

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
November 13, 2017
MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

Time and Place

The North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy met in Regular Session in the offices of the Board November 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Denise Donica, Ron Taylor, Dr. Stephen Lang, Lynn Losada, Danielle Ward and Bill Walsh.

Others Present

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

Members Absent

Jessica Lowery

Chairperson

Ms. Donica, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Conflict of Interest

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

Approval of Minutes

The September 18, 2017 minutes were approved.

To-Do List

The September 18, 2017 to do-list was approved as submitted and reviewed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for September 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 was discussed and approved as submitted.

2016-17 Financial Audit

The 2016-17 Financial Audit was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

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

Legal Services Committee

Mr. Walsh reported the Committee reviewed a bill from Broughton Wilkins Sugg & Thompson, PLLC for the months of July and August 2017 for twelve (12) disciplinary proceedings. The total hours worked was 12 and the total fees are \$3000. The Committee also reviewed a bill from Broughton Wilkins Sugg & Thompson, PLLC for the months of September and October 2017 for seven (7) disciplinary proceedings. The total hours worked was 15.3 and the total fees are \$3,825. The Board currently has 7 disciplinary files pending. Upon motion made and seconded, the bills were 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 July 28-30, 2017 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.

NC Legislature

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

Online Progress

The Board reviewed the proposed reactive website and agreed for Board staff to continue working with IT services on the website in order to allow for the Board to provide input prior to the January meeting. The projected date for completion of the reactive website is March 2018.

CLEAR Annual Conference

Board members were advised the 2017 International Congress is meeting in Melbourne, Australia on November 16-17, 2017, the 2018 Winter Symposium is meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona on January 10, 2018 and the 2018 Annual Meeting is meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 26-29, 2018.

AOTA

a. 2018 Annual Conference

Board members were advised the AOTA Annual Conference is meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 19-22, 2018.

b. Practice Response to Dry Needling

Board members reviewed an email dated October 4, 2017 from AOTA regarding the use of dry needling in occupational therapy. The Board agreed to respond to questions regarding dry needling by tabling their opinion until the NC Supreme Court provides an outcome on the ruling between the NC Acupuncture Licensing Board and NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

c. ACOTE Statement regarding the OTA Education Level Mandate

Board members reviewed an email dated October 17, 2017 from ACOTE regarding the OTA education level mandate. Mr. Taylor and Ms. Donica agreed to develop a letter to ACOTE for review by the Board at their January 2018 meeting regarding questions the Board has on the education level mandate.

NCOTA Fall Conference

Board members were advised the NCOTA Fall Conference met in Raleigh, North Carolina on November 10-12, 2017. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Walsh presented the ethics session and Mr. Wilkins was also in attendance. Mr. Walsh presented Board updates at the beginning of the conference. Board members were also advised the NCOTA Fall Conference is meeting in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on November 9-11, 2018.

Response to Zesarae Bodie regarding Board roster

The Board reviewed a response from Ms. Kirk to Zesarae Bodie regarding the Board roster.

Response to Missy Wojtczak regarding telehealth requirements

The Board reviewed a response from Mr. Wilkins to Missy Wojtczak regarding telehealth requirements.

Response to Lyndsay Gnotek regarding supervision

The Board reviewed a response from Mr. Wilkins to Lyndsay Gnotek regarding supervision.

Response to Michele McRaith regarding Board roster

The Board reviewed a response from Ms. Kirk to Michele McRaith regarding the Board roster.

Review Rule Changes - .0103, .0803, .0903, .0905

Ms. Losada and Mr. Taylor agreed to review and provide the Board with changes to the rules which will be reviewed by the Board at their January 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CAC

a. 2018 membership

The Board reviewed the invoice for the 2018 membership. Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the Board agreed to renew the CAC membership.

b. 2017 Third Quarter Newsletter

The Board reviewed the CAC third quarter newsletter.

Request from Rucha Bhatt regarding nutrition

The Board reviewed emails from Ms. Bhatt regarding specifically including nutrition, rest, sleep, financial management, religious and spiritual activities and expression, safety and maintenance, shopping, values, beliefs and spirituality, preparatory tasks and group interventions in the scope of practice of OT in the North Carolina Practice Act or Rules. The Board also reviewed Mr. Wilkins' several responses to her requests.

The Board is of the opinion these areas of OT practice are sufficiently included in the Practice Act in N.C.G.S. 90-270.67(4) and in the Rules in Rules .0103(1), (6), (12)m (13) (15) and (20). The Board was also of the

opinion and that further explanation or amendment in the Practice Act or Rules is not necessary or advisable.

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 12:45 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:55 p.m.

Closed Session Report

Mr. Wilkins reported the Board was advised in Closed Session that one case was resolved by an Order and seven cases are currently being investigated.

Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Session meeting will be held at the office of the Board on January 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Denise Donica, Chair

Danielle Ward, Secretary/Treasurer