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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: 10:16 A.M.

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

January 18, 2018

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State Board of Occupational Therapy
Licensure and Education
January 18, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson
- Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Carolyn M. Gatty, MS, OTR/L, Vice Chair
- Joanne M. Baird, Ph.D., 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
- Carol J. Niner, Board Administrator

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2 State Board of Occupational Therapy

3 Licensure and Education

4 January 18, 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, January 18, 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 10:16 a.m. Kathryn L.
13 Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional and
14 Occupational Affairs, was not present at the
15 commencement of the meeting.]

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17 Report of Regulatory Counsel

18 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Board Counsel,
19 discussed the Annex, Preamble, and notice for the
20 General Provisions regulation.]

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22 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, entered the
23 meeting at 10:16 a.m. and exited the meeting at 10:18
24 a.m.]

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1 [Ms. Wolfgang noted a quorum to be present. She
2 informed the Board that the Office of General Counsel
3 (OGC) had reviewed the revisions to the General
4 Provisions regulation. She noted the implementation
5 date for the occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) to
6 begin in the July 2017 biennium. Due to being in that
7 July 2017 biennium, the Independent Regulatory Review
8 Commission (IRRC) commented that notice had not been
9 properly provided to the OTAs, as well as noting
10 additional issues.

11 Ms. Wolfgang recommended pushing the regulation
12 implementation to the 2019-2021 biennium. She
13 suggested splitting and redrafting the Annex.

14 Ms. Wolfgang referred to the Annex, noting the
15 change from 2017-2019 to 2019-2021. She also added
16 the word "and" on page 12. Ms. Hample, Dr. Baird, Ms.
17 Hischmann, and Ms. Gatty agreed with the change to the
18 2019-2021 biennium.

19 Ms. Wolfgang discussed highlighted revisions to
20 the Preamble. She stated the Board would notify all
21 OTAs of the new continued competency requirements via
22 email and its newsletter after the final-form
23 regulation was published.

24 Ms. Wolfgang referred to the notice for the
25 Board's review.

1 Chairman Hample, Ms. Gatty, Ms. Hischmann, and
2 Dr. Baird agreed with the changes.]

3 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

4 I'd like a vote from the Board. Can I
5 have a motion to accept the changes to
6 the proposed regulation on continued
7 competency?

8 MS. HISCHMANN:

9 So moved.

10 MS. GATTY:

11 I'll second it.

12 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

13 All in favor?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 ***

16 [Ms. Wolfgang noted the goal to send the regulation to
17 IRRC and be reviewed in a public meeting by April.]

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19 Adjournment

20 DR. BAIRD:

21 So move to adjourn the meeting.

22 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

23 Can I have a second?

24 MS. HISCHMANN:

25 I'll second.

1 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

2 Christine seconded it. All in favor,
3 aye?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 [There being no further business, the State Board of
7 Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting
8 adjourned at 10:28 a.m.]

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10 [The next State Board of Occupational Therapy
11 Licensure and Education Meeting is March 1, 2018.]

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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

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Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
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10:16	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:28	Adjournment