

# BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

## Minutes

June 15, 2020

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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

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Board of Occupational Therapy - Open Session

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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 provision of health care services.”**

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP/OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: JUNE 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	TRACEY ELLIS, VICE CHAIR	Present
	GILLIAN RAI, MEMBER	Present @ 3:34PM
	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	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK —COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ – ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	SHAUN CONWAY , NBCOT PATRICK O’NEIL LEGAL INTERN	

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES JUNE 15, 2020**

	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b> Meeting was called to order at 2:43 PM and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0615-01	<p><b><u>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Anthony Roberson to accept the agenda the June 15, 2020 Open Session agenda. Mr. Charles Bond seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Tracey Ellis, Mr. Charles Bond, and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0615-02	<p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></b> None</p>	
OS-0615-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u></b> Ms. Aisha Nixon reported on the current licensure census for the Board, there are 767 active Occupational Therapists, 67 active Occupational Therapist Assistants, 34 Recreation Therapists, and 4 Dance Therapists currently licensed in the District. The District is still in phase one of reopening of the District. The DC Health staff continues to work remotely due to the declared public health emergency. License have been processed even though staff is working remotely. In addition, Ms. Nixon informed the Board of the Mayor’s Administrative order that allows for licensure waiver and telehealth practice for all health professions in the District during the declared public health emergency.</p>	
OS-0615-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</u></b> None</p>	
OS-0615-05	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 16, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to approve the March 16, 2020 Open Session Minutes. Mr. Anthony Roberson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Tracey Ellis, Mr. Charles Bond, and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted</p>	

	in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0615-06	<p><b><u>NBCOT PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To listen to presentation from NBCOT.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The National Board for Certification for Occupational Therapy, NBCOT is providing an update to the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No formal motion needed. Mr. Shaun Conway of NBCOT gave a presentation on the overall status of the certification process at NBCOT. He also reported that types of actions that NBCOT takes against certified OTs/ OTAs. NBCOT revocations are not reversible and reprimands are not reportable. He also gave an update that NBCOT and AOTA are working together to develop the OT compact and will be forwarding more information in the future to the Board for review and consideration.</p>	
OS-0615-07	<p><b><u>TELEHEALTH</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To review the current telehealth guidelines as it relates to scope of practice and supervision of students, interns, and occupational therapist assistants.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> In March of 2020, The Mayor and Director of the Health Department issued a Telehealth Waiver for Health Care Professionals in good standing with another state or jurisdiction permission to provide telehealth services to residents residing in the District of Columbia due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing efforts of reducing the spread of the virus.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Anthony Roberson for the Board attorney to draft policy guidance on Tele-supervision and tele-practice for the OT Board. Dr. Gillian Rai seconded the motion.</p>	

	Ms. Tracey Ellis, Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0615-08	<p><b><u>POST COVID-19</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss possible telehealth policy/regulations that can be implement in the future.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and for the allowance of telehealth. The Office of Health Professional Licensing would like all the Boards to look at drafting regulations to address the role telehealth will play in the District post COVID-19.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No formal motion made. Ms. Tracey Ellis indicated that she would be willing to be a resource for this initiative for the Board.</p>	
OS-0615-09	<p><b><u>WORKFORCE SURVEY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To provide feedback regarding core questions related to the profession.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration plans to incorporate workforce surveys during renewals for all professions. The Workforce Survey is used to capture the distribution of healthcare providers across the District and obtain feedback regarding hot topics related to your profession.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No formal motion needed. The Board agreed to receive and review the information regarding the work force survey.</p>	
OS-0615-10	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p>	

	<p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Anthony Roberson to close the open session meeting at 4:23 PM. Mr. Charles Bond seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Tracey Ellis, Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0615-22	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made Dr. Gillian Rai to adjourn the Meeting at 5.06pm. Mr. Anthony Roberson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Tracey Ellis, 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 September 21, 2020.

*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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).*