections and amendments to the
12 Minutes.]

13 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

14 Any other discussion on those Minutes
15 from January 18, 2018?

16 Hearing none, can I have a motion
17 to approve the Minutes as amended?

18 MS. GATTY:

19 So moved.

20 MS. HISCHMANN:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

23 All in favor? Opposed? Recusals?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 Report of Board Regulatory Counsel

3 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, referred Board
4 members to the Regulatory Status Report for review.

5 Ms. Wolfgang reported that the Code of Ethics was
6 approved as presented at the IRRC meeting on February
7 22, 2018, and currently pending at the Office of
8 Attorney General. Ms. Wolfgang is scheduled to
9 present General Revisions to IRRC on March 22, 2018.

10 There was discussion regarding placing the Code
11 of Ethics and General Revisions information along with
12 other ideas in a newsletter.]

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14 Report of Board Prosecution

15 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
16 presented a Consent Agreement for File No. 17-67-
17 10190.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel

20 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Board Counsel noted
21 applications for discussion during Executive Session.
22 She referred Board members to the Case Status Report
23 for review.

24 Ms. Wolfgang also noted Executive Order 2017-03
25 for review, which was previously discussed by the

1 Deputy Commissioner at the last meeting.

2 Ms. Wolfgang then referred to the updated OT CE
3 Fee Increase Reports. She reminded members that the
4 Board will not be moving forward with the fee
5 increase, but will continue to monitor the matter.

6 Recently passed Act 6 was also noted for the
7 Board's review.]

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9 Report of Board Chairperson

10 [Kerri Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, referred
11 members to the Model Occupational Therapy Practice Act
12 and the ACOTE doctorate mandate document.

13 Ms. Hample noted the requirement for licensure in
14 the Act makes reference to a four-year program, and
15 further discussed issues as ACOTE moves towards a
16 doctorate program.

17 Ms. Hample stated that members from the
18 Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association and
19 American Occupational Therapy Association were invited
20 to the meeting to discuss the best way to move forward
21 with keeping the best interests of the profession in
22 mind.

23 Ms. Wolfgang noted ACOTE's standards are
24 accreditation standards and not the Board's licensing
25 law. She explained that the Board does not have

1 regulatory provisions indicating what educational
2 programs are recognized by the Board. Board Counsel
3 suggested that the Board consider drafting regulations
4 that recognize ACOTE and/or other appropriate
5 accreditation agencies. The Board had further
6 discussion on the matter.

7 Kristen Neville commented that regardless of
8 which route the Board takes, legislative or
9 regulatory, AOTA was available as a resource. She
10 offered suggestions regarding the regulatory provision
11 language.

12 Amy Gerney, President, POTA, commented that POTA
13 has legal counsel and a lobbyist and willing to
14 entertain any efforts to amend discrepancies in the
15 Practice Act. POTA was willing to work with the Board
16 to accomplish that goal. Ms. Gerney also commented on
17 the state's efforts to adopt national standards with
18 regard to reciprocity.

19 Alyson Stover, Legislative Coordinator for POTA,
20 commented on the current 183 ACOTE standards that a
21 program must meet to reach doctoral levels, as well as
22 the 169 standards for OTAs that far exceeds what a
23 traditional graduate program offers. Dr. Stover
24 offered to provide any additional information
25 regarding NBCOT certifications and ACOTE accreditation

1 standards. There was further discussion concerning
2 the matter as it relates to PA regulations concerning
3 accreditation standards and certifications.

4 All Board members were encouraged to review
5 language in the Acts for potential issues with regard
6 to proposed fieldwork changes and ACOTE accreditation.
7 It was noted POTA agreed to provide proposed language
8 in early April before the Board's next meeting.

9 Dr. Baird noted that NBCOT has stopped moving
10 forward with the idea of presumptive denial as it
11 would not fit within the Practice Act. Chairperson
12 Hample referred to a recent email noting the
13 presumptive denial as a "cease and desist". Ms.
14 Wolfgang explained that even though the presumptive
15 denial policy was rescinded, NBCOT will continue to
16 require a criminal background check. If NBCOT
17 determines that a Pennsylvania applicant is not
18 qualified for NBCOT certification due to criminal
19 history, the Board may request examination for
20 licensure purposes only. If the applicant passes the
21 examination, the applicant would not be granted NBCOT
22 certification.]

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24 Report of Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner
25 [Ms. Niner referred Board members to the PALS update

1 for further review. There was discussion regarding
2 the submission of applications electronically through
3 the PALS system.]

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5 Report of Board Administrator

6 [Carol J. Niner, Board Administrator, referred Board
7 members to the CE application forms presented at the
8 last meeting, which have since been amended to include
9 a review of course providers instead of courses.
10 There was further discussion regarding ways to obtain
11 course approval, including provider preapproval, a
12 Board-approved provider, and submission of an
13 application by an applicant for a specific course
14 approval.

15 Ms. Wolfgang offered suggestions on ways to
16 change the application forms.]

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18 For the Board's Information

19 NBCOT Leadership Forum

20 [Dr. Baird and Ms. Hischmann volunteered to attend the
21 NBCOT leadership forum.]

22 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

23 I would like a motion to send Dr. Baird
24 and Ms. Hischmann to the leadership
25 forum.

1 MS. GATTY:

2 I make a motion to send both Christine
3 Hischmann and Joanne Baird to the NBCOT
4 leadership forum in Atlanta, Georgia, on
5 April 6-7, 2018.

6 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

9 All in favor, aye?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 [The Board recessed from 11:50 a.m. until 11:57 a.m.]

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14 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
15 11:57 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
16 with Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
17 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
18 on matters currently pending before the board and to
19 have attorney/client consultations. The Board
20 returned to open session at 1:13 p.m.]

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22 MOTIONS:

23 MS. WOLFGANG:

24 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
25 Sunshine Act, the Board entered in

1 Executive Session with Board Counsel for
2 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
3 deliberations and to have attorney/client
4 consultations regarding the applications
5 of Val Cantagallo, III, Christina Klatt,
6 Amy Boos, the CE application of Encompass
7 Care, and also the Consent Agreement on
8 the Agenda at Item Number 8, which is
9 File No. 17-67-10190.

10 Regarding the application of
11 Christina Klatt, the Board provided Board
12 Counsel and Board Administrator with
13 instructions on how to proceed with this
14 application and the Board will not be
15 voting on this matter at this time.

16 I believe the Board would entertain
17 motions regarding the other matters.

18 MS. HISCHMANN:

19 I so move that the Board grant the
20 application of Amy Boos.

21 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

22 Second?

23 MS. GATTY:

24 I'll second that motion.

25 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

1 All in favor, aye?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 VICE CHAIR BAIRD:

5 I move to adopt the Consent Agreement and
6 Order negotiated by the Commonwealth
7 prosecuting attorney in the matter of
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of
9 Professional and Occupational Affairs vs.
10 Shannon Alexandra Brown, OTR/L,
11 File No. 17-67-10190.

12 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

13 Second?

14 MS. HISCHMANN:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

17 All in favor, aye?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. GATTY:

21 I move that the Board provisionally deny
22 the application of Val Cantagallo, III,
23 for initial application, and that the
24 Board Counsel draft and issue a notice of
25 provisional denial to that effect in

1 accordance with the Board's deliberations
2 in Executive Session.

3 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

4 Second?

5 MS. HISCHMANN:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

8 All in favor, aye?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 VICE CHAIR BAIRD:

12 I move that we approve the continuing
13 education application for RSC-1: The New
14 Norm.

15 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

16 Second?

17 MS. HISCHMANN:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

20 All in favor, aye?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Adjournment

24 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

25 I need a motion to adjourn the meeting.

1 MS. GATTY:

2 I'll make that motion.

3 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

4 Second?

5 MS. HISCHMANN:

6 Second.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 [There being no further business, the State Board of
10 Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting
11 adjourned at 1:18 p.m.]

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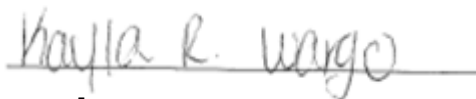
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting.



Kayla R. Wargo,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
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March 1, 2018

TIME

AGENDA

10:05	Meeting Call to Order
10:07	Approval of Minutes
10:11	Report of Board Regulatory Counsel
10:15	Report of Board Prosecution
10:18	Report of Board Counsel
10:22	Report of Board Chairperson
11:24	Report of Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner - By Board Administrator
11:26	Report of Board Administrator
11:46	For the Board's Information
11:50	Recess
11:57	Executive Session
1:13	Return to Open Session
1:14	Motions
1:18	Adjournment