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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: 10:01 A.M.

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

September 6, 2018

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State Board of Occupational Therapy  
Licensure and Education  
September 6, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS:

Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson  
Ian J. 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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Senior Counsel-in-Charge,  
present on behalf of Jacqueline A. Wolfgang,  
Esquire, Board/Regulatory Counsel  
Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
David Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Carol J. Niner, Board Administrator

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2 State Board of Occupational Therapy

3 Licensure and Education

4 September 6, 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, September 6, 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 10:01 a.m.]

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14 Introduction of Board Members and Audience Members

15 [Board members were requested to introduce themselves  
16 for the record.]

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18 Approval of Minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting

19 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

20 Could we have a motion to approve the  
21 minutes from March 1, 2018?

22 MS. HISCHMANN:

23 So moved.

24 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

25 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

1 I'm looking for a motion to approve  
2 those as amended.

3 MS. HISCHMANN:

4 So moved.

5 DR. BAIRD:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

8 All in favor?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Approval of Minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting

12 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

13 Can we move on to the next set of  
14 minutes, which would have been our last  
15 meeting, which would have been on  
16 June 7.

17 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

18 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

19 Could we have a motion to approve those  
20 minutes as amended.

21 DR. BAIRD:

22 So moved.

23 MS. HISCHMANN:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

1 All in favor?

2 [The motion carried. Edward Mihelcic and Carolyn  
3 Gatty abstained from voting on the motion.]

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5 Report of Board Regulatory Counsel

6 [Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Senior Counsel-in-Charge,  
7 on behalf of Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire,  
8 Regulatory Counsel, reviewed the proposed Annex for  
9 Regulation 16A-6711, Educational Programs. He noted  
10 that the phrase "equivalent educational program" was a  
11 part of the definition in Section 42.1, but that  
12 equivalent is not use elsewhere in the regulation.

13 Mr. Kovach mentioned Ms. Wolfgang's suggestion to  
14 remove the word "equivalent" from the definition in  
15 Section 42.1 or add "equivalent" in Section 42.13.  
16 He explained that "equivalent educational program" was  
17 not used anywhere else in the regulation. The wording  
18 "equivalent program" had been deleted from Section  
19 42.13(a)(2).

20 The Board discussed the use of the word  
21 "equivalent" providing the Board with flexibility on  
22 approving programs. Chairperson Hample suggested the  
23 addition of language, such as "an accredited program"  
24 and "entry level according to the accreditation  
25 standards." Dr. Baird noted the regulatory process

1 providing the Board input from the professional  
2 organizations in order to protect the consumer and  
3 observing the possibilities within the profession.

4 Mr. Kovach noted the revision to read,  
5 "...accredited by the Accreditation Council for  
6 Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or recognized  
7 by the Board and accredited by a national programmatic  
8 accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
9 Department of Education."

10 Ms. Gatty noted prior minutes referring to six  
11 months of supervised fieldwork experience for an  
12 occupational therapist (OT) and two months of  
13 supervised fieldwork experience for an occupational  
14 therapist assistant (OTA).

15 Dr. Baird also noted prior discussions concerning  
16 different models of fieldwork, but there had been no  
17 empirical research to support the six months of  
18 supervised fieldwork for an OT or two months of  
19 supervised fieldwork for an OTA.

20 Chairperson Hample expressed the need for further  
21 discussion on the issue.

22 Mr. Kovach requested the Board's authorization to  
23 circulate the exposure draft.]

24 MR. KOVACH:

25 We need a motion to have Board Counsel

1                   send this out as an exposure draft.

2 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

3                   Do I have a motion?

4 MS. HISCHMANN:

5                   So moved.

6 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

7                   Second?

8 DR. BAIRD:

9                   I'll second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

11                   All in favor?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel

15 [Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Senior Counsel-in-Charge,  
16 on behalf of Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Board  
17 Counsel, noted matters for deliberation during  
18 Executive Session.]

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20 Report of Prosecutorial Division

21 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
22 introduced David Smith, Esquire, as a new Board  
23 prosecutor.]

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25 Report of Board Chairperson

1 [Kerri L. Hample, OTD, OTR/L, Chairperson, informed  
2 the Board of her opportunity to speak at the  
3 Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association (POTA)  
4 Conference in Pittsburgh, October 13-14, 2018.

5 Chairperson Hample will provide a presentation  
6 addressing the differences between the Board's role  
7 and POTA's role.

8 Dr. Baird requested that a copy of the  
9 presentation be sent to the Board members for review.]

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11 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
12 10:36 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
13 with Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
14 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and  
15 to receive legal advice from Board Counsel. The Board  
16 returned to open session at 11:41 a.m.]

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18 MOTIONS

19 MR. KOVACH:

20 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
21 Sunshine Act, the Board met in Executive  
22 Session for the purpose of conducting  
23 quasi-judicial deliberations and to  
24 receive advice of Counsel on the matters  
25 on which the Board is about to vote.



1 DR. BAIRD:

2 I move that the Board provisionally deny  
3 the application of Val Raymond  
4 Cantagallo, RN, and that the Board draft  
5 and issue a Notice of Provisional Denial  
6 to that effect in accordance with the  
7 Board's deliberations in Executive  
8 Session.

9 MR. KOVACH:

10 Does the Board also want to direct  
11 Counsel to reach out to Mr. Cantagallo  
12 about issuing a license subject to the  
13 terms and conditions that the Board has  
14 discussed in Executive Session.

15 DR. BAIRD:

16 Yes, the Board does want to do that.

17 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

18 Motion. How about a second?

19 MS. HISCHMANN:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

22 All in favor? No?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MR. KOVACH:

1           The next matter for the Board to vote on  
2           is No. 6 on the agenda, the National  
3           Board for Certification in Occupational  
4           Therapy (NBCOT) Continuing Education  
5           (CE) Application.

6                   Based on the Board's discussion in  
7           Executive Session, I believe the Board  
8           Chair would accept the motion tabling  
9           that matter and having the Board Chair  
10          reach out to the applicant to resolve  
11          additional information which the Board  
12          desires.

13 MS. HISCHMANN:

14                   So moved.

15 DR. BAIRD:

16                   Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

18                   All in favor? No?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MR. KOVACH:

22                   The final matter for matters from  
23           Executive Session is No. 7, the  
24           Application for an Occupational Therapy  
25           Assistant License by Lileith A. Brown.



1                   Hischmann attend the Pennsylvania  
2                   Occupational Therapy Association Meeting  
3                   in October of this year.

4 DR. MIHELICIC:

5                   Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

7                   All in favor?

8 [The motion carried. Christine Hischmann and Kerri  
9 Hample abstained from voting on the motion.]

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11 Report of Board Administrator

12 [Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Senior Counsel-in-Charge,  
13 Regulatory Counsel, discussed an email blast to  
14 licensees regarding the changes to regulations. He  
15 stated the regulation was now in the PA Code.

16                   Chairperson Hample noted that certified  
17 occupational therapy assistants (COTAs) now require  
18 continued competence. She also noted that the Code of  
19 Ethics was updated.

20                   Dr. Baird requested a change in wording,  
21 referring to the very last sentence, "the amendment to  
22 the regulations became effective," noting that there  
23 is no word "amendment" prior in this communication.]

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25 Miscellaneous

1 [Chairperson Hample noted a revision in the December  
2 2019 meeting date to Thursday, December 5, 2019.]

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4 Adjournment

5 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

6 How about a motion to adjourn?

7 MS. HISCHMANN:

8 So moved.

9 DR. MIHELICIC:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON HAMPLE:

12 All in favor?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
16 Occupational Therapy Licensure and Education Meeting  
17 adjourned at 11:49 a.m.]

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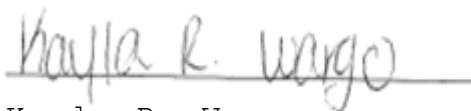
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CERTIFICATE

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.



Kayla R. Wargo,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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