

Minutes of the March 25, 2019 Board of Occupational Therapy Meeting

Alfred Bracciano, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order at 10:12 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019 in the Licensure Unit Conference Room 1 at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Bracciano announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

The following Board members and Department Staff were present at the meeting Dr. Alfred Bracciano; Dr. Marcus Doughty; Nancy Peetz; Mary Walsh-Sterup; Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator and Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General.

Walsh-Sterup moved, seconded by Peetz to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, Peetz and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Walsh-Sterup moved, seconded by Peetz to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, Peetz and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Covert-ByBee updated the Board on the regulations process. She stated that there had been direction that all regulations be promulgated in the previously reported Executive Order format by the end of summer 2019. The Department is currently in the process of submitting regulations to be implemented. She recommended to the Board the main areas to focus on are unprofessional conduct, initial licensure and continuing education. The Board reviewed the proposed regulations and provided recommended revisions to the regulations. Covert-ByBee advised the Board the proposed revisions will be submitted to DHHS legal and then would go to a public hearing.

The Board rescheduled the next Board Meeting from August 20, 2019 to August 27, 2019.

There being no further business, Bracciano declared the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Doughty, Secretary