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Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
State Occupational Therapy Licensure Board

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**Board Meeting Minutes of 1/27/2023**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Farrell Lindley-Kessler - Chair Cari J Moodie Jori A Bathina Heather Corder Cherie Rotondo	<b>Division Staff:</b>	Katie Stuart, Executive Officer Russell Barron, Division Administrator Tim Frost, Deputy Administrator Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief Russ Spencer, General Counsel Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration Program Manager Jan Arrasmith, Practice and Education Specialist Susan Cassell, Board Support
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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by Farrell Lindley-Kessler.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve 11/04/2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**Division Update – Strategic Plan:** Ms. Stuart guided the Board through the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026; the plan is for the entirety of DOPL rather than for individual Boards.

**Legislative Session Overview:** The 2023 Legislative session began on January 9, 2023. Ms. Stuart presented the Board with H0028, which would create the Idaho Allied Health Professionals Board by combining the Occupational Therapy Licensure Board with the licensure boards of Physical Therapy, Dietetics, Athletic Trainers, Polysomnographers, and Respiratory Therapists. This bill has been sent to the Health and Welfare committee. Ms. Stuart will update the Board as the legislative session progresses and encouraged stakeholders to provide feedback.

**Financial Update:** Ms. Stuart outlined a financial report from January 2023. The Board will continue to receive regular updates.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR):** Ms. Stuart stated that the Board of Podiatry will be undergoing ZBR and presented reference materials detailing Executive Order 2020-1; the Board will be reviewing all rules in IDAPA chapter 24.06.01 for the 2024 legislative session. Stakeholders are welcome to provide input and public comment on current rules and proposed changes. The Board addressed the following Rules:

Rule 010.04 Evaluation, proposed to be struck as the definition is duplicative of Statute.

Rules 010.02, 010.03, and 010.05 will be revisited at the next meeting following a review by the Executive Officer and Legal Counsel.

Rule 030 Inactive Status is duplicative of Statute. The Board may create policies around renewal for further guidance on time out of practice for Occupational Therapists.

**Public Comment:** Mel Henderson, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Director from the College of Western Idaho (CWI) commented on the history of Occupational Therapy Supervision for students and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTA).

Megan Doyle, Idaho Occupational Therapy Association (IOTA) President, advised the Board to read the latest Model Practice Act from the Occupational Therapy Association as they complete the ZBR process. She also addressed the Board regarding her concerns with House Bill 28 and the combining of the five boards into one allied health board.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

The next meeting is on 04/21/2023.