

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

DATE: October 7, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM CST

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Newbern, Board Chair
Anita Tisdale, Board Secretary
Allen Adriaanse, Board Member
Hollie Simpson, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Larry Goings

STAFF PRESENT: Noranda French, Unit Director
Mary V. Bennett, Board Manager
Lara Gill, Senior Associate General Counsel
Elizabeth Danler, Disciplinary Coordinator
Sabrina Craig-Boyd, Board Administrator

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 9:00am.

Minutes

After a review of the July 29, 2021 minutes, a correction was made to board member attendance. Mr. Adriaanse, made a motion, to approve the minutes with correction of attendance, Ms. Tisdale, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Lara Gill, Senior Associate General Counsel, presented the board with the Office of General Counsel report which begins with the Conflict-of-Interest Statement.

Ms. Gill reported there no appeals from board disciplinary action. There is an interlocutory appeal on the case that was previously set for hearing before the Board on July 29-30, 2021.

Pending Complaints

As of September 27, 2021, there are four (4) outstanding disciplinary complaints. Three (3) of these complaints involve occupational therapists, and one (1) occupational therapy assistant. Following a case review with an OT Board Consultant on September 24, 2021, I will be bringing another six (6) cases over to the Office of General Counsel.

Rules

The rule changes involving removal of iontophoresis and the addition of suicide prevention training are filed with the Secretary of State's office where they will need to sit for 60 days before becoming permanent. Once they become permanent, the new rules will need to be published on the OT Board website.

The rules task force for dry needling to the upper limb met on September 15, 2021. The task force currently consists of Mr. Adriaanse, Ms. Peggy Haas, Ms. French, OT Board Administrative staff and me, the Board Attorney. The next task force meeting is October 13, 2021. *See also LEGISLATION, SB1072/HB1275* below.

SB01072/HB1275 was signed into law on April 13, 2021. It changes to the practice of occupational therapy, including diagnosis ability and dry needling of the upper limb. It specifically authorizes telehealth practice for occupational therapists and physical therapists. This law now permits an occupational therapist to make an occupational therapy treatment diagnosis, mirroring what already exists for physical therapists (i.e., physical therapy treatment diagnosis). This change provides occupational therapists with some diagnosis authority, possibly providing an avenue for direct access. This law also adds dry needling "to the upper limb" to the scope of occupational therapy practice, defining "upper limb" as the "hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder girdle." Occupational therapists wishing to dry needle to the upper limb must have the necessary training to safely engage in this practice. Thus, the Board of Occupational Therapy is working to establish minimum competency requirements. Finally, this law authorizes occupational therapists and physical therapists to practice telehealth.

Vote on Rule Change

Rule 1150-02-.12 Continued Competence is being amended by deleting the introductory paragraph, but not the rule, in its entirety and substitution instead the following language:

On January 1, 2006, the Board shall begin to notify applicants for licensure renewal of the continued competence requirements as provided in T.C.A. § 63-13-204(d). Effective **January 1, 2021**, the Board shall require each licensed occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant to participate in a minimum number of activities to promote continued competence during the twenty-four (24) months that precede the licensure renewal month. The renewal cycle will begin the first day of the licensee's birthday month and continue to the last day of the month preceding the licensee's birthday month.

Ms. Tisdale, made motion, to change the effective date of Rule 1150-02-.12 from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022. Mr. Adriaanse, seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Mr. Adriaanse, aye, Ms. Newbern, aye, Ms. Tisdale, aye, and Ms. Simpson, aye. The motion carried.

Investigative and Disciplinary Reports

Ms. Elizabeth Danler was present to give the Office of Investigations October 2021 Disciplinary Report for the Board of Occupational Therapy.

Summary of Currently Monitored Providers: This report provides the total number of licensees currently being monitored for discipline. These numbers include the licensee who have been reprimanded, are on probation, have had their licenses suspended, revoked, or have surrendered due to a disciplinary board order.

Total number of Occupational Therapists being monitored for discipline: 5

Total number of Occupational Therapy Assistants being monitored for discipline: 6

Board Statistical Complaint Report:

OT-

New Complaints Opened	6
Total Closed Complaints	1
Currently Open Complaints	9
Falsification of Records	1
Unprofessional Conduct	4
Outside Scope	1

OTA-

New Complaints Opened	2
Total Closed Complaints	0
Currently Open Complaints	9
Falsification of Records	1
Lapsed License	1

Division of Health Licensure and Regulations

Matthew McSpadden was present to give the TN Board of Occupational Therapy Preliminary Year End 2021 Financial Report.

Tennessee Board of Occupational Therapy
Actual Revenue and Expenditures
for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021

Acct. Code	Description	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
701	Salaries & Wages	\$ 101,858.51	\$ 72,203.70	\$ 44,000.66
702	Employee Benefits	\$ 24,973.75	\$ 22,458.34	\$ 16,784.37
Payroll Expenditures (701-702)		\$ 126,832.26	\$ 94,662.04	\$ 60,785.03
703	Travel	\$ 718.99	\$ 4,642.78	\$ 9,116.37
704	Printing & Duplicating	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
705	Utilities & Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
706	Communications	\$ 2,745.76	\$ 3,162.35	\$ 2,768.29
707	Maintenance & Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
708	Prof. Svc. & Dues	\$ 12,331.88	\$ 5,818.47	\$ 6,057.31
709	Supplies & Materials	\$ 16.86	\$ 1,409.99	\$ -
710	Rentals & Insurance	\$ -	\$ 266.48	\$ -
711	Motor Vehicle Ops.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
712	Awards & Indemnities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
713	Grants & Subsidies	\$ 14,740.38	\$ 14,724.82	\$ 16,141.55
714	Unclassified	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
715	Stores for Resale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
716	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
717	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
718	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
721	Training of State Employees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,503.00
722	Computer Related Items	\$ 89.60	\$ 23.05	\$ 115.25
725	State Prof. Svcs.	\$ 9,678.33	\$ 5,947.29	\$ 4,900.46
Total Other Expenditures (703-725)		\$ 40,321.80	\$ 35,995.23	\$ 40,602.23
Total Direct Expenditures		\$ 167,154.06	\$ 130,657.27	\$ 101,387.26
Allocated Expenditures				
	Administration	\$ 47,362.20	\$ 40,976.02	\$ 36,776.91
	Investigations	\$ 28,121.23	\$ 34,361.61	\$ 28,124.82
	Legal	\$ 72,819.10	\$ 47,021.40	\$ 32,184.13
	Cash Office	\$ 1,328.23	\$ 1,351.64	\$ 2,302.01
Total Allocated Expenditures		\$ 149,630.76	\$ 123,710.67	\$ 99,387.87
Total Expenditures		\$ 316,784.82	\$ 254,367.94	\$ 200,775.13
Board Fee Revenue		\$ 237,043.93	\$ 230,139.73	\$ 218,669.39
Current Year Net		\$ (79,740.89)	\$ (24,228.21)	\$ 17,894.26
Technology Improvements				
	LARS Improvements	\$ 12,288.02	\$ 1,733.81	\$ 8,128.32
	Visual Investigator	\$ 934.12	\$ 37,331.79	\$ -
Total Technology Improvements		\$ 13,222.14	\$ 39,065.61	\$ 8,128.32
Cumulative Carryover		\$ 310,067.55	\$ 403,030.58	\$ 466,324.39

Tennessee Board of Occupational Therapy					
Analysis of Operating Expenditures and Carryover Balance					
FY2018 Operating Expenditures					\$ 161,903.44
FY2019 Operating Expenditures					\$ 200,775.13
FY2020 Operating Expenditures					<u>\$ 254,367.94</u>
3 Year Average of the Annual Operating Expenditures					\$ 205,682.17
2 Times 3 Year Average of the Annual Operating Expenditures					<u>\$ 411,364.34</u>
2020 Cumulative Carryover Balance					\$ 403,030.58
FY2019 Operating Expenditures					\$ 200,775.13
FY2020 Operating Expenditures					\$ 254,367.94
FY2021 Operating Expenditures					<u>\$ 316,784.82</u>
3 Year Average of the Annual Operating Expenditures					\$ 257,309.30
2 Times 3 Year Average of the Annual Operating Expenditures					<u>\$ 514,618.59</u>
2021 Cumulative Carryover Balance					\$ 310,067.55

TNPAP

Teresa Phillips, Executive Director of TNPAP, presented the report from TNPAP from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. There were no occupational therapists monitored during this time frame TNPAP is currently monitoring one (1) OTA. There have been no referrals, no agreements activated, and no discharges.

Ratification List

Ms. Tisdale, made motion, to ratify the names of newly licensed Occupational Therapist. Ms. Simpson, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse, made motion, to ratify the names of reinstated Occupational Therapist. Ms. Simpson, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse, made motion, to ratify the names of newly licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants. Ms. Tisdale, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse, made motion, to ratify the names of reinstated Occupational Therapy Assistants. Ms. Tisdale, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Mr. Adriaanse, made motion, to ratify the names of newly licensed Modality Applicants. Ms. Tisdale, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Ms. Tisdale, made motion, to ratify the closed applications. Ms. Simpson, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Board of Occupational Therapy Ratification July 17, 2021-September 24, 2021

Newly license Occupational Therapist

Adams, Katherine
Alexandersen, Christine
Allen, Haley
Amodio, Traci
Anziano, Victoria
Balis, Tatianna
Beaver, Melinda
Bien, Stephanie
Brady, Rachel
Bridges, Tessa
Broyles, Savannah
Buckner, Logan
Butler, Brittany
Byrne, Katelyn
Campbell, Kaley
Casey, Anayston
Chancey, Anna
Ciorra, Kristin
Cobb, Erica
Connelley, Kelly
Crossley, Levi
Culpepper, Madison
Dos Santos, Erin
Farris, Christina

Hutchison, Brittany
Iyer, Isha
James, Katelyn
Khiantani, Serena
Kirschke, Pamela
Kohen, Jordyn
Kresge, Lauren
Landreth, Kelli
Leiser, Lauren
Letham, Sharla
Little, Lavy
Luther, Janice
Mabry, Melissa
McCoin, Ruby
McFadden, Ariel
Morgan, Isabel
Murray, Leah
Oldani, Alyssa
Oslund, Meagan
Patel, Purnima
Ponce, Pamela
Poole, Paige
Potter, Rickendra
Prater, Kaytie

Vanvactor, McKenzie
Vicino, Adrianna
Wheat, Emily
Williams, Emylee
Williams, Rebecca
Wozinak, Jenna
Wunderlich, Claudia
Young, Madeline
Ziev, Natalie

Reinstated Occupational Therapist

Barfield, Christina
Brooks, April
Gilliland, Lauren
Hilt, Mikayla
Kilgo, Luanne
Watt, Christine

Farris, Morgan	Ramsey, Kimberly
Fisher, Monique	Richardson, Ashlie
Flispart, Emilee	Robinson, Vanessa
Foster, Kaylie	Rogers, Sara
Galloway, Kory	Schmittou, Clara
Gardner, Breana	Sheehan, Morgan
Graham, Huong	Simonsen, Mollie
Gray, Gilliann	Simpson, Hunter
Greathouse, Katie	Smith, Erica
Harris, Liberty	Spinks, Audrey
Heineman, Jaclyn	Stevens, Brittany
Houlton, Megan	Stokes, Bethany
Howard, Eme	Tarnowski, Annabelle,
Howell, Shanda	Tavarez, Taysha

Newly Licenses Occupational Therapy Asst.

Anderson, Allie	Moore, Bailey
Arkushenko, Tatyana	Morse, Savannah
Bean, Laura	Mutter, Tonya
Burgess, Haley	Narramore, Amanda
Campochiaro, Dallas	Olallo, Lauren
Carrington, Allie	Parker, Samantha
Claytor, Kathryn	Prouet, Michelle
Clerkin, Jami	Ratcliff, Lisa
Collins, Lorianne	Reynolds, Mary
Corley, Autumn	Rochell, Camri
Cornett, Mollie	Rogers, April
Cozart, Abigail	Smith, Makayla
Crowell, Trisha	Tharpe, Mariah
Dillman, Ashley	Tinner, Lashonna
Estep, Kelsey	Trent, Shasta
Frohlich, Gabriella	Tucker, Ashlyn
Gooch, Victoria	Valvick, Alexis
Granahan, Brittany	Vaughn, Brian
Gunn, Loretta	Von Almen, Tiona
Harber, Crystie	Walsh, Michele
Harmon, Carly	White, Morgan
Hays, Kelli	Wynn, Kaitlin
Hietanen, Kimberly	Yawn, Susanna
Hill, Allie	
Holt, Madison	
James, Courtney	
Johnson, Amy	

Reinstated Occupational Therapy Asst.

Allsman, Amati
Jenkins, Amy

Temporary Permits

(none)

Modality

Alexander, Staley OT
Blosser, Caitlyn OT
Cooper, Emma OT
Cox, Rachel OT
Curtis, Eliza OT
Hamblen, Rachel OT
Hankin, Elizabeth OT
Kelly, Olivia OT
Selby, Megan OT
Stahler, Kaylee OT
Williams, Erica OT
York, Ryan
Jones, Jamie OTA
Lengfield, Sarah OTA
Pate, Chentel OTA
Scudder, Kaci OTA
Tolley, Daniel OTA
Watson, Sybilla OTA
Zimprich, Kelly OTA

Johnson, Madison
 Johnston, Hannah
 Lawhorn, Alexandra
 Lincoln, Alexandra
 Lindsay, Corey
 Lindsay, Laurin
 Mansfield, Courtney
 Maxwell, Liberty
 McDonald, Hannah
 McDowell, Sherry
 McFarland, Destiny
 McKay, Rachael
 Miller, Margreet
 Million-Cody, Michaela

Closed Applications

Barkhouse, Chad
 Blalock, Amanda
 Browning, Bailey
 Forrest, Jennifer
 Ness-Cohn, Avital
 Scuderi, Madeline
 Walsh, Michele
 Zimprich, Kelly

Administrative Report

**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
 ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
 October 7, 2021**

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 Therapists.

Statistical Data

As of September 24, 2021, the Board of Occupational Therapy has **3387** active Occupational Therapists and **1817** Occupational Therapy Assistants.

**LICENSURE STATUS TOTALS FROM THE MONTHS OF
 July 17, 2021 through September 24, 2021**

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS	
Total applications received – 513	
New licenses issued – 86	Renewal Total – 296
Reinstatements – 6	Online Renewals- 266
Limited Permits – 0/1 upgraded to full	Paper Renewals- 27
Licenses Retired – 7	
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees – 21	
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS	
Total applications received 264	

New licenses issued – 64	Renewal Total – 161
Reinstatements –2	Online Renewals- 150
Limited Permit- 0/ 3 upgraded to full	Paper Renewals- 11
License Retired- 2	
Failed to Renew/Expired License- 20	

For this reporting period, the usage rate for utilizing the online renewal portal for Occupational Therapists is 90% and Occupational Therapy Assistants is 93%

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

- January 13, 2022
- April 14, 2022
- July 7, 2022
- October 6, 2022

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.

Legislation

Ms. Gill presented the board with a copy of the proposed rules regarding the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Model. For informational purposes only.

Old and New Business

AOTA Conference Nominees- Ms. Simpson, made motion to approve four (4) board members and one (1) staff member to attend AOTA conference. Ms. Tisdale, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ratify Meeting Dates for 2023- Ms. Tisdale, made motion, to ratify the 2023 Board Meeting Dates as presented. Mr. Adriaanse, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

January 26, 2023

April 27, 2023

July 7, 2023

October 26, 2023

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Adriaanse, made a motion to adjourn at 10:35am. Ms. Simpson seconded. The motion carried.

THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AT THE JANUARY 13, 2022 BOARD MEETING.