

STATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
P.O. Box 83720
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Board Meeting Minutes of 5/27/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cherie Rotondo - Chair
Jori A Bathina
Heather Corder
Farrell Lindley-Kessler
Cari J Moodie - Public Member

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Nicki Chopski, Health Professions Bureau Chief
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration
Program Manager, Health Professions
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator, Health Professions
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel to Health Professions
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor
Matthew Post, Administrative Assistant
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM MT by Cherie Rotondo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moodie moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021, as amended. Ms. Bathina seconded. All approved, motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

DIVISION UPDATES

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) staff will be moving into Building 4 at the Chinden Campus starting on June 15 and continuing through July.

Organizational Chart #3 for DOPL was completed in November of 2021.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Ms. Stuart stated that S1368 removes any “moral character” requirements, including letters of reference for occupational therapy license applications.

H612 creates a pathway for disciplinary expungement. A licensee will have to request expungement in writing. Expungement of most matters is discretionary for Boards. However, the bill creates mandatory expungement of discipline related to timely license renewal and continuing education.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ms. Stuart presented a financial overview compiled by DOPL’s fiscal officer; the DOPL financial team has been working diligently on uniform financial reporting and coding across DOPL. Members of the board requested additional information for the next meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

ZBR DISCUSSION

Ms. Stuart stated that the Board will undergo Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) in fiscal year 2024, in accordance with Governor Little’s Executive Order 2020-01. This is a full repeal and replace of Board Rules, scheduled for every five years. Ms. Stuart has identified sections of the rules to review and will continue to guide the Board through the process.

CONTINUING EDUCATION DISCUSSION

Ms. Stuart asked the Board for input on the current rules for Continuing Education (CE) requirements. Ms. Rotondo suggested analyzing requirements for supervision of CE Modalities which other Board members echoed. The Board members agreed that there should be consistency with other Boards, as well as surrounding states. The Board determined that they would like to look further into CE requirements, including clarification around credits for authoring journal articles rather than for reading articles and ensuring that CE courses are germane to the practice of Occupational Therapy and not patient care in general, such as CPR certification or other workplace required training.

Ms. Kear informed the Board that the DOPL legal team is available to assist the Board to research and review the constraints of the Rule around CE. Ms. Stuart will work with Board and legal on any questions about CE and pending applications.

A member of the public sought clarification about the time frame for having the Board answer questions about pending applications; Ms. Stuart stated that responses will be timely and answered within the same week.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 5, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:49 AM on May 27, 2022.