

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

August 21, 2018

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice was called to order by the Chair, Marcus Doughty, at 9:02 a.m. in Lower Level Conference Room B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Public Meeting Law.

Doughty announced that it was a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

The following members answered roll call:

Marcus Doughty, Chair
Nancy Peetz, member
Linda Storz, Secretary

Member Absent:

Alfred Bracciano, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Nancy Herdman, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Storz moved, seconded by Peetz, to adopt the agenda with closed session moved to the end of the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Doughty, Peetz, Storz (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bracciano (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-23-18)

MOTION: Storz moved, seconded by Peetz, to approve the minutes of 1-23-18. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Doughty, Peetz, Storz (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bracciano (1). Motion carried.

Moved to agenda item 6.

9:04 a.m. - Harrison departed meeting

6. SCOPE OF PRACTICE: CAN A LICENSED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST PRACTICE ADVANCED PELVIC FLOOR THERAPY

Storz reported the AOTA was in support of occupational therapists providing basic and advanced pelvic floor therapy as long as they had additional training. Doughty commented that occupational therapy does cover incontinence and personal hygiene.

In response to the discussion regarding advanced pelvic floor therapy, it is the Board's opinion that pelvic floor therapy is within the scope of practice of a Nebraska licensed Occupational Therapist. However, the expectation of the Board is that the licensed Occupational Therapist use their best judgment to ensure that they have the appropriate additional training and knowledge to perform advanced pelvic floor therapy

7. 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Covert-Bybee provided a spreadsheet of legislative bills that the Licensure Unit had been tracking that might be

of interest to the Board. She discussed that physical therapy had a compact passed this session. The members asked about the purpose of the compact and one purpose is mobility for the licensee. Covert-Bybee was asked if there were any proposals of a compact for occupational therapy and she responded that she was not aware of any.

9:27 a.m. - Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General, entered the meeting
Trevor Klaassen, investigator, entered the meeting

Moved to agenda item 4.

4. CLOSED SESSION – (INVESTIGATIONS, APPLICATIONS, OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION)

MOTION: Storz moved, seconded by Peetz, to enter into closed session at 9:33 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Doughty, Peetz, Storz (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bracciano (1). Motion carried.

9:33 a.m. - Harrison entered meeting
9:55 a.m. - Klaassen departed meeting

MOTION: Peetz moved, seconded by Storz, to return to open session at 10:09 a.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Doughty, Peetz, Storz (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bracciano (1). Motion carried.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION: Storz moved, seconded by Peetz, to approve the Nebraska Methodist College Physical Agent Modality Course. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Doughty, Peetz, Storz (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bracciano (1). Motion carried.

Moved to agenda item 8.

8. LB 299 – PRE-LICENSURE APPLICATIONS

Covert-Bybee reported this bill created an option for an individual to apply to a licensing board to have their convictions reviewed prior to making an application for a license to find out if their convictions would disqualify them from obtaining a license. Covert-Bybee commented that there was nothing in the occupational therapy regulations that says certain convictions will disqualify a person.

9. MAIL BALLOTS

Covert-ByBee reported on two mails ballots:

- LB 924 amendment
- Course for Physical Agent Modality

10. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

There was no report.

11. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Topic Suggested: Pros and cons for Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants performing modalities under the plan of care of an Occupational Therapist.

The Board agreed to a next meeting date of 10-23-18 at 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Doughty declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Storz, Secretary
Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Summarized by Nancy Herdman, Health Licensing Coordinator