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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  
EDUCATION AND LICENSURE**

TIME: 10:29 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

June 2, 2022

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State Board of Occupational Therapy  
Education and Licensure  
June 2, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson  
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Joanne M. Baird, Ph.D., OTR/L, Vice Chair  
Edward J. Mihelcic, Ph.D., OTR/L  
Lisa Livingston, MS, OTR/L, SCDCM, Secretary - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Christina Townley, Board Administrator  
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,  
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate  
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
Committee  
Seth Rolko, Democratic Executive Director, Senate  
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
Committee

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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
7 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
8 with Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
9 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on  
10 a number of matters currently pending before the Board  
11 and to receive the advice of counsel. The Board  
12 returned to open session at 10:29 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
15 Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure  
16 was held on Thursday, June 2, 2022. Kerri L. Hample,  
17 OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, officially called the meeting  
18 to order at 10:29 a.m.

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20 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

21 [Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, requested  
22 an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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24 Approval of Minutes

25 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

1                   We'll begin our meeting with approval of  
2                   the minutes from the last meeting.

3                   Is there any discussion on the  
4                   minutes?

5 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

6 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

7                   Can we have a motion to approve those  
8                   minutes as amended?

9 DR. MIHELICIC:

10                   So moved.

11 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

12                   So moved by Dr. Mihelcic. Could I have  
13                   a second?

14 DR. BAIRD:

15                   I'll second it.

16 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

17                   Roll call vote.

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19                   Hample, yes; Claggett, aye; Baird, aye;  
20                   Mihelcic, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Board Prosecution

24 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Board  
25 members agreed to waive the Consent Agreement

1 presentation.

2 Ms. Walter reminded everyone the meeting was  
3 being recorded, and those who continued to participate  
4 were consenting to be recorded.]

5 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

6 Could I have a motion to accept the  
7 Consent Agreement?

8 DR. BAIRD:

9 I move to accept the Consent Agreement.

10 DR. MIHELICIC:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

13 Roll call vote.

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15 Hample, yes; Claggett, aye; Baird, aye;  
16 Mihelcic, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously. Number 3 at Case No.  
18 18-67-010174 is Jessica Mary Fisher, OTA.]

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20 Report of Board Chairperson

21 [Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, announced  
22 all Board members would be attending the Pennsylvania  
23 Occupational Therapy Association (POTA) Conference in  
24 October.]

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1 Report of Acting Commissioner

2 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
3 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board  
4 members that the department is currently in the  
5 process of replacing the Pennsylvania Licensing System  
6 (PALS) and should have the new system identified and  
7 in place by the end of 2023.]

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9 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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11 Report of Board Counsel - No Report

12 [Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, welcomed  
13 Shana Walter to the Board.]

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15 Miscellaneous - 2022 NBCOT State Regulatory Leadership  
16 Forum

17 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to  
18 the virtual 2022 National Board for Certification in  
19 Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) State Regulatory  
20 Leadership Forum Conference September 13-14.

21 Chairperson Hample commented that Board counsel  
22 attended the conference one year and found it to be  
23 helpful and welcomed Board counsel or the Board  
24 administrator to attend. She requested more  
25 information concerning cost.

1 Ms. Townley stated the conference was placed on  
2 the agenda to allow time for those who wanted to  
3 attend but has limited information regarding cost.

4 Chairperson Hample mentioned there has been no  
5 cost in the past but also mentioned a conflict between  
6 the state Board and NBCOT concerning payment. She  
7 requested approval for anyone who wished to  
8 participate virtually.]

9 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

10 I am looking for a motion from one of  
11 the members to allow Board members who  
12 want to participate to do so.

13 DR. MIHELICIC:

14 I make the motion for Board members that  
15 are interested in attending the  
16 conference virtually that it would be  
17 acceptable.

18 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

19 Could I have a second?

20 DR. BAIRD:

21 I'll second that.

22 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

23 Christina, could you do your magic on  
24 our vote?

25

1                   Hample, aye; Claggett, aye; Baird, aye;  
2                   Mihelcic, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Miscellaneous - POTA 2022 Annual Conference

6 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
7 2022 Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association  
8 Annual Conference requires a formal vote.

9           Dr. Baird informed Board members the conference  
10 is being held in person in Lancaster with no virtual  
11 option. She mentioned prior discussion at the last  
12 meeting allowing more than two members to attend.]

13 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

14                   Any of the members who want to attend  
15                   are able to do so.

16                                   Could I have a motion?

17 DR. MIHELICIC:

18                   Any particular Board members who would  
19                   like to attend the POTA Conference in  
20                   Lancaster could very well do so.

21 DR. BAIRD:

22                   I'll second that.

23 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

24                   Christina, work your magic.

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1                   Hample, aye; Claggett, aye; Baird, aye;  
2                   Mihelcic, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Meeting Dates

6 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
7 next scheduled meeting date is September 1 with one  
8 remaining meeting date for 2022 on December 8.]

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10 Adjournment

11 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

12                                   Hearing no other business to discuss, I  
13                                   would call for a motion to adjourn.

14 DR. BAIRD:

15                                   I motion we adjourn.

16 DR. MIHELICIC:

17                                   Second.

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19 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
20 Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure Meeting  
21 adjourned at 10:45 a.m.]

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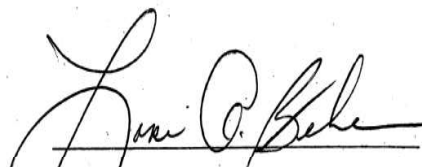
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CERTIFICATE

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.



Lori A. Behe,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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