

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
May 15, 2017  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Time and Place**

The North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy met in Regular Session in the offices of the Board May 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present**

Bill Walsh, Dr. Stephen Lang, Lynn Losada, Danielle Ward, Denise Donica and Jessica Lowery.

**Others Present**

Charles P. Wilkins, Legal Counsel to the Board and Elizabeth Kirk, Board Administrator.

**Members Absent**

Ron Taylor

**Chairperson**

Mr. Walsh, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Walsh called for any conflicts of interest with the meeting agenda. There were no conflicts or potential conflicts.

**Approval of Minutes**

The May 15, 2017 minutes were approved.

**To-Do List**

The May 15, 2017 to do-list was approved as submitted and reviewed.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for March 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 was

discussed and approved as submitted.

### **Administrator's Report**

The administrator's report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

### **Legal Services Committee**

Ms. Donica reported the Committee reviewed a bill from Broughton Wilkins Sugg & Thompson, PLLC for the months of March and April 2017 for thirteen (13) disciplinary proceedings. Upon motion made and seconded, the bill was approved for payment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed correspondence and general information received following the last Board meeting.

### **Strategic Planning Retreat**

The Board held a retreat on June 6-8, 2014 at the Rizzo Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC. The Board reviewed the retreat to-do list developed by Board staff and agreed to continue working on the to-do list. The Board will hold a retreat on July 28-30, 2017 at the Rizzo Conference Center in Chapel Hill, NC and agreed to submit agenda items to Board staff prior to the July Board meeting. Board staff will develop a draft agenda for review at the July Board meeting.

### **NC Legislature**

Mr. Wilkins reported on proposed bills pending in the North Carolina General Assembly.

### **Online Progress/paperless feasibility**

Board staff informed the Board that an online complaint form is being developed which can be submitted through the Board's website.

### **AOTA Annual Conference**

Mr. Walsh and Ms. Donica reported on the AOTA Annual Conference which was held in Philadelphia, PA on March 29-April 2, 2017.

### **CLEAR Annual Conference**

Board members were advised the CLEAR Annual Educational Conference is meeting in Denver, Colorado on September 13-16, 2017, the 2017 International Congress is meeting in Melbourne, Australia on November 16-17, 2017 and the 2018 Winter Symposium is meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona on January 10, 2018. Ms. Losada agreed to attend the annual conference in Denver.

### **CAC Annual Conference**

Board members were advised the CAC Annual Conference is meeting in Denver, Colorado on September 13-16, 2017. Ms. Ward agreed to attend the annual conference in Denver.

### **Response to Jodi Petry regarding ethics**

The Board reviewed a response from Ms. Kirk to Jodi Petry regarding ethics.

### **Response to NCOTA regarding licensure portability**

The Board reviewed a response from Ms. Kirk to NCOTA regarding licensure portability.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACOTE April 2017 Actions**

The Board reviewed an email dated May 1, 2017 regarding the April 2017 ACOTE accreditation actions.

### **2017 Occupational Licensing Boards Seminar**

The 2017 Occupational Licensing Boards Seminar took place on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the NC State Bar. Mr. Wilkins, Ms. Kirk and Ms. Ward attended and reported on the seminar.

### **AOTA Webinar regarding telehealth**

The Board reviewed an email dated April 20, 2017 regarding the AOTA webinar on telehealth. Ms. Kirk agreed to send the updated email so the Board members and staff could sign up for the webinar.

### **Email regarding Sheps NC Health Workforce website**

The Board reviewed an email dated April 28, 2017 regarding the Sheps NC Health Workforce website. Ms. Kirk agreed to notify the Board once

occupational therapy has been added to the Sheps' website.

### **NCOTA 2017 Fall Conference**

The Board reviewed an email dated May 10, 2017 regarding the NCOTA 2017 Fall Conference being held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on November 10-12, 2017. Ms. Losada agreed to submit the application on behalf of the Board for the conference.

### **AOTA FIELDWORK AND RESIDENCY PROPOSALS**

Ms. Donica informed the Board the AOTA is considering changes to OT education that would impact Level I & Level II fieldworks and also the structure of OT education. The proposals include having OT programs providing Level Is "in house"; shortening Level IIs to 12 weeks; and then having a year-long residency program at the end of the 2 year course work. The residency would be similar to the SLP pathway and a practitioner would work under a limited license with a mentor. The residency programs would be coordinated by AOTA.

### **Closed Session**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) and (6) as well as NCGS 143-318.18(6), the Board went into Closed Session at 12:15 p.m.

### **Closed Session Report**

Mr. Wilkins reported the Board was advised in Closed Session that two cases were dismissed and four cases will be sent Notices of Hearing and Consent Orders for the July meeting. Mr. Wilkins is currently investigating four additional complaints.

### **Adjournment**

The Open Session adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Regular Session meeting will be held at the office of the Board on July 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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Bill Walsh, Chair

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Denise Donica, Secretary/Treasurer