

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

March 17, 2025

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

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BOOT Mission Statement:

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services."

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CALL TO ORDER:

	<u>Roll Call</u>	
OS-0317-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from the March 17, 2025 Meeting.</p>	
OS-0317-02	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <p>A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT B. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT C. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p>	
OS-0317-03	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the December 16, 2024, meeting.</p>	
OS-0317-04	<p><u>Use of AI to Complete Occupation Therapy Documentation</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to begin discussions about how they wish to regulate it here in the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-0317-05	<p><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.</p>	
OS-0317-06	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE & ADJOURN</u>	

	<p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a). 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9). 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14). 	
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	<p>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</p>	
FY-01	<p><u>OT/OTAs Regulations- Educational/Training Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> This matter will need to be addressed during regulation updates.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Per OT and OTA Regulations, all applicants must meet the educational, training and national examination requirements. This means that the Board should verify those requirements. To verify that information an official transcript and official exam scores are required. However, the Board staff is currently only verifying the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Exam score for examination applicants and the official NBCOT</p>	

<p>verification for endorsement applicants. If the Board had waived the verification of the educational and training requirements (official transcript) then a policy statement should be developed.</p> <p>Currently there is no written official record that shows that this waiver was established previously.</p> <p>In September 2024, Mr. Gainer requested to draft a policy statement regarding the official transcript.</p> <p>In December 2024, Ms. Konah Bernard, OT, NBCOT Ambassador, provided a short information regarding NBCOT Ambassador. Ms. Bernard indicated the ambassador go to different schools to strengthen the stakeholder’s relationship and to increase connection with the public. NBCOT has a new president. Ms. Bernard talked about the exam integrity and safeguard.</p> <p>The Board tabled the transcript matter to the next board meeting.</p> <p>In addition, the Board also voted to have NBCOT to discuss safeguard for the applicants and the Board to review the website/checklist.</p>	
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The next meeting is scheduled for **June 16, 2025.**

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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