

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Minutes

December 21, 2020

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings were held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

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 provision of health care services."

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: DECEMBER 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	TRACEY ELLIS, VICE CHAIR	Absent
	GILLIAN RAI, MEMBER	Present
	CHARLES BOND, RRT, MEMBER	Present
	ANTHONY ROBERSON CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	AISHA NIXON—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD-INVESTIGATOR	Absent
	GREGORY SCURLOCK —COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	AJAY GOHIL, ESQ – ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	NONE	

OPEN SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2020

	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Meeting was called to order at 2.36 PM and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-1221-01	<p><u>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Mr. Anthony Roberson made a motion to accept the December 21, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1221-02	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u> None</p>	
OS-1221-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u> Ms. Aisha Nixon thanked Board members for making time for the December meeting. She provided the Board with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Operational Status: DC Health remains closed to the public and staff continues to work remotely. The processing center is open to the public by appointments only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am-1pm. • HRLA is working on launching a new online application system for new applications including reinstatements and reactivations. This is anticipated to begin by the end of this year. • Licensure Census: The OT Board currently has 961 active licensees with the breakdown of 4 Dance Therapists, 39 Recreational Therapists, 75 Occupational Therapy Assistants and 843 Occupational Therapists. 	
OS-1221-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u> Mr. Ajay Gohil updated the Board that he continues to be the interim attorney for the Board and a new attorney had just being hired and a permanent attorney may be announced by the beginning of the year. He advised the Board of the current HORA updates and recommended the OT Board start looking at their definition and scope of practice to see if it needs to be amended</p>	

	to reflect current trends nationally. He also updated that he would publish the 2021 meeting dates once confirmed.	
OS-1221-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai made a motion to approve the October 2020 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Anthony Roberson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1221-06	<p><u>HORA Update</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board will review and discuss the current scope of practice definition for Occupational Therapy, Recreational Therapy and Dance Therapy in the HORA and provide any recommended updates.</p> <p>(9)(A) “Practice of occupational therapy” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The therapeutic use of everyday life activities with individuals or groups, with or without compensation, for the purpose of participation in roles and situations in homes, schools, workplaces, communities, and other settings to promote health and welfare for those who have or are at risk for developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment, disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction; (ii) Addressing the physical, cognitive, psycho-social, sensory, or other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to support engagement in everyday life activities that affect health, well-being, and quality of life; (iii) The education and training of persons in the direct care of patients through the use of occupational therapy; and (iv) The education and training of persons in the field of occupational therapy. 	

	<p>(B) An individual licensed as an occupational therapy assistant pursuant to this chapter may assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the general supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.</p> <p>(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practices, services, or activities of an occupational therapy aide who works under the immediate supervision of a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant, and whose activities do not require advanced training in the basic anatomical, biological, psychological, and social sciences involved in the practice of occupational therapy.</p> <p>https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html</p> <p>(g)(1) An individual applying for a license to practice occupational therapy under this chapter shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board of Occupational Therapy that the individual:</p> <p>(A) Has successfully completed an entry-level occupational therapy educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (“ACOTE”); and</p> <p>(B) Has successfully completed a period of at least 6 months of supervised work experience at an accredited educational institution or program approved by an accredited educational institution.</p> <p>(2)(A) An individual applying for a license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant under this chapter shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board of Occupational Therapy that the individual has successfully completed an occupational therapy assistant educational program accredited by ACOTE; and.</p> <p>(B) Has successfully completed a period of at least 2 months of supervised work experience at an accredited educational institution or program approved by an accredited educational institution.</p>	
--	---	--

	<p>§ 3–1209.02. Dance and recreation therapy.</p> <p>(a) Any person who practices or offers to practice dance therapy or recreation therapy in the District shall register with the Mayor on forms prescribed by the Mayor, reregister at intervals the Mayor may require by rule, and pay the registration fee established by the Mayor.</p> <p>(b) A person registered to practice dance therapy or recreation therapy may employ the theories and techniques of the profession, in accordance with appropriate ethical requirements, to aid in the restoration and rehabilitation of mental and physical functions.</p> <p>(c) The Mayor shall, by rule, set forth standards of education and experience required to qualify for registration as a dance therapist or recreation therapist and, in doing so, may adopt the standards of the recognized national professional associations of dance therapists or recreation therapists.</p> <p>https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1209.02.html#</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai made a motion to table this item to the March 2021 meeting while the Board members gather and submit updates. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1221-07	<p><u>BOARD DELEGATIONS:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> As the Board of Occupational Therapy (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These</p>	

	<p>delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Mr. Charles Bond made a motion to table this item to the March 2021 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1221-08	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <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> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant of the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai made a motion to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Anthony Roberson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.