

***Board of Occupational Therapy
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2025 - 2026***

Mission Statement

To protect the public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring that only competent occupational therapy practitioners are licensed in the state and that those licensed practitioners maintain the highest level of professional conduct. This includes ensuring the competency of occupational therapy practitioners and / or providing the public with a means by which they can pursue administrative legal recourse.

Strategic Priorities

| Priority | Description / Action | Status |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Scope of Practice | SURVEY & DATA COLLECTION FOR SPECIALITIES: Identify demographics, specialties, interests, and ethical concerns at current setting. | Supplemental Survey – OT Compact July 2024 |
| | ETHICS: Increase awareness of ethical practice to decrease the number of ethical complaints resulting in disciplinary actions. | |
| | SCOPE OF PRACTICE: OT's have access to evidence-based practice to help the public. | |
| Workforce Development | RURAL ACCESS: Increase access to occupational therapy throughout the State of Nevada. | Access by Telehealth |
| Staff Initiatives | Manage the impact of State Board Reform initiatives and state administration of boards —mitigate the impact of significant changes. | Administrative Collaborative |
| | Development and implementation of new regulations and policies as required by Legislature. | LCB R113-23 Adopted 4/19/2024 |

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PLANNING SESSION
March 29, 2025

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Protection of the Public through Regulation of Practice

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- *that those licensed practitioners maintain the highest level of professional conduct;*
- *ensuring the competency of occupational therapy practitioners; and*
- *providing the public with a means by which they can pursue administrative legal recourse.*

BOARD FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES

What is the meaning of fiduciary responsibility?

Fiduciary responsibility is the **legal obligation that a person or organization has to act in the best interests of another person or organization**. A fiduciary is any person or group that is legally responsible for controlling and managing another person or group's assets or other interests.

Board Fiduciary Responsibilities are two-fold:

- ***To protect the public in accordance with laws, regulations, and disciplinary proceedings; and***
- ***Oversight of Board functions and operations.***

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Fiduciary Objectives

(1) To Protect the Public

- To establish a communication system wherein the public and practitioners are informed
- To establish laws and regulations that address:
 - barriers to licensure
 - the provision of services
 - maintenance of practice competency, and
 - ethical and professional conduct

(2) Board Oversight

- To ensure effective and efficient Board administrative systems
- Personnel Oversight

Board Self-Assessment

A Board assessment process can help Board Members:

- Reflect on their experience.
- Explore how comfortable, enjoyable, and meaningful participation on the Board is to the Board Member
- Understand individual expectations for preparation time, how the meetings are run, and how decisions are made.
- Identify different perceptions and opinions among Board Members about the Board's role.
- Identify and remove obstacles to increased Board effectiveness.

The self-assessment points to issues that need Board discussion and clarification.

Mark with an "x" the column that best represents your agreement or disagreement with the statement.

| | Statement | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Not sure or can't rate |
|----|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | I feel the meetings focus on important Board of Occupational Therapy matters. | XXXX | X | | | |
| 2. | I am clear about my responsibilities as a member of the Board. | XXX | XX | | | |
| 3. | Materials related to significant decisions are given to the Board far enough in advance of the meeting. | XXXXXX | | | | |
| 4. | The amount of material I need to read prior to the meetings is reasonable. | XXXXXX | | | | |
| 5. | I feel that my opinions matter and are heard by other Board Members. | XXXX | X | | | |
| 6. | I feel I have a clear understanding of the mission and activities of the Board of Occupational Therapy. | XXX | XX | | | |
| 7. | When I was new to the Board, I was given sufficient information to allow me to make a contribution to the Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy quickly. | XXX | XX | | | |
| 8. | The Board has a clear process for making important decisions. | XXX | XX | | | |

Please list the three areas where you would like to see the Board improve its **performance focus** in the next two (2) years. Be as specific as possible.

- Focus on current changes
- Improved visibility with practitioners and the public
- Increase involvement at the government level
- Improve meeting efficiency and being prepared
- More engagement during Board meetings
- Maintain our fiscal independence
- Semi-Annual Newsletter to licensees

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- Increase education on ethics and scope of practice violations
- Advocacy for OT scope of practice and responsibilities
- Legislative opportunities (dry needling)
- Maintaining full Board membership
- Impact of Compact licensure and fees associated with licensure
- Competence as it relates to dry needling, specifications of dry needling
- How will changes at the federal level affect OT implementation services in Nevada
- Scope of Practice

Please provide any other comments, concerns or other topics you feel the Board should address or consider.

- Direct link to Supervision on website