

Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Board of Occupational Therapy Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Walsh-Sterup, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting Agenda at least 10 days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Walsh-Sterup announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members and Department Staff participated in the meeting:

Mary Walsh-Sterup, Chairperson	Lisa Andersen, Vice-Chairperson
Linda Storz, Secretary	Rene' Tiedt, Program Manager
Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator	

Absent: R. McLaran Sawyer, PhD, Public Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Ms. Andersen to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Storz, Walsh-Sterup, and Andersen. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sawyer. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2014 meeting. Voting aye: Storz, Walsh-Sterup, and Andersen. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sawyer. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Ms. Andersen to go into closed session at 9:06 a.m for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such reports. Voting aye: Storz, Walsh-Sterup, and Andersen. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sawyer. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Ms. Andersen to return to open session at 9:53 a.m. Voting aye: Storz, Walsh-Sterup, and Andersen. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sawyer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion, Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Ms. Andersen to name Mary Walsh-Sterup as Chairperson, Lisa Andersen as Vice-Chairperson, and Linda Storz as Secretary. Voting aye: Storz, Walsh-Sterup, and Andersen. Voting nay: None. Absent: Sawyer. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to name Linda Storz as the Investigative Consultant.

Ms. Tiedt shared with the Board that there continue to be instances where Occupational Therapists are found to be practicing Physical Agent Modalities (PAMS) without a certification issued by the State of Nebraska. Ms. Tiedt reported that the requirement for holding a PAMS certification issued by the State of Nebraska is on the DHHS website and on the application for both Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy Assistant licenses. Ms. Tiedt will look into options for sending a mass mailing to all Nebraska licensed OTs and OTAs to remind them of this requirement. Ms. Tiedt will report back at the next Board meeting with information about mailing options. Ms. Walsh-Sterup will talk to the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association about including something in their newsletter. Ms. Walsh-Sterup expressed her disappointment that at least one Nebraska College was no longer offering PAMS as a part of their core curriculum.

Ms. Tiedt provided information regarding the American Occupational Therapy Association Meeting being held in Nashville, Tennessee from April 16-19. Ms. Walsh-Sterup expressed interest in attending.

Ms. Tiedt provided the Board a copy of the application processing report. This was for information purposes only.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature available upon request

Linda M. Storz, Secretary

Prepared by: Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator