

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Board of Occupational Therapy Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Alfred Bracciano, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Lower Level Conference Room A 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.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Dr. Alfred Bracciano, Chair
Mary Walsh-Sterup, Vice-Chair
Dr. Marcus Doughty, Secretary
Nancy Peetz, Member

Others Present:

Rachel O'Toole, DHHS Staff Attorney
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2019 MINUTES

MOTION: Peetz moved, seconded by Doughty, to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2019 meeting. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, Peetz and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

4. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT

The Board reaffirmed the mail ballot approving the College of St. Mary's Physical Agent Modalities course.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Occupational Therapy on February 4, 2020.

5. DISCUSSION/RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 172 NAC 114 LICENSURE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

There was one comment made at the public hearing from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The Board discussed the comment regarding whether or not online knowledge and skills assessments would be considered acceptable continuing education in the revised regulations. The Board and Department determined that these assessments would be considered "Formal Self-Study" in the regulations and therefore no amendments were needed to be made to include them as acceptable continuing education.

6. ADOPTION OF 172 NAC 114 LICENSURE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MOTION: Walsh-Sterup moved, seconded by Bracciano to adopt 172 NAC 114 as written. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, Peetz and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

7. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for the next meeting include occupational therapy compact information, AOTA meeting discussion and legislative update.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Doughty, Secretary