

# STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**April 10, 2013**  
**Teleconference**

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Members Present:	Eric Gerken, Ronald Tulak, Kittima Conrad, Linda Frasier
Members Absent:	Allison Stephens
Staff Present:	Loretta L. Ponton, Executive Director, Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Public Present:	None

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Eric Gerken, Chair. A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

**Public Comment** – No Public was in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda** – Ron made a motion, seconded by Kittima to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes** – Eric asked if there were any comments or revisions to the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2012. No comments or revisions were heard.

Linda made the motion, seconded by Ron to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2013 meeting. The motion passed, with Kittima abstaining.

**Legislative Bills Update** – Eric turned this item over to Loretta to present.

Loretta explained that all bills must be passed out of their respective legislative committees by Friday or they are dead. The legislature is very busy, working to hear bills late into the evening and that Paula Berkley is at the legislature to represent the Board's interests.

Loretta provided a summary explanation of each of the bills being tracked and how they would affect either Board administration or occupational therapy practice. The bill listing includes all bills whether they have passed from committee or not at this point. The listing will be revised after the first legislative deadline has passed.

Loretta reported the Board bill SB158 has passed the Senate and will be heard in the Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee on Monday, April 15, 2013. Paula, Eric and Loretta testified before the Senate Commerce, Labor and Energy committee on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be testifying again in the Assembly Committee.

**Executive Director's Report** – Loretta reported that licensure numbers are currently at 870 licensees; 52 licensees have renewed their licenses to date for the 2014 license period. There are no complaints in process; one complainant did not respond to requests for additional information and therefore, the investigation has been terminated for insufficient documentation.

Loretta reported that she has conducted research regarding inter-disciplinary practice in preparation for the development of guidelines as directed by the Board at the last meeting. Loretta stated she has not found any resources regarding this subject which would help in writing the guidelines. A draft of possible inter-disciplinary guidelines will be ready for Board review at the June meeting.

**Report from Board Chair** – Eric stated that future agenda items would include a review of pertinent regulations that might be impacted when the Board's bill is passed by the Legislature.

Loretta explained that the bill changes would allow the Board to determine the length of a license, and the fees for licenses which would require a revision to regulations; also the removal of the OTR supervision of tech's requirements might also provide an opportunity for the Board to revise the supervision sections of the regulations to allow a COTA to supervise a tech.

Eric reported that the website should also be reviewed and reconstructed to make sure it is providing the necessary information to the public and is easily accessible.

Eric reported the meeting schedule has been revised, a copy of the schedule was sent by email. The next meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas; the location has been changed from Reno. The September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in Reno. The NBCOT conference will be in October.

Loretta added that the exact dates and location of the conference have not yet been posted; that she would relay that information when it is received.

**Report from Legal Counsel** – Henna stated she had nothing to report.

**Public Comment** – There was no public in attendance.

**Adjournment** – Ron made the motion, seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.