

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
MINUTES**

DATE: April 21, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM CST

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Adriaanse, Board Chair  
Jeremiah Cline, Secretary  
James Claxton, Board Member  
Callon Baggett, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Noranda French, Unit Director 2  
Mary Bennett, Board Manager  
Sabrina Craig-Boyd, Board Administrator 2  
Anahi Juarez, Board Administrator 1  
Michael Varnell, Senior Associate General Counsel, OGC  
Barbara Granum, Office of Investigations

GUESTS: Teresa Phillips, Executive Director, TNPAP Director

**Call to Order**

A roll call of Board Members was initiated, by Sabrina Craig-Boyd, Board Administrator. With a quorum present, the meeting started at 9:00 a.m.

### **Rule Making Hearing**

Mr. Varnell with the Office of General Counsel presented the Board with Notice of Rulemaking for ratification. A roll call was taken and with all members present, Ms. Baggett made a motion to accept the rule changes as presented. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1150-02	General Rules Governing the Practice of Occupational Therapy
Rule Number	Rule Title
1150-02-.01	Definitions
1150-02-.02	Scope of Practice
1150-02-.03	Necessity of Licensure
1150-02-.04	Qualifications for Licensure
1150-02-.05	Procedures for Licensure
1150-02-.06	Fees
1150-02-.07	Application Review, Approval and Denial
1150-02-.08	Examinations
1150-02-.09	Renewal of License
1150-02-.10	Supervision
1150-02-.11	Retirement and Reactivation of License
1150-02-.12	Continued Competence
1150-02-.13	Advertising
1150-02-.14	Limited Permit
1150-02-.15	Disciplinary Actions, Civil Penalties, and Screening Panels
1150-02-.16	Duplicate License
1150-02-.17	Change of Name and/Or Address
1150-02-.18	Mandatory Release of Client Records
1150-02-.19	Board Meetings, Officers, Consultants, Records and Declaratory Orders
1150-02-.20	Consumer Right-To-Know Requirements
1150-02-.21	Dry Needling to the Upper Limb
1150-02-.22	Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Mr. Varnell presented the Board with the Economic Impact Statement and Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for ratification. Ms. Baggett made a motion to accept the Economic Impact Statement. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Baggett made a motion to accept the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for ratification. Mr. Adriaanse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Ratification of Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2025**

Ms. Baggett made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the February 6, 2025, meeting. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Office of General Counsel**

Michael Varnell, with the Office of General Counsel presented the OGC Report.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether a need for recusal exists. This is true whether the matter relates to a contested case, a rulemaking decision, an application, or any other matter before the Board. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Board to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

### **RULES**

Project # 23-0425: These rules amend current rules to comply and align with statutory requirements regarding applicant, certification, supervision, continuing competence, and training requirements for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The rules elaborate on the application process for certification of dry needling of the upper limb. These rules also add a new section regarding the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, which was adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly and effective April 2022. This rule packet also contains a portion of the retrospective rule review changes pursuant to 2021 Public Chapter 328. A rulemaking hearing will be held for this rule packet at the April 2025 board meeting.

### **LITIGATION**

#### **PENDING LITIGATION**

As of this Report, the total number of Occupational Therapists being monitored for discipline is **6**.

- The total number on reprimand is 1.
- The total number on probation is 3.
- The total number of suspensions is 0.
- The total number that has had their license revoked or surrendered is 1.

As of this Report, the total number of Occupational Therapists Assistants being monitored for discipline is **8**.

- The total number on reprimand is 0.
- The total number on probation is 0.
- The total number on suspension is 2.
- The total number that has had their license revoked or surrendered is 6.

#### **APPEALS**

None.

#### **CIVIL SUITS**

None.

## LEGISLATION

None.

### Consent Order:

Jones, Taylor OT6268

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### **I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT**

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1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as an occupational therapist in the State of Tennessee, having first been granted license number 6268 by the Board on May 24, 2019, which has a current expiration date of July 31, 2026.
2. Respondent's occupational therapy license expired on July 31, 2022. From August 2022 to December 2024, Respondent worked as an occupational therapist while her license was expired.

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### **II. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE**

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The facts stipulated to in the Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Occupational and Physical Therapy Act for which disciplinary action before and by the Board of Occupational Therapy is authorized:

3. The facts stipulated in paragraphs 1 through 2, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-13-209(a)(2):

Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this part or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of this state;

4. The facts stipulated in paragraphs 1 through 2, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN.

CODE ANN. § 63-13-209(a)(16):

Any other unprofessional or unethical conduct that may be specified by the rules duly published and promulgated by the board or the violation of any provision of this part;

5. The facts stipulated in paragraphs 1 through 2, *supra*, constitute a violation of TENN.

CODE ANN. § 63-13-211(a):

It is unlawful for any person to violate this part. It is unlawful for any person who is not licensed under this part as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant or whose license has been suspended or revoked...indicating or implying that the person is an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy

assistant or who in any way, orally, in writing, in print or by sign, directly or by implication, claims to be an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant.

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#### IV. ORDER

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**NOW THEREFORE**, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

6. The Tennessee occupational therapy license of Taylor Jones, license number 6268, is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
7. Additionally, Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-1-134 and TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. Rule 1150-02-.15(5)(b), twenty-seven (27) Type "C" Civil Penalties, representative of twenty-seven (27) months of unlicensed practice<sup>1</sup>. These Civil Penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, for a total Civil Penalty of **Two thousand seven hundred Dollars (\$2,700.00)**.

- Mr. Adriaanse made a motion to accept the Consent Order as presented. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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## **Applicant Interviews**

Chelsey Moore OTA Applicant- Ms. Moore's application for licensure was brought before the Board for approval. Ms. Moore graduated from an accredited OTA program but did not practice as an OTA in any state since graduating in 2019. Previous motion awarded Ms. Moore with a Limited Permit for 90 days. Ms. Moore's application has been brought back to the Board for approval of full licensure. Ms. Baggett made a motion to approve full licensure for Ms. Moore. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **TNPAP Report**

Ms. Teresa Phillips, with TN Professional Assistance Program, presented the Board with the TNPAP report.



### **Board of Occupational Therapy Activity Report July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025**

			OT	OTA	
<b>Monitoring</b>			1	0	
	<b>Monitoring Type</b>				
		Regulatory	1	0	B. Wright
		Non-Regulatory	0	0	
<b>Referrals</b>			0	0	
<b>Agreements Activated</b>			0	0	
<b>Discharges</b>			0	0	



## **Ratification List**

Board of Occupational Therapy  
Ratification  
January 23, 2025 through April 9, 2025

### **Newly Licensed Occupational Therapist**

Al-Darazy, Jennifer  
Birkholz, Austin  
Borcheller, Lisa  
Buckley, Miracle  
Daniels, Cheyenne  
Dye, Denni  
Fields, Camryn  
Fisher, Katherine  
Frayre, Cheyanne  
Fregeau, Laura  
Goddard, Erin  
Graalman, Beth  
Gray, Kelsi  
Grissett, Julie  
Gumm, Madison  
Hall, Patience  
Hamilton, Lisa  
Henegar, Marlie  
Holt, Kennedy  
Janoyan, Miriam  
Lathem, Ella  
Lee, Hannah  
Lucas, Kecia  
Marihugh, Kaylee  
Mayhugh, Brianna  
McNett, Andrew  
McPhee, Carter  
Mosby, Mary  
Neiman, Megan  
O'Donnell-Swain, Meghan  
Patterson, Amanda  
Philip, Anne  
Rabello, Meghan  
Saltmarsh, Kaylee  
Saunders-Rueter, Caitlin  
Snodgrass, Margarite  
Thompkins, Cammie  
Vicars, Shenoah Jade  
Wicks, Victoria  
Wilbert, Sydney  
Wu Xinye  
Yousif, Setena

### **Reinstated Occupational Therapist**

Berman, Cassie  
Blood, Rachel  
O'Hara, Jodi  
Rampy, Susan  
Scammerhorn, Katherine

### **Closed Applications**

Griffith, Mckenzie  
McNett, Andrew

**Newly Licensed Occupational Therapy Asst.**

Clark, Ashley  
Ditanjian, Erica  
Dlugokinski, Joseph  
Gajes, Chaves  
Gelinas, Delia  
Hatiwanger, Dallas  
Kertz, Kelly  
Kuszlyk, Kayla  
Lane, Sara  
Link, Gracyn  
Littlejohn-Bogus, Sarah  
McWilliams, Rylee  
Morrell, Jennifer  
Navis, Valerie  
Watts, Kimberly

**Modality**

**OT**

BATCHELOR ERICA  
SMITH TARABETH  
SMITH ALLYNANOEL  
SNOWDUSTIN  
CHARLES  
HUNT NATALIE BROWN  
MCCLELLAN EMMA  
MOORE LINDSAY  
LEANNE  
STRUTHERS KELLY  
STORNES MEGHAN

**OTA**

YAWN SUSANNA GRACE  
OYLER JACOB  
MONTGOMERY ZOE  
MADELINE  
MORRIS MORGAN ELIZABETH

**Reinstated Occupational Therapy Asst.**

Yager, Ashley

**Closed Application**

Cherry, Camilia  
Edwards, Paige  
Gibson, Brooke  
Spearhawk, Suzannah  
Washintgon, Shneka

Mr. Cline made a motion to ratify the list of Newly Licensed Occupational Therapist. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Cline made a motion to ratify the list of Reinstated Occupational Therapist. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse made a motion to ratify the list of Closed OT Applications. Ms. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried

Mr. Cline made a motion to ratify the list of Newly Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants. Mr. Adriaanse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Cline made a motion to ratify the list of Reinstated Occupational Therapy Assistants. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse made a motion to ratify the list of Closed OTA Applications. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse made a motion to ratify the list of OT Modality Applications. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Cline made a motion to ratify the list of OTA Modality Applications. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Administrative Report**

#### **BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ADMINISTRATOR REPORT April 24, 2025**

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This is an administrative report from Sabrina Craig-Boyd, Board Administrator. The information contained in this report will keep the Board aware of all essential activities pertaining to licensure for Occupational Therapist.

### **STATISTICAL DATA**

As of April 9, 2025, the Board of Occupational Therapy has **3858** active Occupational Therapist and **1817** Occupational Therapy Assistants

#### **LICENSURE STATUS TOTALS FROM THE MONTHS OF January 23, 2025-April 9, 2025**

<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST</b>	
Total applications received – 542	
New licenses issued – 42	Renewal Total – 326
Reinstatements – 5	Online Renewals – 285
Limited Permit –	Paper Renewals – 41
Licenses Retired – 6	Percentage using online- 87 %

Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees – 42	
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT</b>	
Total applications received – 243	
New licenses issued – 15	Renewal Total – 169
Reinstatements –1	Online Renewals – 156
Limited Permit – 2	Paper Renewals – 13
License Retired- 2	Percentage using online- 92
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees – 26	

### **Upcoming Board Meeting Dates**

July 24, 2025

October 16, 2025

### **INTERNET**

The Board's internet website is an excellent location to find valuable board information for licensees and applicants. Please visit the site at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ot-board.html>. Should you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact the Board at 615.741.3807.

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### **Agreed Citation**

Barker, Stephaine OT3792	CEU Violation
Cole, Marcy OT4414	CEU Violation
Daley, Tangelia OTA2924	CEU Violation
Daymude, Dana OT2757	CEU Violation
Marple, Claire OT4977	CEU Violation
Morales, Jacquelyn OTA2412	CEU Violation
Pressley, Susan OT1395	CEU Violation
Watson, Shane OT5757	CEU Violation

Mr. Cline made a motion to accept the agreed citations as presented. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Logan Herndon with the TNOTA presented the Board with additional information on their request to allow continuing education credit for licensees who participate in their Mentoring Program. The Board nominated James Claxton to work with the TNOTA and Mr. Varnell on the TNOTA's proposal. Mr. Cline made the nomination; Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ariana Musolino requested an extension or alternative methods to complete CEU hours for the 2023-2025 audit period. Mr. Adriaanse made a motion to allow an additional six(6) months to complete 12-LIVE hours of CEU. Ms. Baggett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Old and New Business**

OT Compact Fees-Ms. Baggett made a motion to adopt a one-hundred-dollar (\$100) fee for the OT Compact. Mr. Adriaanse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Baggett made a motion, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43am. Mr. Adriaanse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AT THE JULY 24, 2025 BOARD MEETING.**