

# BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

## Minutes

June 21, 2021

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: MARCH 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	GILLIAN RAI, ACTING CHAIR	Present
	CHARLES BOND, RRT, MEMBER	Present
	ANTHONY ROBERSON, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:	AISHA NIXON—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	TAMIKA WELLS-HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	CHRISTOPHER BOONE, ESQ-ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	ROXANNE ARNEAUD, NBCOT AMBASSADOR	Present

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES JUNE 21, 2021**

	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 2.40pm and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0621-01	<p><b><u>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE</u></b></p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to accept the June 21, 2021, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Rai Gillian.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Rai Gillian voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0621-02	<p><b><u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>No report.</p>	
OS-0621-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon thanked the Board members for making time for the June meeting. She provided the Board with the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Health Operational Status: DC Health remains closed to the public and staff continues to work remotely. On July 7 Managers, Executive Directors and all MSS Staff returned to the office a minimum of three days per week. On July 12, all staff will be returning to the office. Telework policy has been established by DCHR. If approved staff will be able to telework up to two days a week.</li> <li>• The Processing Center: Accepting appointments online only on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Appointments can be made on the Boards' website or the main website at <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/">dchealth.dc.gov/</a>.</li> <li>• Online Application: DC Health as official launched the Online Application Portal. All licensure by Examination, Endorsement, Re-Examination, Re-Instatement and Re-Activation applications are now online. As of June 14, 2021, paper applications will no longer be accepted. Ms. Nixon is waiting feedback from IT on the application process for renewal applications.</li> <li>• Resignation: Ms. Tracey Ellis has resigned from the Board. The Mayor's Office of Talents and Appointments have been made aware of Ms. Ellis resignation.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Vacancies: Two vacancies for Occupational Therapist</li> <li>• Ms. Nixon introduce Ms. Tamika Wells as the new Health Licensing Specialist for the Board. Ms. Nixon thanked Ms. Mavis Azariah for her hard work and that she will solely be focusing on the Board of Social Work.</li> <li>• Licensure Census: The OT Board currently has 1,004 active licensees with the breakdown of 4 Dance Therapists, 41 Recreational Therapists, 78 Occupational Therapy Assistants and 881 Occupational Therapists.</li> </ul>	
OS-0621-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Christopher Boone informed the Board that he will be departing DC Health.</p>	
OS-0621-05	<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 15, 2021, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to approve the March 15, 2021, Open Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0621-06	<p><b><u>Request to meet with the Board NBCOT Ambassador Roxanne Arneaud</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>Former Board member Ms. Roxanne Arneaud requested to meet with the Board to present NBCOT Ambassador Program. Established in 2019, NBCOT Ambassador Program goal is to strengthen relationships between NBCOT stakeholder groups (regulators, educators, employees, and professional leaders, etc.), prompt informational exchange between stakeholders and to increase the present of NBCOT at the state level. NBCOT currently has 16 Ambassadors in America. The role of an ambassadors is to attend Conferences, State Board meetings and offer training to Board</p>	

	members and staff. NBCOT extends an invitation to the Board of Occupational Therapy Board staff and members for the NBOCT Leadership Form Presentation on September 22-23, 2021. The presentation will be held virtually. NBCOT representatives Shaun Conway and Barbara Williams are the point of contact for more information regarding presentation request.	
OS-0621-07	<p><b><u>HORA Update</u></b></p> <p>The Board will discuss review the current definition of Occupational Therapy, Recreational Therapy and Dance Therapy in the HORA and discuss any required updates.</p> <p><b>§ 3–1201.02. Occupational Therapy.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>(9)(A)</b> “Practice of occupational therapy” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(i)</b> 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;</li> <li><b>(ii)</b> 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;</li> <li><b>(iii)</b> The education and training of persons in the direct care of patients through the use of occupational therapy; and</li> <li><b>(iv)</b> The education and training of persons in the field of occupational therapy.</li> </ul> <p><b>(B)</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><b>(C)</b> 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,</p>	

	<p>psychological, and social sciences involved in the practice of occupational therapy.</p> <p><a href="https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html">https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1201.02.html</a></p> <p><b>(g)(1)</b> 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><b>(A)</b> Has successfully completed an entry-level occupational therapy educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (“ACOTE”); and</p> <p><b>(B)</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><b>(2)(A)</b> 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>(B)</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><b>§ 3–1209.02. Dance and recreation therapy.</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>(a)</b> 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>(b)</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><b>(c)</b> The Mayor shall, by rule, set forth standards of education and experience required to qualify for registration as a dance</p>	
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	<p>therapist or recreation therapist and, in doing so, may adopt the standards of the recognized national professional associations of dance therapists or recreation therapists. <a href="https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1209.02.html#">https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1209.02.html#</a></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to accept Mr. Charles Bond recommendation regarding the removal of Dance Therapy from under the scope of practice for Occupational Therapy and updates to Recreational Therapist scope of practice definition as final. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to accept Dr. Gillian Rai recommendations for the Occupational Therapy updates to the HORA as final. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0621-08	<p><b><u>BOARD DELEGATIONS:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to accept the fines/assessment framework adopted by the Board of Physical Therapy. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to adopt the updated version of the Delegation Authority recommended by Legal. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to accept the Criminal Background Check (CBC) Chart and addendum as time goes on. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0621-09	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to accept June 21, 2021, Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0621-10	<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><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	



	<p>Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to close the Open Session meeting at 4: 23 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Gillian Rai and Mr. Charles Bond voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0621-10	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai made to be adjourned at 4:36pm. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).***