

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
MINUTES**

DATE: April 30, 2015

TIME: 10:00 AM CST

LOCATION: Poplar Conference Room  
665 Mainstream Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Burba, OT, Chair - Presiding Officer  
Anita Mitchell, OT, Secretary  
Louis Tucciarone Jr., OT  
Marilyn Franklin, OTA

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jewell Davis, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Sobowale, Board Director  
Lakita Taylor, Board Manager  
Zandra Pickett, Board Administrator  
Grant Mullins, Assistant General Counsel  
Nichelle Dorroh, Office of Investigations

**1. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Ms. Burba called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Election of officers**

Ms. Mitchell made a motion and Ms. Franklin seconded the motion to nominate Ms. Burba as President. By a unanimous vote, the Board voted to elect Ms. Amy Burba as Board President and Ms. Anita Mitchell as Board Secretary. Both accepted to serve in these respective roles on the Board.

**3. Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting. Ms. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

**4. Ratifications**

Ms. Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., to ratify the following list of newly-licensed occupational therapists, including occupational therapists with modalities, occupational therapy assistants, and reinstatements:

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

AARON MATTHEW THOMAS  
ADRIANNE NICOLE LEGO  
ALLISON SHEARER  
ASHLEY SAUCEMAN  
AVA MATHIS  
BLAKENEY RADER  
BRITTANY MUNGIN  
CAROL CALDWELL  
CASEY FISH  
CLAUDINE MOLINA  
DANIEL TODD DAVIS  
DIANE MARIE MURRAY  
DUSTIN SNOW  
ELIZABETH SIMMS  
ERIN PATRICIA ALEXANDER  
FARRAH LOWERY  
GABRIELLE ALCAZAREN  
GRACE PITTS  
HEATHER JOY WILLARD  
JACLYN LEIGH DOOLIN  
JENNIFER NEDRICH  
JILL HUELAT  
JOSEPH DAVID BEACH  
KAYLA MCCORD  
KELSEY LINDSTORM  
KERI TAYLOR  
KRISTEN BANKER  
LESLI SPARKMAN  
LINETTE SUE TRESLER  
LISA MARIE COCHRAN  
MADISON CARRICO  
MARGARET HUDSON  
MARY LOWE  
MARY WERNER  
MEGHAN DOOLEY  
MEREDITH LILLEY  
MICHELLE CHERI JACKSON  
MONICA LEA DRUEN  
NATLIE MARIE CHEMIN  
REBECCA ANN ROBB  
REBECCA WOODBURY

SARA JACOBSON  
SHANE TUCKER  
SHAYNA RATTLER  
STEPHANIE ANNE BLANCHARD  
TERRI LYNN ELLISON  
TIA DORCAS SNEED  
TIFFANY BROWN  
TIMOTHY MICHAEL JENKINS  
TODD LEWIS HANNA  
TRACIE GRAHAM  
VICTORIA MORSE  
VICTORIA LEE THOMASON  
ANGELA KAY NIER  
REBEKAH EDITH BEZIO  
MARIA DANIELLE HUST  
BROOKE MELANIE HULLETT  
AMANDA VON HALL  
JOURDAN BREANN HURD  
DANIEL WAYNE GRIDER  
ELAINE MARIE OTTO  
SHERRY MICHELLE ARNOLD  
JACOB LEE PHILLIPS  
MADISON ALEXANDRA MINOR  
MICHAEL ANNE BROWN  
SARAH KATHERINE SELLERS  
CHERITH JEAN MOORE  
TODD JUNG RIEFENBERG  
TAYLOR LEWIS  
SARAH ANDERSON-DANIELS  
CAITLIN ANNE ROCCO  
ANDREW GABRIEL KUREK  
MEGAN ELYSE PETERSON  
MORGAN NICOLE PEACOCK  
ADRIENNE ANNE WEST  
CASEY MELISSA SEMENIUK  
STACY GRIESHABER  
CHELSEA CELESTE WHATLEY  
SARAH BRODIE  
JENNIFER JOY CLONE  
ANGELA DENTON  
MADALYN JANE SANDTVEIT

ROBIN ANN ISAACS  
RYAN MICHAEL STORNES

HOLLY THOMAS

**REINSTATEMENTS: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

JAMIE HELEN JACKSON  
CHARLES BARNETT  
JADA WRIGHT  
KATHLENA LUFT  
RAJESH BALODHI  
WENDOLYN THOMAS  
MICHELE, GLATZ

AMY JELLEY  
DANIEL CRANE  
JENA COLLINS  
KIMBERLY HUGHES  
STACEY AUFFHAMMER  
KAYLA, ADAIR  
KAREN MANLEY

**MODALITY: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

NICOLETTE WINCHESTER  
BARBARA LEE TALBERT  
MEGAN CALLAHAN  
ELIZABETH MAGLIOZZI  
ERIN CRISWELL  
RACHEL BOEHRER  
ALYSSA MARIE DAVIS  
LAURA FOLEY  
CASEY FISH

JENNA LYNN ROOY  
LUCAS KENT MATTHEWS  
CANDICE LEI MOSS  
COURTNEY OZMENT  
LOREN KELSEY MALLARI  
BEVERLY STEVENS  
JESSI BRYANT  
JESSICA PRINCELL

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSISTANT**

AMBER NICOLE HENRY  
ALEIS HAWKINS  
ALEXANDRIA MORRISON  
AMANDA CAROL LAXTON  
CARLEE WINDHAM  
CAROLYN CARTER  
CHELSEY KINGSTON  
CRYSTAL LESHAYE WORD  
ELIZABETH BALLARD  
EMILY LAUREN GANN  
ERIK HANSEL  
HARMONY WILSON  
HEATHER YOAKUM  
HEIDI CATO  
JASMINE STONEWALL  
JASON PACK  
JESSICA MARIE BULKHAK  
JORDAN LINDAUER  
CHRISTINE MASON

KARA WALLS  
KAREN PHILBROOK  
KATHRYN MORRISON  
KRISTA TRACEY  
KRISTEN LEIGH INGRAM  
LENNA AIRD  
LINDSAY GRAHAM  
MARY AMANDA CURRY  
MATTHEW JOSEPH CECILIO  
MEGAN HEAVERIN  
PRECIOUS PYLES  
PRECIOUS THOMAS  
SHAMEIL GATHING  
SHARON BELLAMY  
STRALENE BURKETT  
TIMOTHY MICHAEL CONNOLLY  
TRACIE OSULLIVAN  
TRACY HUME

**REINSTATEMENTS: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSISTANT**

LAUREN GRATZ  
PAMELA K SMITH  
MARILYN IRWIN

DANIEL CROCKETT  
JENNIFER DENNIS

**MODALITY: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSISTANT**

TAMMY CLARK  
SHALONDA JONES  
THOMAS WYWROT  
JESSICA BASAR  
MICHELLE WYRICK

AMANDA GARRISON  
CHRISTINA SCHMITT  
PAUL BROWN  
KRISTI TOLLETT

**5. Office of General Counsel**

**Consent Order – Nikki Roberts, OT License No. 2303**

Grant Mullins, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order of Nikki Roberts, OT. The Findings of Facts are as follows:

Mrs. Roberts was seen leaving the facility and not clocking out; also she documented treatments in patient's charts that she had not seen while she was away from the facility. She admitted to this violation.

Mr. Mullins presented the following stipulations of the Consent Order:

- 1) Mrs. Roberts' license will be on probation for one (1) year, effective immediately upon ratification of this Order by the Board.
- 2) Mrs. Roberts must complete ten (10) hours of continuing education courses related to ethics, in addition to any and all continuing education course requirements to complete, in order to maintain an active license.
- 3) Mrs. Roberts will be assessed a Type B Civil Penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

Ms. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to accept the Consent Order as presented by Mr. Mullins. The motion carried.

## **OGC REPORT**

Mr. Mullins presented the following OGC report:

- A. Litigation  
There were no orders to be presented for ratification.
- B. Legislation  
There was no new legislation to report.
- C. Rules  
There were no pending rules for presentation.
- D. Agreed Citations

Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Burba, seconded by Ms. Franklin, to approve the following Agreed Citations:

### LAUREN VADEN, OTA #1835

Mrs. Vaden agreed to pay civil penalties in the amount of \$100.00 for failing to obtain twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education during the 2013/2014 continuing education cycle.

### MARY CARR, OT #4099

Mrs. Carr agreed to pay civil penalties in the amount of \$100.00 for failing to obtain twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education during the 2013/2014 continuing education cycle.

### KIRSTY LIVINGSTON, OT #3407

Mrs. Livingston agreed to pay civil penalties in the amount of \$100.00 for failing to obtain twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education during the 2013/2014 continuing education cycle.

Upon review by the board, Ms. Mitchell made a motion to accept the Agreed Citations as presented, and it was seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr. The motion carried.

## **6. Investigation and Disciplinary Reports**

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh, Disciplinary Coordinator, presented the report from the Office of Investigations. There are currently six (6) complaints being investigated and the next review is scheduled for June, 2015. There were four (4) being monitored in which two (2) are currently compliant, one (1) is in the AG's office for further collections, and one (1) is still being worked on in the complaint process.

**7. TnPAP Report**

Mr. Michael Harkreader, Executive Director, TnPAP, presented the report for the period of July 1, 2014 through March 30, 2015. There is no practitioner being monitored at this time and one practitioner successfully completed the program during this period.

**8. Financial Report**

Representative from the division’s financial office was not presented due to a schedule conflict. The financial report was reviewed by board members.

**9. Applicant File Review**

Denni Boyd, OTA - Mrs. Boyd is seeking licensure by reciprocity as an occupational therapy assistant. Mrs. Boyd has been disciplined by the Occupational Therapy Board of Virginia. Mrs. Boyd was present. The record showed that Mrs. Boyd is currently compliant with all requirements of the Virginia board order. After interview and discussion, Mr. Tucciarone Jr. made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to approve Mrs. Boyd for licensure.

The motion carried.

**10. Administrative Report**

Zandra Pickett, Board Administrator, presented the Administrative report. Currently there are 2459 Occupational Therapy and 1290 Occupational Therapy Assistant active licenses as of April 24, 2015.

**LICENSURE STATUS TOTALS FOR THE MONTHS OF  
NOVEMBER 7, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 24, 2015**

<b>Occupational Therapists</b>	
New Applications Received - 81	
New Licenses Issued – 85	Renewal Total- 472
Reinstatements – 14	Online Renewals- 354
Licenses Retired - 7	Paper Renewals- 118
Failed to Renew/Expired - 32	
<b>Occupational Therapist Assistants</b>	
New Applications Received - 35	
New Licenses Issued - 37	Renewal Total- 235
Reinstatements - 5	Online Renewals- 186
Licenses Retired - 11	Paper Renewals- 49
Failed to Renew/Expired - 25	

For this reporting period, online renewals for Occupational Therapists constituted a usage rate of 74 %. For Occupational Therapist Assistants, online renewals constituted a usage rate of 78 %.

### **TSAC ORDERS**

For this reporting period, currently four (4) Occupational Therapists licenses were suspended due to educational loan Default Orders issued by Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC).

### **CE AUDIT**

For this reporting period, 26 Occupational Therapists audited ~~at~~ were 100% compliant and 14 Occupational Therapy Assistants audited ~~at~~ were 93% compliant.

### **Board Members**

Mrs. Pickett welcomed the newly-appointed board members, Ms. Anita Mitchell and Mr. Louis Tucciarone Jr., to the Board of Occupational Therapy. She thanked the Board Members for allowing Board Administrative staff to attend the AOTA 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo held in Nashville; TN. She also briefed the Board members on how effective the TN Board of Occupational Therapy exhibit booth was at the conference. Ms. Amy Burba, the presiding officer thanked board staff for attending the conference.

Mr. Sobowale discussed the Conflicts of Interest policy and advised the Board Members to sign the policy. He also discussed the grant amendment from TnPap and a copy of this amendment was provided to each Board member for review.

## **11. Correspondence**

### **A. Substitute of Modality Treatment**

Mrs. Sara Cobb requested a waiver from the board to substitute another treatment in place of Iontophoresis, due to her clinic does not use it or document her understanding of clinic implications/treatment administration/contraindications. The Board reviewed correspondence from Mrs. Cobb and after discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., to deny her request to substitute Modality Treatment, due to this treatment may be required at another clinic. The motion carried.

### **B. Extension to 2 year Modality Requirement**

Mrs. Susan McDonald requested an extension on the two year requirements for Modality for the students in University of Tennessee State Chattanooga or for the board to reconsider the requirements of the two year requirements for Modality for the students, due to the school's program being longer than two years. The Board reviewed the correspondence from Mrs. McDonald and after discussion; a motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to recommend that a Declaratory Order request be submitted by Mrs. McDonald to the Board on her request for extension to the 2 year modality requirement. The motion carried.

C. Request to Perform Pelvic Floor Exam

Mrs. Kelly Kittrell-Davis requested to perform an internal (digital) exam, if proof is provided on her training and competency in pelvic floor skills. The Board discussed correspondence from Mrs. Davis and after discussion; a motion was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., to recommend that Mrs. Davis consult legal counsel on this matter; due to the fact that this is not a common area of training for Occupational Therapists. The motion carried.

D. Request for Medical Waiver to Reinstate License

Mrs. Lori Martin requests a medial wavier for CE requirement to reinstate her license to return to work. The Board discussed correspondence from Mrs. Martin and after discussion; a motion was made by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, for the board to approve Mrs. Martin to provide proof of missing continuing education requirements at the next audit and for her license to be reinstated immediately. The motion carried.

E. Request for Exception to the Rule on Modality

Mrs. Dinah Ramsey requests an exception to the board's rules on the two year requirement for modality due to her misunderstanding of the rule. The Board discussed correspondence from Mrs. Ramsey and after discussion; a motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., for the board to deny her request to be granted an exception to the rules on Modality. The motion carried.

F. Request for Exception to the Rule on Modality

Mrs. Gwen Gentry (Potash) requests an exception to the board's rules on the two year requirement for modality due to being unable to finish the requirements for lack of supervision. The Board discussed correspondence from Mrs. Gentry and after discussion; a motion was by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., for the board to deny her request to be granted an exception to the rules on Modality. The motion carried.

G. Correspondence on Ethics

Ms. Mary Klopfenstein requests an advice from the Board on professional ethics question pertaining to her responsibility in a position. The question posed was, "Is it proper and ethically sound for her to evaluate a patient as an OT in the role as a rehab liaison when the purpose of the rehab liaison was to qualify the patient for admission and OT performance of the required services or should that evaluative service be



performed by a third party? Ms. Klopfenstein felt acting in this role could constitute a conflict of interest. The Board discussed the correspondence from Mrs. Klopfenstein and after discussion; a motion was made by Mr. Tucciarone Jr., seconded by Mrs. Franklin, for the board to recommend that Ms. Klopfenstein obtain legal advice on this matter. The motion carried.

#### National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

Shaun Conway, Director of Credentialing Services for NBCOT made a presentation on various updates to their website and programs put in place by NBCOT to enhance the operations of State Regulatory Boards. He provided information on various tools available to the state boards to decrease their application processing times and provide training and education for Occupational Therapists in their profession.

#### **12. Adjournment**

There being no other business or further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.

**These minutes were ratified by the Board at the August 20, 2015 meeting.**