

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

DATE: February 8, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM CST

LOCATION: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Dr, 1st Floor
Nashville TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Adriaanse, Board Chair
James Claxton, Board Member
Jeremiah Cline, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Larry Goings, Citizen Member

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 9:15 a.m.

Ratification of Minutes

Mr. Claxton made a motion, to accept minutes from the October 26, 2023. 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

The Office of General Counsel presented proposed redline changes the Occupational Therapy Rules during the July 6, 2023, meeting. The changes included updates to rules in order to align with statute, as well as changes based upon the retrospective rule review. The Board approved the proposed redlines and the rule changes are making their way through the rulemaking process.

LITIGATION

PENDING LITIGATION

As of this Report, the total number of Occupational Therapists being monitored for discipline is **5**.

- 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.

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, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

			OT	OTA
Monitoring			0	0
	Monitoring Type			
		Regulatory	0	0
		Non-Regulatory	0	0
Referrals			2	0
	Referral Source			
		TDH Board Order	2	0
	Referral Reason			
		Arrest	2	0
Agreements Activated			0	0
Discharges			0	0

Ratification List

Board of Occupational Therapy **Ratification List** **October 12, 2023 – January 24, 2024**

New Occupational Therapist

Alissandrello, Mikayla
Armstrong, Aubree
Bender, Caitlin
Blanton, Shelby
Bostic, Crystal
Brandon, Courtney
Buchanan, Cara
Cantrell, Katelyn
Carls, Kara
Contreras, Kristen
Cornett, Katelyn
Courter, Cecelia
Cundall, Corey
Denney, Jared
Deriemacker, Emily
Dickson, Madeline
Dimarco, Frank
Dinnes, Sarah
Donatelli, Emma
Evans, Morgan
Funtanar, Marlou
Galler, Madeana
Gauchat, Aubree
Gipson, Allie
Hachtel, Kristen
Halterman, Christian
Harris, Blasia
Hubbard, Carlton
Jenkins, Kaitlyn
Knupp, payton
Maggart, Taylor
Maxwell, Kayla
McCluskey, Diane
McGuire, Michaela
McNichol, Katherine
Miller, Karsten
Morel, Mercedes
Mull, Jenny

Price, Larissa
Robinette, Meredith
Rustad, Lauren
Schwam, Rachel
Shearer, Molly
Sherman, Christopher
Shinder, Melissa
Shockley, Ashley
Strawn, Sophie
Swoyer, Christina
Torrence, Bryn
Tripp, Haley
Tunnell, Kyle
Underwood, Ashley
Varner, Gennifer
Watson, Mabry
Willoughby, Anna
Wilz, Dakota
Youngs, Matney
Pirwani, Alishah

Reinstated Occupational Therapist

Brown, Scarlet
Buono, Amanda
Hout, Jennifer
Kidd, Nyda
Maxwell, Payton
Mello, Madeline
Natour, Anthony
Reynolds, Carolyn
Thompson, Toni

OT Modality

Campbell, Kaley
Edwards-Pittman, Emilie
Ferguson, Kelsey
Gonder, Julia
Hanson, Hailey
Madewell, Nekia
Patel, Pooja
Robbins, Madeline
Savolidis, Nikolas
Simpson, Hunter
Williams, Emylee
Woods, Chrsitina

Closed OT Applications

Albers, Jason
Deprimo, Jessica
Gibson, Katherine
Stainbrook, Dina
Walton, Maia

Murphy, Rachel
Navarro, Katelynn
Ortiz-Delgado, Janessa
Petersen, Kiera
Phillips, Michala
Pillay, Cassie

New Occupational Therapy Asst.

Aarup, Shanon
Baker, Zachary
Benitez, Chelsea
Boan, Courtney
Brewington, Carrie
Cochran, Shayna
Cosey, Katheryn
Davis, Emily
Deprimo, Jessica
Dickens, Tyler
Frazer, Dreanna
Gibson, Katherine
Gordon, Rashad
Harrison, Anna
Heath, Sydney
Janes, Alisha
Kelley, John
Kerr, Allyson
Lambertucci, Lauren
Minshall, Molli
Paulino, Princes
Pinkerman, Haley
Santini, Sophia
Shores, Amiya
Spencer, Victoria
Webb, Grace
Zampogna, Joseph

Reinstated Occupational Therapy Asst

Antonelli, Patricia
Baird, Linda
Costley, Jennifer
Ford, Desaray
Honeysucker, Erin

Closed OTA Applications

Thomas, Sophia

Mr. Cline made a motion to approve the newly licensed Occupational Therapist. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion Carried.

Mr. Cline made a motion to approve the reinstated Occupational Therapist. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Claxton made a motion to accept the list of Occupational Therapists receiving modality credential. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Claxton made a motion to accept the list closed Occupational Therapy applications. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Claxton made a motion to accept the list of newly licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Claxton made a motion to accept the list of reinstated Occupational Therapy Assistants. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Claxton made a motion to accept the list closed Occupational Therapy Assistant applications. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Ms. Craig-Boyd presented the board with the Administrative Report.

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
February 8, 2024**

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 January 24, 2024, the Board of Occupational Therapy has 3722 active Occupational Therapist and 1826 Occupational Therapy Assistants

**LICENSURE STATUS TOTALS FROM THE MONTHS OF
October 12, 2023- January 24, 2024**

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	
Total applications received – 698	
New licenses issued – 64	Renewal Total – 489
Reinstatements – 9	Online Renewals – 461
Limited Permit – 0	Paper Renewals – 28
Licenses Retired – 9	Percentage using online- 94%
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees – 45	
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	
Total applications received – 333	
New licenses issued – 27	Renewal Total –204
Reinstatements – 5	Online Renewals – 192
Limited Permit – 0	Paper Renewals – 12
License Retired- 5	Percentage using online- 94%
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees – 29	

Board Travel

All Board related travel has been suspended until June 30, 2024. Decision for travel after June will be made in the new fiscal year.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

April 25, 2024
July 25, 2024
October 24, 2024

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.

Correspondence

- A. Sivyler, Lindsey-Mr. Cline made a motion to deny Ms. Sivyler's request to waive the Suicide Prevention course. Course must be completed by December 31, 2024. Mr. Claxton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. Regarding S2C-The Board declined to make a motion on this request but instead encouraged the requestor to direct their concerns to the relevant school system. The Board also encouraged the requestor to file a complaint with the Health Related Boards complaints department.
- C. Herndon, Logan- The Board declined to make a motion on this request but instead directed the requestor to refer to Rule -1150-02-.12 addressing continuing competency requirements.
- D. Reffner, Kim-The Board declined to make- a motion on this request but instead encouraged the requestor to direct their questions to THEC and ACOTE for questions regarding accreditation.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cline made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am. Mr. Claxton seconded the motion. The motion passed, meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AT THE AUGUST 22, 2024 BOARD MEETING.