

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Minutes

March 15, 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:		
	TRACEY ELLIS, VICE CHAIR	Present
	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	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK —COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	AJAY GOHIL, ESQ – ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	CHRISTOPHER BOONE, ESQ-ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	KRISTINE NEVILLE, AOTA	Present

OPEN SESSION AGENDA MARCH 15, 2021

	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order at 2.40pm and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-0315-01	<p>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE Motion made by Mr. Anthony Roberson to accept the March 15, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p>Vote: 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-0315-02	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Ms. Tracey Ellis welcomed Ms. Kristen Neville to the Open Session Meeting.</p>	
OS-0315-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Ms. Aisha Nixon thanked Board members for making time for the March 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 Public Health Emergency currently in place is expected to be extended until May 20, 2021. • The Mayor's Order for waiver of licensure will not apply to former DC licensees who are not in good standing in the District. • Licensure Census: The OT Board currently has 980 active licensees with the breakdown of 4 Dance Therapists, 41 Recreational Therapists, 76 Occupational Therapy Assistants and 859 Occupational Therapists. • Provided an update regarding the vacancies on the Board. 	
OS-0315-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT Mr. Christopher Boone updated the Board of new emergency rules that have been adapted for Boards to have the authority to grant exemptions on CEUs for licensees due to disability, serious illness, or reasons discretionary to the Board. The Board suggested to include this information on licensure renewal reminders.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Anthony Roberson to send a listing of active</p>	

	<p>OTs who live in the District to Board members that are eligible to fill vacant Board seats. Seconded by Ms. Gillian Rai.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> 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-0315-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to approve the December 21, 2020 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> 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-0315-06	<p><u>HORA Update</u> 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>§ 3–1201.02. Occupational Therapy.</p> <hr/> <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; 	

	<p>(iii) The education and training of persons in the direct care of patients through the use of occupational therapy; and</p> <p>(iv) The education and training of persons in the field of occupational therapy.</p> <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>	
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	<p>§ 3–1209.02. Dance and recreation therapy.</p> <hr/> <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. https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/3-1209.02.html#</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai for a meeting scheduler to the sent to Ms. Ellis and Dr. Rai for the Occupational Therapy HORA update review and to Ms. Ellis and Mr. Bond for the Recreational Therapy HORA update. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p>Vote: 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-0315-07	<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</p>	

	<p>how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These 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. Included for review and acceptance are the CBC chart and the suggested fines/assessments for violations.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to table this to the June 2021 to give Board members the chance to review the presented materials. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> 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-0315-08	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION</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> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to close the Open Session meeting at 4.10pm. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> 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-0315-09	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai mad to be adjourned at 5.17pm. Seconded by Mr. Anthony Roberson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Tracey Ellis, Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond, and Mr. Anthony Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021.

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