



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2021
9:00 AM

This meeting was available by webinar only

On July 23, 2021 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

WALTER GRUENWALD, OT, CHAIR
MARY SPORES, OT, VICE CHAIR
SUNNY ANDERSON, COTA
NING BARFIELD, OT
DI IRONS, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER
TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT, AAG
HOPE KILBOURNE, POLICY ANALYST

OTHERS PRESENT

MEGHAN PUDELER, AOTA
ROBERT KRUEGER, WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY

Friday, July 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Walter Gruenwald, OT, at 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

The board, staff and audience members introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and the board voted to approve the agenda as corrected.

1.3 Approval of the April 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the April 23, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and the board voted in favor of approving the meeting minutes as presented.

2. UPDATE ON LICENSURE COMPACT – The board received a presentation on the interstate licensure compact by AOTA State Affairs Manager, Meghan Pudeler.

Under the OT Compact, Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants who are licensed and in good standing in a compact member state may practice in other compact member state via a “compact privilege,” which is equivalent to a license. Ms. Pudeler stated that ten states have passed legislation for the interstate compact, while another eight states have pending legislation. Final bill language has to be the same in all adopting states. In Washington, the Washington Occupational Therapy Association will be working on legislation in the near future.

3. REVIEW OF SIGNATURE DELEGATION – The board discussed and considered delegating signature authority to the department for credentialing, disciplinary, compliance and other functions.

Ms. Weed presented the board with the Delegation for Signature Authority form for credentialing, disciplinary functions, compliance and rules. Board members reviewed and voted to approve the Delegation for Signature Authority for credentialing, disciplinary functions, compliance and rules.

Board members were also presented with an Addendum, Delegation of Signature Authority for list and label requests, red jacket correspondence, and CE extension requests. Board members voted to approve a modified version that included delegating red jacket correspondence and CE extension requests. The board voted to maintain all approvals for lists and labels requests

4. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE RULE MAKING FOR RETIRED ACTIVE CREDENTIAL – The board received a presentation by program manager, Kathy Weed, for options on creating a retired active credential for occupational therapy practitioners.

The board discussed and decided to table this option as it’s not a priority right now.

5. REVIEW OF LISTS AND LABELS REQUESTS – The board reviewed lists and labels requests and determined whether the request should be approved or denied.

5.1 Whitworth University - The board reviewed, discussed and voted to approve this lists and labels request.

5.2 Motivations Inc - The board reviewed, discussed and voted to approve this lists and labels request.

6. **PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT** – Information was provided to the board by Program Manager, Kathy Weed.

6.1 October meeting date – Due to member schedule conflicts, the board decided to move the October meeting date from the 23rd to October 15, 2021.

6.2 Business plan for new biennium – The new business plan for the 2021-23 biennium was presented to the board. Minor updates were made.

6.3 Upcoming recruitment- Ms. Weed mentioned the board would have two vacancies at the end of 2021; an OTA opening and one for a public member. Ms. Weed asked board members to participate in the recruitment process this fall.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** – The board discussed adding the following items to future agendas for discussion:

- Presentation from WOTA on licensure compact
- 2022 meeting dates
- ACOTE review
- Presentations on HELMS and budget
- Invite credentialing staff to present on timelines

8. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Krueger, Whitworth University, shared comments on the length and complexity of the lists and labels request process.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The board adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is October 15, 2021 and will be held by webinar only. Updated meeting information will be posted on the Occupational Therapy website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Walter Gruenwald, Chair
Occupational Therapy Practice Board